## 23 February 2015: World – Severe weather events



## 1 DOMINICAN REPUBLIC - Floods

- Heavy rains and floods over the past few days affected in particular northern Dominican Republic. A Red alert is maintained in the provinces of Espaillat, Puerto Plata and Maria Trinidad Sanchez.
- As a result of the floods, one person has been killed. 15 475 people have been displaced and are accommodated with host families. 3 979 houses have been damaged, and 30 communities remain isolated. A response has been provided by the National Emergency Commission.
- In the next 24 h occasional rainfall may still affect north-eastern and eastern Dominican Republic.

Sources: ECHO, National Emergency Commission

## 2 AFGHANISTAN - Severe weather

- Heavy snowfall affected north-eastern Afghanistan in the last few weeks, with avalanches causing casualties, as well as damage to houses and roads.
- An avalanche in the province of Badakhshan occurred on 21 February, killing 12 people and damaging 10 houses in Raghistan district, according to local media. Another one, in the same province, killed six people and damaged 20 houses in the district of Yamgan on 15 February. Avalanches affected also the provinces of Takhar and Baghlan, blocking a number of roads.
- Over the next week, more heavy rains/snow could affect eastern Afghanistan, possibly causing locally floods across the lower elevations of the country.

Sources: Famine Early Warning System Network-NOAA, Media (1, 2, 3, 4)



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