COSTA RICA - ASYLUM REQUESTS

The Vice President and Minister of Foreign Affairs of Costa Rica recently announced that Costa Rica has set up two shelters to host the growing number of Nicaraguans crossing the border. The Government has received support from IOM and UNHCR.

As of 1 August 2018, 8,000 asylum claims lodged by Nicaraguans to Costa Rica since April.

KEY FIGURES

- 200 asylum applications lodged daily
- 2 shelters opened by Costa Rican authorities
- 2,000 person capacity between both shelters

OVERVIEW

Per UNHCR, asylum requests by Nicaraguans have been steadily increasing since April. Costa Rica, home to 100,000-150,000 Nicaraguan families, is receiving hundreds of claims on a daily basis.

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DOMINICAN REPUBLIC - FLOODING

Although Beryl deteriorated quickly from a Category 1 hurricane to storm remnants over the Caribbean, the remnants’ passage over the Dominican Republic on 10 July flooded hundreds of homes, displacing thousands to family homes and knocking out power all over the country.

Authorities issued alerts for several provinces prior to the storm, with line ministries activating their respective seasonal storm contingency plans and responding accordingly.

KEY FIGURES

- 2,348 homes affected by flooding
- 22 of 31 provinces placed on alert ahead of rains
- 19 communities rendered inaccessible

PROVINCES PLACED ON ALERT, 10 JULY

Data: Emergency Operations Centre (COE) of the Dominican Republic (11 July)

COSTA RICA - ASYLUM REQUESTS

As of 17 July, Amazonas had 3,120 suspected cases, while Roraima reported 414. Measles had been certified as found in these outbreaks matches the measles virus genotype found in Venezuela. According to the Ministry, the virus genotype is related to outbreaks in Argentina, Brazil, and Peru, all located along the northern border with Venezuela. The Ministry of Health of Brazil (18 July)

Data:

- Ministry of Health of Brazil (18 July)
- Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Costa Rica (19 July), National Emergency Commission (CNE) of Costa Rica (18 July)
- National Disaster Authorities
- Data from IOM and UNHCR.

COSTA RICA - HEAVY STORMS

A high-pressure system over the Atlantic caused storms and intense rainfall throughout much of Costa Rica, affecting at least 54 cantons and damages worth millions. National disaster authorities are responding and have activated emergency response mechanisms.

KEY FIGURES

- 1,450 people housed in 19 temporary shelters
- $13m in damages to national road networks
- 216 flooding incidents reported
- 23 landslides reported
- 1 death reported

Data:

- Ministry of Health of Brazil (18 July)
- National Emergency Commission (CNE) of Costa Rica (18 July)

BRAZIL - MEASLES

Per the Ministry of Health of Brazil, the country is facing two outbreaks of measles in the states of Amazonas and Roraima, both located along the northern border with Venezuela. According to the Ministry, the virus genotype found in these outbreaks matches the measles virus genotype found in Venezuela during 2017.

As of 17 July, Amazonas had 3,120 suspected cases, while Roraima reported 414. Measles had been certified as eliminated in Brazil in 2016.

BRAZIL - MEASLES

KEY FIGURES

- 660 new cases of measles in Amazonas and Roraima, states on the Venezuelan border

Data: Ministry of Health of Brazil (18 July)

LATIN AMERICA & THE CARIBBEAN

As of 1 August 2018

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**EL SALVADOR - DROUGHT**

- **143** Municipalities in El Salvador on red alert over drought-related effects
- **77,322** Farmers affected in 10 departments in El Salvador
- **12** Departments out of 14 on orange alert
- **20+** Days without rain in affected areas of El Salvador

**OVERVIEW**

Civil Protection of El Salvador issued alerts for several areas currently being affected by losses in corn production due to severe drought. The alerts were issued to provide a humanitarian response to the drought’s impact on the livelihoods of thousands of farmers, with actions such as:

- **FINANCING, SEEDS & AGRICULTURAL GOODS**
- **SPECULATION & HOARDING CONTROL**
- **EVALUATIONS & ACTION PLANS**

**GUATEMALA - DROUGHT**

- **141K** Families in Guatemala who have lost crops due to extreme drought
- **$44M** IN economic losses due to drought-related effects
- **17.8%** Of national corn production lost due to drought
- **15.8%** Of national bean production lost due to drought

**OVERVIEW**

Per the National Institute for Seismology, Volcanology, Meteorology and Hydrology (INSIVUMEH) of Guatemala, there are areas in the Chiquimula, El Progreso, Escuintla, Jalapa, Retalhuleu, Sacatepéquez, Suchitepéquez and Zacapa departments that have gone 33-40 days without rain between 20 June and 19 July.

Although there is currently enough supply of corn and bean grains in local markets, food security authorities are closely monitoring the situation.

**VENEZUELA - MEASLES**

- **2,659** Confirmed measles cases in Venezuela as of 20 July 2018
- **17.8%** Of national corn production lost due to drought
- **15.8%** Of national bean production lost due to drought

**OVERVIEW**

All states in Venezuela have reported measles cases corresponding to the 2017 outbreak that is ongoing. The areas with the most recorded cases are the Capital District and the states of Miranda, Bolivar and Delta Amacuro.

According to PAHO/WHO, indigenous communities living in the border areas are vulnerable to measles outbreaks – 126 cases were reported from the Yanomami communities in Amazonas, Venezuela, where there is currently an outreach, including 53 deaths likely associated with measles.

**KEY FIGURES**

- **7,233** Reported cases in Venezuela since 2017
- **1,613** Laboratory confirmed cases in 2018
- **44** Deaths under investigation to establish cause

**VENEZUELA - POPULATION MOVEMENT**

- **2.3M** Venezuelans living abroad as of June 2018

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**KEY FIGURES**

- **2016** 102,369
- **2017** 288,005
- **2018** 453,930

**VENEZUELAN POPULATION IN ECUADOR**

Data: Migration Ecuador

**VENEZUELANANS ENTERED PERU FROM 2017 TO JUN 2018**

Data: USAID, Reach Initiative, UNHCR, IOM

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