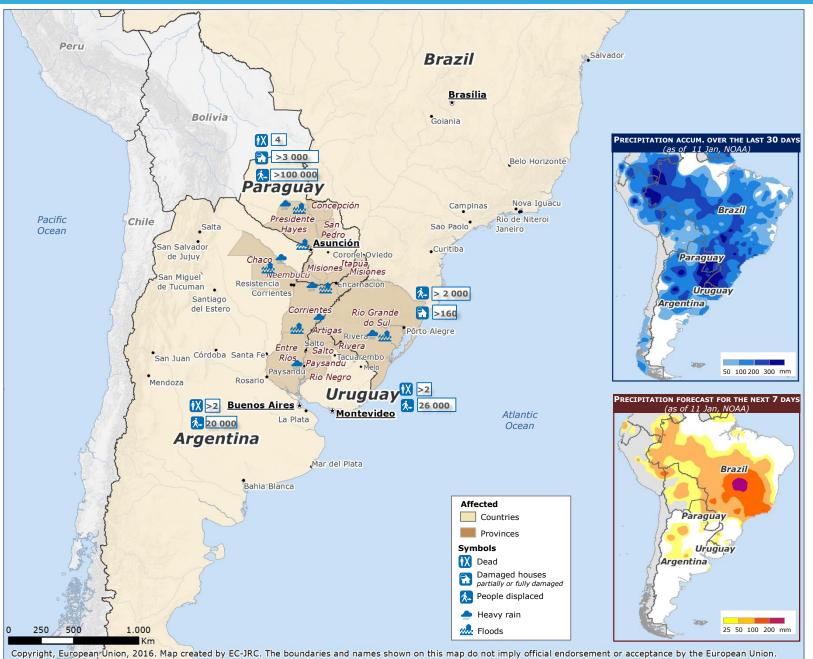
# Emergency Response Coordination Centre (ERCC) - ECHO Daily Map | 12/01/2016 **South America – Severe weather**







# **SITUATION**

### South America

- Heavy rain has been affecting Paraguay, Argentina, Uruguay and Brazil over the past month causing floods and rivers to overflow.
- · Over 150 000 have been evacuated in all four countries and at least eight people have
- · The next months are forecast to continue to be critical by National Meteorological Agencies, as the rains will continue due to El Niño, and will be joined by seasonal autumn rains expected for April.

## Paraguay

- · The Paraguay river was reaching critical levels causing urgent concern for national authorities. Currently it has started to
- · It has been the worst-hit of four southern American countries with over 100 000 people evacuated, most of which in the capital of Asuncion, and four dead.
- · There are still large rural areas in the central part of the country that have not been assessed in details due to the difficulty of access (particularly in the Dept. of Concepcion and Presidente Hayes). Some southern cities along the Paraguay river are still facing potential collapses of their defensive walls, particularly in Alberdi and Pilar.

# Argentina

 Around 20 000 people have been evacuated and two dead due to the floods over the past month. Floods affected several towns and cities, particularly in the provinces of Entre Rios, Corrientes and Chaco.

#### Uruguay

- · Water levels of river Uruguay continue to decline in most flood-affected locations in Uruguay, including Paysandu, Artigas and Salto. This facilitates the return of displaced
- · Currently around 26 000 people are evacuated or displaced. Over the past month reports mention over two people to have died.

#### Brazil

· Close to 9 000 people were evacuated in several towns of Rio Grande do Sul state, due to the floods affecting southern parts of the country. Over 160 homes were either partially damaged or destroyed.

Sources: ECHO, RedCross, SINAE, Argentinian Government, NOAA, INUMET, Argentina NMS, Local