# 08 July 2013: ECHO Flash World Events



### Mexico - Tropical Cyclone ERICK

- · On 08 July, 12h00 UTC, ERICK was a Tropical Storm (max. sust. wind speed 85 km/h).
- · In the next 24/48h, ERICK is expected to move NW and then W away from land, weakening.
- Tropical Storm Warning in effect for the southern coastal regions of Baja California Sur municipality. Strong winds and surf are expected in the next 24h. (GDACS, NOAA)

## Lesser Antilles - Tropical Cyclone CHANTAL

- · CHANTAL formed in the Atlantic Ocean early on 08 July. At 12h00 UTC, its centre was 1,000km ESE of Barbados and it was a Tropical Storm (max. sust. wind speed 64km/h).
- In the next 24/48h, it is forecast to move W-NW towards the Lesser Antilles, strengthening.
- Tropical Storm Warning issued for Barbados, Dominica, Saint Lucia, Martinique and Guadeloupe. (GDACS, NOAA).

### Cameroon - Refugee Influx

- 3,800 refugees (mostly women and children) from NIGERIA have been registered in the N of Cameroon, in four sites between Tourou and Ashigashya. They fled recent military offensives launched by the Nigerian federal government against members of Boko Haram.
- · According to the UN Resident Coordinator in Cameroon, the refugee influx at the border is constant and the figure of 5,000 refugees is going to be reached soon. (ECHO)

## Papua New Guinea - Earthquakes

- · On 07 July, 18h35 UTC, an earthquake of magnitude 7.2M and depth 378km, hit undersea, W of New Ireland island. USGS estimates shaking only up to "Light" felt.
- · On the same day, at 20h30 UTC, an earthquake of magnitude 6.6M and depth 62 km hit New Britain island, 500km SW of the previous one. USGS estimates ca. 47,000 people exposed to "Strong" shaking.
- · There was no tsunami risk. As of 08 July, no reports of damage. (GDACS, USGS)

#### Mexico - Volcano

- Popocatepetl volcano in central Mexico, ca. 70km SE of Mexico City, increased its activity in the 1st week of July, emitting gas and ash. CENAPRED increased its alert level from Yellow Phase 2 to Yellow Phase 3 on 05 July; the next alert level would be Red. (CENPRED)
- As of 08 July, no evacuations have been
- · A number of airlines (mainly based in the United States) have cancelled their flights to and from Mexico City airport. However, the airport remains open and Mexican airlines continue operations. (Media)
- The Washington Volcanic Ash Advisory Centre has issued no advisory in the last 24h. (VAAC)

5.000 2.500

## Paraguay, Argentina - Floods

- In <u>Paraguay</u>, as of <u>4 July</u>, the river Paraguay and its tributaries have overflown, due to rainfall over the last 15 days. In the department of San Pedro, ca. 700 families were displaced or isolated due to floods, while in Amambay department, 3,500 families were affected. As of 7 July, over 800 families were also affected in the capital Asuncion. (Government, Media)
- In Argentina, Parana continued to rise as of 8 July, and families along the banks of the river in Entre Rios department may need to evacuate in the coming days, according to the Argentinian Government. (Government)



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Refugee Influx



Volcano



Earthquake



Current Position of Tropical Cyclone

Tropical Storm Tropical Depression





Country with Floods in parts



Country hit by Earthquake



Country with Refugee Influx



Country affected by Tropical Cyclone

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