



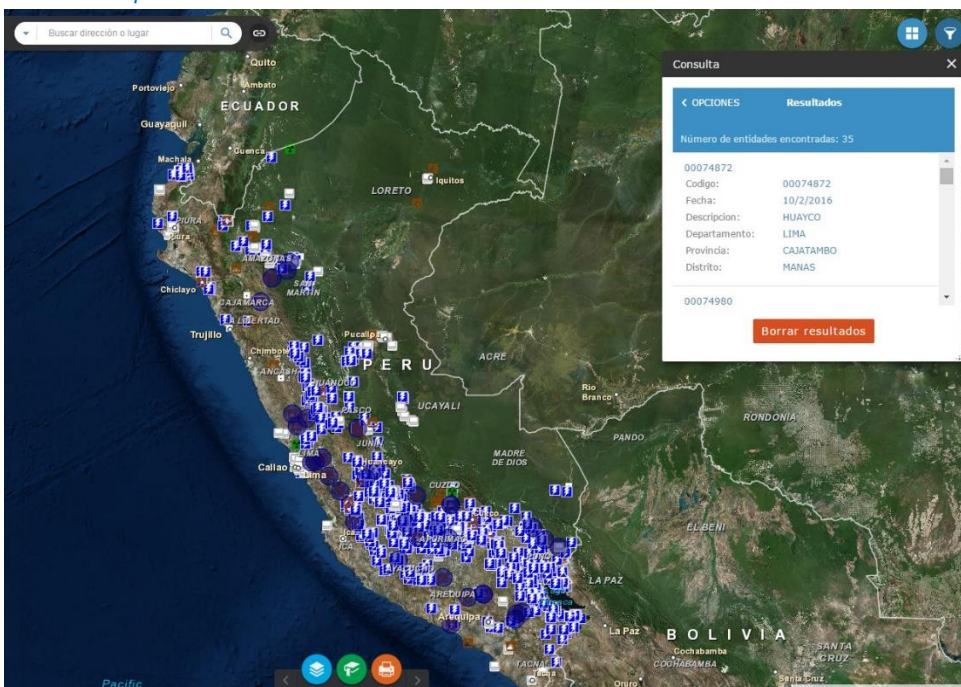
Rains and Floods

PERU

The Ministry of Health has declared Yellow Alert in all health facilities in the country due to increased rainfall in the north of the country and the occurrence of landslides in the central area. The Minister of Health has mobilized 50 brigades to the area of Chosica to assist those affected by the landslide occurred on Thursday, 25 February. These brigades are equipped with 4 tents for assistance and medicines. The Ministry of Health also informed that 150 brigades will be mobilized to the areas of Tumbes, Piura, Arequipa, Junin and Lima region to support response activities.

The regions of Piura and Tumbes suffered heavy rains that have left dozens of families homeless due to the collapse of houses and flooded streets. Falling trees, outcrops of sewage and outages of electricity were also reported in these regions.

Source: *La Republica and El Comercio.*



In blue the areas of Peru where heavy rains and landslides have been reported. Map: INDECI.

BOLIVIA

As a result of the heavy rains in La Paz in recent days a strong landslide occurred affecting 12 houses. It is expected that the people evacuated will be assisted and relocated by the Government.

Source: *El Diario.*

Highlights

- **RAINS AND FLOODS:** The Peruvian Ministry of Health has declared Yellow Alert in all health facilities in the country due to increased rainfall in the north of the country and the occurrence of landslides in the central area.
- **ZIKA VIRUS:** The World Bank expects that the Zika virus outbreak will have an economic impact of US\$3.5 billion on the region in 2016.
- **VOLCANIC ACTIVITY:** Five volcanoes in Nicaragua are active but have not yet created humanitarian needs. In Ecuador, authorities raised the level of alert for the Tungurahua Volcano due to a rise in activity.
- **MIGRANTS:** Cuban migrants in Costa Rica and Panama continue to move towards Mexico. There are some 2,000 migrants in Costa Rica and 500 in Panama.

Monitoring



Zika



El Niño

Weekly stats



\$3.5 billion

estimated costs of Zika in the region (The World Bank)



2,000

Cuban migrants in Costa Rica

Early Warning



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Zika Virus

LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN

The number of people infected by Zika virus in Colombia has increased by 15.4 per cent in the last week. The country reported 42,706 suspected cases, including 7,653 pregnant women. In the last week, the number of pregnant women that have contracted the virus has increased by 20.4 per cent. Colombia is the second country with the highest number of cases of Zika in the region, after Brazil.

The World Bank reports that the Zika virus outbreak that has swept Latin America in recent months will have an economic impact of US\$3.5 billion on the region in 2016.

Source: National Health Institute via Radio La Primerísima.

More information on Zika: <http://bit.ly/1Uyz7oT>

Volcanic activity

NICARAGUA

Five volcanoes in Nicaragua have increased in activity. **Momotombo Volcano**: since 1 December 2015 there have been 53 explosions with emission of gas, ash and incandescent material. The most recent explosions occurred last week. Authorities are updating risk and evacuation plans in nearby areas.

Masaya Volcano: remains active and lava lakes in three areas of the crater have been observed, due to a strong lava circulation within the internal crater walls. Lava may exit from the southwest part of the crater, which represents a threat to four municipalities near the volcano. **Telica Volcano**: low level activity with small gas explosions and an increase in incandescent in the crater. **San Cristobal Volcano**: a small explosion occurred on 24 February. **Cerro Negro Volcano**: Authorities recommend not

to climb the volcano, due to a low level and unusual earthquake in mid-February.

Source: Nicaraguan authorities.

ECUADOR

The Geophysics Institute reports that the Tungurahua Volcano emitted lava columns to up to 500 meters above the level of the crater and incandescent material is flowing down the sides. The volcanic activity is expected to continue during the week. This new period of activity has caused the National Secretariat for Risk Management to raise the alert level to mitigate any effects and has placed the army on alert for possible evacuations from nearby areas. The Tungurahua Volcano was active in 1999 and had significant activity in 2006.

Source: National authorities via El Comercio.

Cuban Migrants

COSTA RICA

The Department of Migration reports that some 2,000 Cuban migrants remain in shelters and host family homes. Authorities believe that the group will leave in three weeks, through the regional plan between Central America and Mexico.

Source: Government of Costa Rica.

PANAMA

The first group of 145 Cubans, of more than 1,000 remaining in Panama, will travel on a local airline to the City of Juarez, Mexico and continue on to the United States. Another 435 Cubans will make the journey in three more flights between 23 February and 3 March. The migrants have been in Panama for more than three months.

Source: Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

