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Floods

PARAGUAY  1 month of coverage

River levels remain high as a new cold front has entered the country with storms and strong winds. About 76,725 people are displaced and are expected to remain in temporary shelters for the next few months.

The Government continues to assist 125,000 people in need of food assistance, with support from the Governments of Japan, United States, Germany and Taiwan, as well as by the UN System, the Red Cross, Andean Corporation for Development and national and international NGOs.

The United Nations Disaster Assessment and Coordination Team together with the National Emergency Secretariat and Humanitarian Country Team have finished needs assessments in Asuncion, Ñeembucu, Presidente Hayes and Concepcion. A CERF proposal for US\$3 million is being drafted for the immediate response.

Source: World Food programme (Situation Report #3)



PARAGUAY: The World Food Programme reports that in Paraguay about 125,000 people are in need of food assistance due to flooding mainly in the regions of Asuncion, Ñeembucu, Presidente Hayes and Concepcion. PHOTO ©UNDAC.

Highlights

- **PARAGUAY:** The number of displaced people is 76,725. A CERF proposal of US\$3 million is being drafted for the immediate response.
- **BRAZIL:** Floods have caused roadblocks, landslides and displaced several thousand families.
- **CENTRAL AMERICA:** A growing number of organizations called for urgent action to ensure the welfare and protection of unaccompanied migrant children.

Monitoring



Paraguay:
Floods



Hurricane
Season

Weekly Stats



233,635
People affected by
floods in Paraguay



21
People dead from
Chikungunya in the
Americas since
December 2013

Sectoral Groups

Weekly Alert



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Floods (cont...)

BRAZIL



3 weeks of coverage

River levels of some Brazilian rivers have risen almost 20 meters from normal level and media considers this to be the country's worst flooding in the last 30 years. Media also reports that rainfall has affected more than 1 million people due to road closures, landslides and impact on agriculture and trade.

Displaced families in the states of Santa Catarina, Parana and Rio Grande do Sul are being assisted by state civil defense and there has been no request for international humanitarian assistance. Most people forced to leave their houses have sought refuge in the homes of relatives and friends. National institutions supported by volunteer groups are distributing hygiene kits, food kits, and clothing and blankets to people them warm from the cold.

Source: OCHA.

Health - Chikungunya

PAHO/WHO report that in Latin America and the Caribbean there are 21 dead, 4,756 confirmed cases and 302,243 suspected cases of the Chikungunya virus since December 2013 when autochthonous transmission was first detected in the region.

The 21 deaths are all in the Caribbean. Martinique has the highest number with 12 deaths, after reporting 35,000 suspected cases (1,515 confirmed), while Dominican Republic, Guadeloupe and Saint Martin have reported three deaths each.

Source: EFE.

Migration

According to the U.S. Government, about 90 unaccompanied children cross the southwest border daily. In recent weeks the U.S. insisted that unaccompanied children who arrive to the border will become part of a deportation process and will not qualify under the proposed immigration reform. A growing number of organizations are calling for urgent action to ensure the welfare and protection of these migrant children and to continue working to improve conditions in their countries of origin.

Source: El Proceso Digital.

Earthquake

GUATEMALA AND MEXICO

On Monday, July 7, at 5:24 a.m. an earthquake of 6.4 Richter magnitude (recorded by INSIVUMEH) was located off the coast of the Mexican state of Chiapas, 50 kilometers from the border with Guatemala.

Two people died, 33 are injured and several houses and dozens of schools are damaged and roads are blocked in the Guatemalan departments of Quetzaltenango and San Marcos.

CONRED declared institutional orange alert and is undertaking damage assessments with various organizations.

Source: CONRED, Country Humanitarian Team and UNETT.

