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American Logistics Aid Network Activates For Hurricane Beryl

LAKELAND, Fla. – On Monday July 8, 2024 Beryl made landfall in Texas as a category 1 hurricane, bringing heavy winds, flash flooding, and state-wide power outages. In response, ALAN has mobilized its network and is currently working with non-profit and business partners to aid response efforts.

On Tuesday July 9, ALAN hosted a Logistics Coordination Call with responding non-profit partner organizations. During this call partners shared their current response capabilities and identified potential logistics gaps.

ALAN's response coordination efforts – which include fielding and filling specific requests for logistics help – will continue this week as additional needs are identified.

"Most of our requests for assistance arrive after a hurricane or tropical storm has hit, sometimes weeks, months or even years into recovery" said Alexia Nobles, ALAN's Operations Coordinator. "That's because each storm winds up having very different outcomes and pain points. And you really can't predict what those will be – and where relief organizations will require supply chain assistance the most – until after the storm has moved through."

ALAN's <u>Disaster Micro-Site</u> is the best resource to view open logistics needs for response efforts. It's also where we post critical resources and information in the form of Situation Reports as we receive new updates.

"We are likely to witness supply chain impacts given parts of the Caribbean, Mexico and U.S. Gulf Coast were all affected," said Kathy Fulton, ALAN's Executive Director. "ALAN will continue to convene its public and private sector networks to provide visibility, smart logistics solutions, and compassionate humanitarian response as relief efforts demand."

Founded in 2005, ALAN provides donated logistics assistance to disaster relief organizations before, during and after catastrophic events. It is aided in these efforts by financial supporters, volunteers and in-kind donors. In 2024 and 2023 it coordinated compassionate supply chain services for disasters such as the Arkansas tornadoes, Hurricane Idalia, the Maui wildfires, the California winter storms, the attacks on Ukraine, U.S. southern border response and the COVID-19 pandemic. To learn more, visit http://www.alanaid.org