

7 March 2014 – World Events

NIGERIA, NIGER, CHAD, CAMEROON: 2014 is forecast to be a year of high cholera outbreak in West Africa, especially in Nigeria, Chad, Cameroon and Niger. Last outbreak was in 2011 and there is a 3-year cycle in the epidemic. Cases in Nigeria are already approaching 4 000 in 2014. Cases were also registered in Niger, Togo, Benin, Cameroon. In 2013 DG ECHO contributed to the creation of a revolving emergency stock of Oral Cholera Vaccines (OCV), hosted by the International Coordination Group. (ECHO)

UKRAINE: DG ECHO has deployed three experts (two humanitarian and one civil protection) to Kiev. The experts are holding regular meetings with partners and EU Member States. (ECHO)

KAZAKHSTAN: Snowmelt is causing floods in in the province of Kyzylorda; local media report evacuations along the Sar Darya river. ([Media](#))

BOLIVIA - BRAZIL: Increasing river levels prompted evacuations in Pando and Beni, northern Bolivia. Neighbouring Brazilian states of Acre and Rondonia are beginning to be affected as well. ([Gov. Bolivia](#), [Media](#))

MARSHALL ISLANDS & KIRIBATI: Exceptionally high tides caused floods in Marshall Islands that displaced around 1 000 people in capital Majuro and another 246 in Arno island. Most evacuees have returned home, but relief efforts are continuing. High tides have also flooded Kiribati; as of 7 March hundreds of people were living in temporary shelters. A state of emergency was declared, with clean water being the biggest concern. (ECHO)

SIERRA LEONE: The UN announced the closure of the Integrated Peacekeeping Office in the country. DG ECHO closed its office in 2006 but continued to monitor the humanitarian situation and reacted to emergencies such as the 2012 cholera epidemic. (ECHO)

NIGERIA & CAMEROON: Members of Boko Haram clashed with Cameroonian national forces on 2 March close to lake Chad; six insurgents and a soldier were killed. On 26 February Nigeria closed a part of its border with Cameroon to prevent Boko Haram movements and arms smuggling. (ECHO)

REP. OF CONGO: Heavy rainfall affected southern Rep. of Congo between 4 and 6 March (184mm of rainfall in 24h in Pointe-Noire). As of 6 March, Xinhua reports floods and landslides having destroyed houses in Brazzaville and Pointe-Noire and having killed at least 10 people. ([Xinhua](#))

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