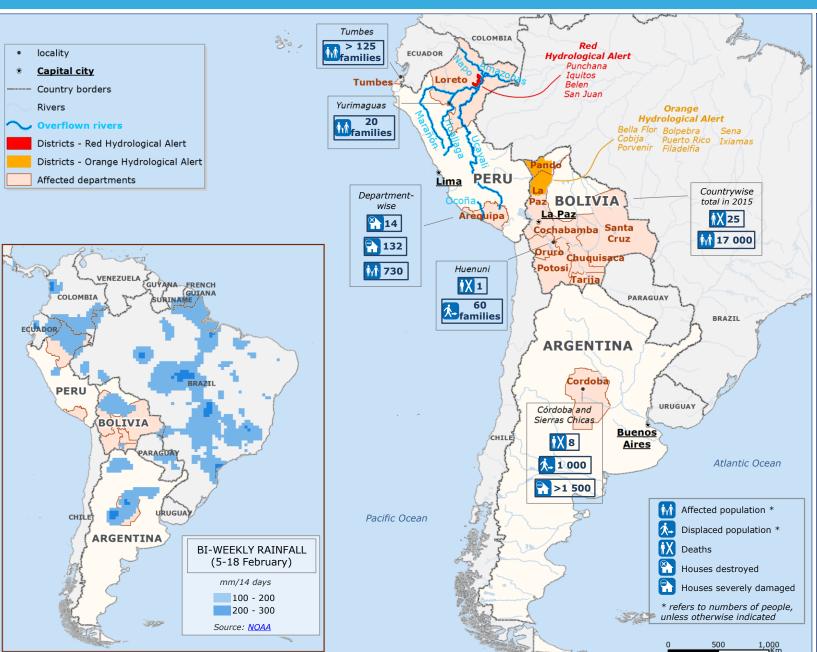
# 20 February 2015: South America - Severe weather / floods





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## SITUATION

#### **ARGENTINA**

- Strong winds and heavy rainfall affected central Argentina over 14-16 February, with 116mm recorded in the city of Córdoba in 24h on 15-16 February. Consequent to the rainfall, rivers overflowed in the province of Córdoba, killing eight people, according to local authorities quoted in the media, as of 16 February.
- As of 20 February, there are no weather alerts in effect for Argentina and no heavy rainfall is forecast for Córdoba over the next 48h.

**Sources:** <u>WMO</u>, Local Media (<u>1</u>, <u>2</u>), ECHO

#### BOLIVIA

- Heavy rainfall has been affecting Bolivia since January. Consequent floods and landslides have resulted in an increase of the casualties, with the number reaching 25, while 17 000 families and more than 8 000 ha of crops have been affected throughout the country, as of 15 February, according to local authorities.
- As of the same date, 60 families had to evacuate their homes in Huanuni, Oruro Department, due to a landslide which also cost the life to one person.
- Heavy rainfall and thunderstorms may affect the departments of Santa Cruz, Cochabamba, Beni and La Paz, over the next 48h and the National Meteorological Service has issued corresponding Orange Alerts.

**Sources:** Bolivian Government (1, 2, 3), SENAMHI, ECHO

### **PERU**

- Heavy rainfall has been affecting the department of Loreto since end of January, causing the main rivers of the region to overflow and triggering a Red Alert in four districts along the Amazonas river.
- On 15 February, heavy rainfall caused floods also in the department of Arequipa, forcing six provinces to declare an emergency.
- Heavy rainfall has also affected Tamber department, where local authorities lack the financial resources to respond to the situation.
- Over the next 48h, heavy rainfall may still affect places in central-eastern and southern-eastern Peru.

Sources: SENAMHI, INDECI, Local Media