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**Solidarity Help from Venezuela Arrives in Santiago de Cuba**

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Venezuela sent 327 tons of aid for the victims of the Hurricane Matthew that battered eastern Cuba last week, according to the Minister of Housing and Habitat of the South American nation, Manuel Quevedo.

According to Prensa Latina, the official said the **aid**, which arrived by ship to Santiago de Cuba, consists of construction material to be used to repair the infrastructure destroyed by the powerful storm.

He added those resources are part of the Venezuelan government stock for the housing missions and are shared with **Cuba** in **solidarity**. Besides, they are sending 600 electric transformers and other machinery.

The Cuban ambassador to **Venezuela** Rogelio Polanco thanked the government for the gesture that comes after **Matthew**, a category four hurricane, battered the easternmost part of Cuba with maximum sustained winds of 220 kilometers per hour.

Polanco said that in some of the towns affected, close to 90 percent of the houses and building were damaged and that thousands of workers from all over the country work now to help repair them.