26 February 2015: Bolivia and Peru - Floods

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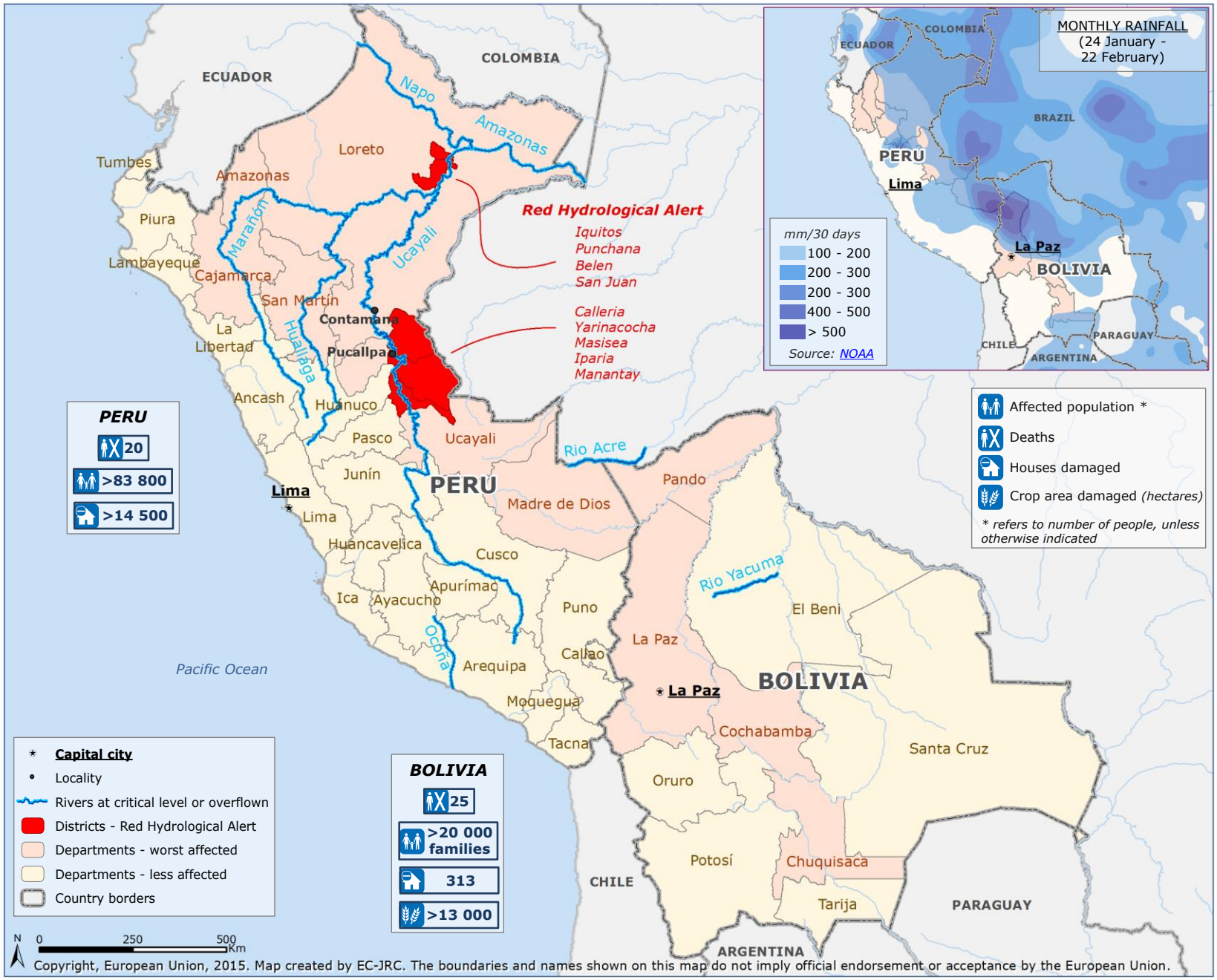

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SITUATION

BOLIVIA

- Heavy rainfall, hail and thunderstorms have been affecting Bolivia since October 2014, causing floods, landslides and rivers to overflow. In total, 25 people have been killed, while thousands of families have been affected in 76 municipalities throughout the country, 39 of which have declared a State of Emergency, as of 24 February, according to local authorities.
- Worst affected are the departments of La Paz, Chuquisaca and Cochabamba. Over the last days, severe floods were reported also in the department of Pando, affecting 1 069 families. The level of Rio Acre, running on the border of both Bolivia and Peru, is expected to increase further over the coming days/weeks.
- Over the next 48 h, moderate rainfall and thunderstorms may still affect Pando, as well as areas of southern Bolivia.
- The local authorities have already provided humanitarian assistance to the affected areas, since the recent disaster risk management law allows allocation of funds for emergencies without prior approval from the central government.

Sources: *ECHO, UN, REDLAC, NMS, NHS, Bolivian Government (1, 2), Media*

PERU

- Heavy rain, snow and storms have triggered floods and landslides in the majority of Peru. The Amazon river and its tributaries, as well as rivers in the southern part of the country, have exceeded their overflowing levels. As of 23 February, 20 people have been killed and a total of over 83 800 have been affected in 22 departments countrywide. Worst affected are the departments of the Amazon rainforest region.
- In Madre de Dios, over 200 families were severely affected, due to overflowing of local rivers. In the department of Ucayali, Ucayali river has exceeded its overflowing level too, its water flow reaching 26 000 cubic meters/sec (the highest in the last 30 years). The city of Pucallpa and the locality of Contamana in the departments of Ucayali and Loreto respectively are at high risk of severe flooding, according to the Peruvian Civil Protection.
- Rainfall may still affect central and parts of north-eastern and south-eastern Peru over the next 48 h.

Sources: *ECHO, Peruvian CP (1, 2), NMS*