

Costa Rica - Floods

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"The rainy season in Costa Rica... has been more severe than usual and heavy storms are now lashing the Caribbean lowlands."



SITUATION

Severe rains lashing the Caribbean lowlands have caused floods and landslides, displacing families living in vulnerable and high-risk areas, particularly in the province of Limon. Flooding has damaged local infrastructure and destroyed homes along the coast. Many communities are now inaccessible; telephone lines were also damaged and the power supply has been cut off in some of the hardest-hit areas.

ACTION

The National Emergency Commission has declared a state of alert on the Caribbean coast and in the northern region of Costa Rica and local emergency committees were activated. Evacuation and search and rescue efforts are underway in Limon and emergency shelters have been established. Over 1,000 persons have been admitted to 10 temporary emergency shelters.

Preliminary damage and needs assessments are still underway. National authorities have already confirmed the need for clean water, food and basic relief supplies such as hygiene parcels, kitchen sets and water purification tablets.



National Capital



Limon



Neighbour Countries

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