29 August 2013: ECHO Flash World Events





Portugal – Forest Fires

- As of 29 Aug 13:00 UTC: 11 important active fires. The one involving the largest number of fire-fighting forces is in Viseu district, near the municipality of Tondela. Another large fire is active in Mondim de Basto in the Vila Real district.
- · French aircraft and crew are operating in N and central Portugal and are due to stay until 3 Sep. As of 29 Aug, 2 Canadairs from Spain operating in Portugal through a bilateral agreement.

(Portuguese CP, French CP, Local Media)

Greece - Forest Fire

 Regional unit of Livadeia, locality of Karakolithos: fire broke out on 28 Aug. Media: Houses burnt in the village of Chaeronea, a house for the elderly in Perachori was evacuated, several people treated for smoke inhalation.

(Hellenic Fire Brigade, EFFIS, Media)

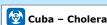
Philippines, China, Japan – Tropical Cyclone

- At 06:00 UTC 29 Aug, KONG-REY's center was 130 km N of Taiwan, had a max sust. wind speed of 74 km/h (Tropical Storm).
- In the next 24h it is forecast to move N-NE, towards Japan, slightly weakening. Heavy rains and winds might affect parts of Taiwan, Fujian and Zhenjiang provinces (China).
- · In the Philippines, as of 29 Aug morning, UTC (NDRRMC): 1 dead, 7 357 people affected (mostly in Ilocos Norte and Samar Provinces).

(GDACS, CMA, CWB, NDRMMC)

🥦 Japan - Fukushima Nuclear Plant

· Last week, a leak of 300 tons of highly radioactive water was classified as level 1 on a scale of 7 (ranked as "anomaly", least serious type of incident). Japan's nuclear regulator has now upgraded this leak to a level 3 "serious incident"; situation is under control. (BBC, CNN, DG ENER, IAEA)



- Guines, Mayabeque: 200 inhabitants hospitalized due to Cholera.
- Pan American Health Organization has issued an alert to Embassies and UN agencies for the increase of diarrhoea related diseases. (ECHO)



Mali – Flash Floods

· Bamako: heavy rain on 27/28 Aug caused flash floods. 24 dead, homes washed away.

(WMO, Reuters)

KONG-REY

🚯 Indonesia – Haze

- · Riau Province: thick haze reappeared, continuing to pose threat to residents.
- Thick smog, from the forest ongoing peatland fires, worsened in the last three days (as of 28 Aug, BMKG). (ECHO)

Peru - Low temperatures / Coffee rust

- · Highlands of the Department of Puno are being affected by extreme low temperatures. Intense snowfalls caused severe damages, at least 1 200 families isolated, several houses collapsed.
- Access to the area impossible; support has been requested to the regional and national levels for provision of airlifts to deliver humanitarian assistance to affected population (ECHO)

Pakistan – Floods

- Monsoon rains continue to affect the country. As of 28 Aug (NDMA): 1.3 million people affected, 31 450 houses fully damaged, 22 240 partially affected. An estimated 41 000 individuals sheltered in 540 relief camps.
- No request for international assistance, Pakistani authorities with rescue services and the army are responding. ECHO Islamabad in coordination with partners on the ground continues to follow the evolution of the situation. (ECHO)



India – Monsoon Floods

- Gujarat: ca. 17 000 people re-located, 6 dead. Rain has stopped, situation is likely to improve.
- · Odisha: 230 000 people affected in North areas. People in marooned villages evacuated. Overall, situation is improving and under control. 3 dead.
- · Madhya Pradesh: in this monsoon season, 134 dead, 38 200 people affected in 6 districts.
- Uttar Pradesh: so far, 230 dead, 250 000 people affected. Ganga above the danger mark. Relief camps set up. (ECHO)



Lao PDR – Flooding and Dengue Fever

- Floods in N and central areas, due to heavy rain from Jun to Aug and Typhoons Jebi and Mangkhut. Bolikhamxay and Khammuan provinces worst hit. An estimated 116 518 affected, 20 dead. Damages in agriculture, livestock, schools, infrastructures.
- · No need for Emergency Relief intervention, but need for rehabilitation in WASH and agriculture.
- DG ECHO allocated EUR 250 000 to combat Dengue fever outbreak. Project implemented by NGO Health Poverty Action. 120 000 people in 9 provinces will benefit. (ECHO)