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I. International

Libya – Conflict (DG ECHO, UNICEF, UN OCHA)

- Since end December 2019, there has been a further escalation in the Libyan conflict, especially on the outskirts of Tripoli.
- Fighting around Tripoli has displaced 150,000 people since April 2019, with a small increase since December 2019. If a massive attack on Tripoli takes place, estimated figures for new displacement are between 100,000 and 300,000. The current needs of the displaced are covered by ongoing contingency plans.
- Recent fighting around Tripoli has resulted in the closure of over 210 schools and kindergartens in Abu Salim, Ain Zara, and Soug al Jum'aa municipalities, impacting more than 115,000 school-aged students.
- In 2019, at least 287 civilian deaths and 377 injuries were documented as a result of the armed conflict in Libya
- Since 1 April 2019, there have been at least 60 registered attacks on health facilities and workers, impacting at least 19 ambulances and 17 health facilities and causing at least 75 deaths and 49 injuries.
- The humanitarian community demands the immediate cessation of targeting of humanitarian and civilian facilities, and for those responsible for these violations to be held accountable.

Australia - Bush fires update (BOM, NSW RSF, CSF, VIC E emergency, Australian Red Cross, GWIS, media)

- 26 people have died (20 in New South Wales, 3 in Victoria, 3 in South Australia) as a result of the ongoing bush fires.
- According to media reports, the total area burnt area increased to approximately 10 million hectares, 5 million hectares in New South Wales (NSW).
- As of 9 January, there are at least 135 fires burning across NSW, 83 across Victoria and 5 in South Australia, including Kangaroo Island.
- Victoria has declared a state of emergency and advised the evacuation of several eastern regions. Various government authorities and humanitarian partners such as Australian Red Cross have been mobilised for firefighting operations and to assist the affected communities.
- According to the Australian Bureau of Meteorology, hot, dry strong winds are forecast favouring significant fires in the forthcoming days. Smoke haze from the fires will likely reach Tasmania.
- The fire danger forecast remains high to extreme across eastern Australia over 8-9 January, according to the JRC Global Wildfire Information System (GWIS).

Indonesia - Floods and landslides (BNPB, BMKG)

- Following the widespread floods and landslides that have been affecting the three provinces of Jakarta, West Java and Banten, the death toll has been revised to 61 by the Indonesian National Board for Disaster management (BNPB).
- According to BNPB, as of 9 January, the number of displaced in Bogor Regency (West Java Province) has increased from 12,961 to 14,000 as well as in East Jakarta from 64 to 65 people, while in West Jakarta, has decreased from 602 to 484. The total number of displaced is now 18,870 people.
- National authorities together with NGOs continue to provide support to those affected.
- For the next 24 hours, more rain is forecast across the affected provinces and further floods and landslides are expected.

Papua New Guinea - Hailstorm in Mt. Hagen (DG ECHO, National Disaster Centre)

- The provincial disaster office released an assessment report on the impact of the Christmas Day hail storm in Western Highland province. A total of 1,800 people were affected, 1,500 people in Trukuka Memika council ward, 200 people in part of Kungmuka Palga council ward, and 100 people in Jicka Mukuka council ward.
- Affected families and their livestock will need food and livelihood assistance soon to recover from the impact of the hailstorm. Children may miss school due to food shortages and a lack of income.
- The provincial disaster office has requested assistance from the provincial government, the National Disaster Centre and humanitarian organisations to help families with emergency food relief and to restore food security and agricultural livelihoods, rebuild homes and to monitor the situation for disease outbreaks and starvation.

Pakistan - Severe weather (Pakistan Meteorological Department, media)

- Heavy rain and snow hit Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Province on 6-7 January, causing casualties and damage.
- According to media reports, as of 9 January, 4 people died as a result of rain-related incidents (2 in Peshawar District and 2 more in Kohat District) and 10 people have been injured in Mansehra District. Transport and power disruptions have been reported across the province due to heavy snow.
- For the next 24 hours, weather conditions are expected to improve.

Turkey - Severe weather (Turkish State Meteorological Service, media)

- Heavy rain, strong winds and heavy snow affected several parts of the country (particularly Mersin Province) in recent days, leading to casualties and damage.
- According to media reports, as of 9 January, at least 2 people died in Mersin Province, 1 in Mut District in a flood induced car incident and another in Erdemli District as a result of a landslide. Some houses have been evacuated in Antalya Province after widespread floods and more than 100 buildings have been damaged in Istanbul due to strong winds and heavy rain.
- Moderate rain and snow are forecast over northern, central, southern-central and eastern provinces.

Israel - Severe weather (IMS, media)

- Heavy rain and strong winds continue to affect Israel since 4 January.
- According to media reports, 5 have died as a result (2 people in Tel Aviv, 2 in Haifa District, and 1 in Northern District). Floodwaters are affecting several coastal cities and significant damage has been caused to road infrastructure and houses. Railways will remain closed in Haifa.
- Heavy rain and thunderstorms are forecast over central and northern Israel, while warnings for strong winds, thunderstorms and flash floods have been issued for most of the country.

II. Europe

Floods and flood warnings during the last 24 hours reported by national services (European Flood Awareness System - EFAS)

- United Kingdom:** Warning level 2/3 for the South of England.

III. Factsheets

Kenya (DG ECHO)

- Kenya hosts nearly half a million refugees and asylum seekers who are fully dependent on humanitarian assistance for their basic needs.
- Erratic weather conditions in the region, including droughts and floods, are causing loss of lives, destroying cropland, livestock and property, and hampering access to food.
- The European Union continues its long-standing assistance to refugees in Kenya and responding to disaster-related emergencies in the country. In 2019, the EU supported humanitarian action in Kenya with EUR 15.95 million in funding to assist refugees and respond to emergencies in Kenya.

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