Floods

BRAZIL  ⏩ ⏩ ⏩  Weeks of coverage
Some 43,200 people have not returned to their homes in the state of Espírito Santo due to strong rains that caused serious flooding and left 45 dead throughout the country. According to Civil Defense, around 37,000 displaced persons have been housed in the homes of family members or friends, while close to 6,300 have sought refuge in temporary emergency shelters. Authorities estimate that approximately US$ 540 million will be necessary for reconstruction efforts following the devastating year-end floods. The state of Minas Gerais was also affected.

Source: Civil Defense via EUROPA PRESS

LESSER ANTILLES  ⏩ ⏩  Weeks of coverage
The Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA) approved emergency funds for Saint Lucia ($35,000), Dominica ($15,000) and Saint Vincent and the Grenadines ($35,000). The funds will support national authorities in their efforts to attend to the immediate needs faced by the health sector and for the provision of medical supplies, food and cleaning supplies. The region was affected by strong rains at the end of December. Other humanitarian actors have also approved humanitarian funds.

Source: OCHA

Highlights

- BRAZIL: Authorities from the state of Espírito Santo estimate that US$450 million will be necessary for post-flooding reconstruction efforts.
- LESSER ANTILLES: OCHA allocated a total of $85,000 in emergency funds for Saint Lucia, Dominica and Saint Vincent and the Grenadines.
- BOLIVIA: Some 20,000 people were affected by floods and hailstorms in December 2013. Several departments remain on alert.
- EL SALVADOR: A second evacuation was necessary. 3,000 people were displaced and 220 are still in shelters.

Monitoring

- Panama
  Alert for dengue
- Bolivia
  Alert for floods

Weekly statistics

- 37,000
  People affected in Brazil
- $85,000
  Approved in Emergency Funds (OCHA)

Early warning

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Floods

**BOLIVIA**

Som 4,000 families (about 20,000 people) have been affected by the heavy rains and hailstorms that began in December 2013. Hundreds of hectares of crops in the departments of Chuquisaca, Cochabamba and La Paz have also been lost. Cochabamba is the most affected department with 2,000 families. Two municipalities in the department of Beni remain on red alert due to heightened flood risk. Authorities predict that the rains and hail storms will continue.

*Source: Secretariat of the Madre Tierra*

**MEXICO**

The government allocated 50 million pesos (US$ 3.8 million) to repair the damaged infrastructure and roadways that resulted from the floods in Tabasco at the end of 2013. Some 60,000 people were victims of the flooding, 50,000 heads of cattle had to be relocated and more than 10,000 hectares of mainly plantains were affected. Six municipalities were declared disaster zones.

*Source: civil Protection via Tabasco Hoy.*

Forest Fires

**CHILE**

Several forest fires are active in the central region of Chile. Authorities have issued a red alert for seven communities in the Metropolitan Region where more than 5,000 hectares have been destroyed. The fires blanketed the city of Santiago in smoke on Saturday, January 4.

*Source: Government of Chile via EUROPA PRESS.*

Epidemics

**PANAMA - DENGUE**

 Authorities announced the fifth dengue-related death in the country. The metropolitan region of Panama and the province of Bocas del Toro, which borders Costa Rica, are the most affected areas. There were 3,230 confirmed cases of dengue in 2013, which is three times higher than in 2012 when 1,329 cases were reported.

*Source: Ministry of Health.*

Volcanic activity

**EL SALVADOR**

The civil protection authorities ordered the evacuation of 3,000 people who live close to the Chaparrastique volcano. This is the second evacuation since volcanic activity began on December 29. According to the authorities, the volcano’s seismic activity has decreased and the situation is being monitored. As a result, the majority of the evacuated people were allowed to return home. However, 220 people still remain in shelters.

*Source: Civil Protection.*

Food insecurity

**GUATEMALA**

The Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Food (MAGA according to its acronym in Spanish) planted family gardens in houses in the department of Santa Rosa. This venture will enable families at risk of malnutrition to plant crops that can either be consumed or sold to generate income. Sixty families in the region (some 300 people) will benefit from this project.

*Source: Government of Guatemala via Prensa Libre.*