



# REDLAC Weekly Note on Emergencies Latin America & the Caribbean

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## HIGHLIGHTS:

- **COLOMBIA:** 56,770 people affected by floods in Choco. 540 houses are damaged and communities are isolated.
- **BOLIVIA:** the 2013 rainy season has left 32,000 people homeless and 25 dead.
- **PERU:** 200 people affected and 7 missing from flooding in Huanuco.

## RAINS & FLOODS

**COLOMBIA:** About 56,770 people were affected by floods and landslides in the department of Choco. It is estimated that more than 540 houses have been damaged and many of the affected families have sought shelter in homes of relatives and friends. The government is subsidizing rent for those who are not in family homes. Local, national and international organizations are carrying out damage and need assessments in affected areas. Authorities have delivered humanitarian assistance in the municipalities of Novita and Rio Quito. There are communities that remain cut-off and have not received humanitarian assistance. Priority needs are in the sectors of food security, water, sanitation and hygiene, housing and education

Source: OCHA Colombia.

**BOLIVIA:** At least 25 people are dead and 32,000 persons are homeless from the 2013 rainy season. Since January, rains, overflowing rivers and floods have damaged 620 houses and more than 13,620 hectares of crops. The most affected departments are La Paz, Chuquisaca, Potosi, Tarija and Cochabamba. A hail storm in

Cochabamba last week affected 500 families and damaged 165 hectares of crop. So far, the 2013 rainy season represents a decrease of 70 percent in people affected compared with the 2012 season, when 106,580 people lost their houses.

Source: Civil Defense of Bolivia.



At least 25 people died and 32,000 were affected by events associated with the rainy season in Bolivia, reports the Ministry of Civil Defense. ©InfoRegion.

**HONDURAS:** Last week rains damaged more than 100 houses in Honduras. Access roads to the city of La Ceiba and the local airport were closed, affecting tourist arrivals to La Ceiba. Heavy rains were caused by a cold front that also affected Guatemala and Nicaragua.

Source: Permanent Contingency Commission

**PERU:** Heavy rains caused a landslide in a tributary of the River Pozuzo, in the department of Huanuco. The blocked river created a reservoir, which put the authorities on alert.

The water flowing from the reservoir has affected infrastructure and crops in the region. About 200 people were affected, 7 are missing and one person is dead. Local authorities are responding.

*Source: National Institute of Civil Defense.*

## **DENGUE**

**PARAGUAY:** The death toll from dengue has reached 39. Officials report 74,269 notifications of cases of dengue, of which 49,804 were confirmed, since January. Another 22,590 cases are still under suspicion.

*Source: Ministry of Health via ABC.*

**COSTA RICA:** Since January, 5,615 people have been diagnosed with dengue. The Costa Rican Social Security Fund (CCSS) reports that this is the highest number of cases in the dry season in last decade. At least 12 cases have been reported as hemorrhagic dengue. In 2012 there were 1,437 cases of dengue, while in 2011 there were 1,158 cases.

*Source: El Nacional.*

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