08 August 2013: ECHO Flash World Events



🚯 USA – Fire

- **California**: wildfire broke out on 7 Aug in Riverside County, ca. 130 km E of Los Angeles and spread very quickly.
- 15 structures destroyed, mandatory evacuations for 6 communities in the area.
 3 people injured.
- As of early 8 Aug (UTC), it was still active.

(California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection, Riverside county Fire Department, Reuters)

- Earthquake

- **Phthiotis** Prefecture: 5.4M earthquake (17.7km depth) on 07 Aug 09:06 UTC in Amfikleia-Elateia municipality. Epicentre ca. 5 km SW from village of Reggini.
- As of 7 Aug (local media): 300 houses damaged in municipalities of Amfikleia-Elateia and Molos-Agios Konstantinos. Damage assessment ongoing.

GDACS, Hellenic Institute of Geodynamics, Local Media

Sietnam, China- Tropical Cyclone

- MANGKHUT made landfall on 7 Aug afternoon (UTC) in Thanh Hoa province, as a tropical storm, then it moved inland weakening into a tropical depression.
- Heavy rains affected part of the Chinese provinces of Guangxi and Hainan, as well as N Vietnam. As of 08 Aug morning, no reports of serious damages.

(GDACS, CMA, NCHMF, Thai Meteo, WMO, VietNam News)

规 Russia – Floods

- Amur Oblast: heavy rain over several days caused river overflowing.
- As of 7 Aug (Russian Ministry of Emergencies), state of emergency on federal level announced; 65 temporary shelters set up. As of 08 Aug (media), 17 villages flooded. For the next 48h, heavy rain is forecast in Amur region.

(Russian Ministry of Emergencies, Russian Hydrometeorological Service, Itar-Tass)

🗋 DPRK –Floods

 Floods, landslides: 33 dead, 45 000 people displaced (according to a recent UN assessment). North and South Pyongan particularly affected. Extensive damage to agricultural lands and water systems across the country, up to 13 340 ha of cropland washed away. (ECHO)

Mexico – Displacement due to violence

- Guerrero State: According to media, 1 000 people were displaced in Totolapán and 500 in Tlacotepec, by recent episodes of violence between gangs fighting for the control of a drug smuggling corridor.
- Displaced people are receiving basic assistance with no prospect to return to their place of origin in the immediate future. (ECHO)

CENTRAL AMERICA - Floods

 Nicaragua (South Atlantic Autonomous Region – RAAS), Guatemala (Izabal) and Costa Rica (Tigra district): very heavy rains in the last days caused floods, flash floods, landslides; several hundreds of people affected in each country. National Authorities engaged in rescue operations, no request for international assistance so far.

🐼 CENTRAL AMERICA – Infectious diseases

- **Honduras**: government issued a state of emergency in view of the alarming increase in dengue cases. 161 of 298 municipalities in the country reported cases of dengue, with 16 deaths and 13 828 confirmed cases in week 29 (mid-July). Widespread violence in the country aggravates the situation. ECHO will support PAHO, the regional branch of WHO, in prevention and response activities.
- **Nicaragua**: government reported 138 deaths from infectious diseases associated with the rainy season. *(ECHO)*

ݽ India – Floods

• Bihar, Assam, Uttar Pradesh and Andhra Pradesh: flooding is receding. DG ECHO keeps monitoring the monsoon effects; no need for an intervention so far.

💽 India – Landslides

 Arunachal Pradesh government, issued a red alert after a massive landslide blocked the flow of the Polo river at Polosang, leading to reverse flow of water towards China. Serious consequences are expected if the debris blocking the river are breached. ECHO is monitoring the evolution of this situation. (ECHO) Legend Landslides Earthquake Fires Displacement/Violence Infectious diseass Floods Tropical Cyclone Track Tropical Depression Tropical Storm