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## **RED CROSS RESPONSE TO FLOODING UPDATE**

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**Oahu:** yesterday, six teams of Red Cross volunteers conducted damage assessments and distributed clean up kits to residents in Aina Haina, Niu Valley, Kuliouou, Waimanalo, and Kailua.

**Kauai:** since Saturday, Red Cross opened 5 shelters Kauai (Kapaa Middle School, Hanalei Elementary School, Church of Pacific, Koloa, and Kilauea Gym).

Red Cross Hanalei shelter – yesterday, the Coast Guard and Kauai Fire Dept. had planned to air lift 61 shelter evacuees to a Red Cross Church of Pacific shelter, but helicopters were grounded because of thunderstorms. 61 people were stranded last night at the shelter, but around 12noon today, the flood water receded enough for the County to bus them to a Red Cross shelter at Kilauea Gym (the Church of Pacific shelter had a water outage).

Search & Rescue is ongoing. About 10 residents from Wainiha have been airlifted to Princeville Airport, where a county bus is available to take them to the Kilauea Gym shelter.

Red Cross deployed 4 Oahu volunteers to Kauai this morning to help with sheltering and mental health, health services (nurse), and government relations.

Damage Assessment on Kauai will be starting tomorrow, now that more roads are cleared and the weather is better. So far, we know of 4 destroyed homes in Wainiha and there are probably homes damaged in Koloa based on aerial photos.

Red Cross Safe & Well website – if you are a resident affected by the flood, you can register on the Safe & Well site to let others know that you are okay, so that others looking for you can find you. Go to [www.redcross.org](http://www.redcross.org), Get Help, Safe & Well or <https://safeandwell.communityos.org/cms/index.php>.

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