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I. International

Coronavirus – Situation update (DG ECHO, WHO, ECDC)

- According to ECDC as of 6 February, there are 28,284 confirmed cases of Coronavirus, 28,057 confirmed in China. 565 people have now died after contracting the virus. To date, cases have been reported in 25 countries worldwide, including in 9 countries in Europe. A first case has been reported in Belgium.
- 25 cases are confirmed in Thailand and 133 in The Philippines, including 3 new cases. No additional cases have been reported in Nepal.
- According to WHO on 5 February, the risk assessment of for the outbreak is very high in China and high at regional and global level.
- DG ECHO's Emergency Response Coordination Centre (ERCC) continues to monitor the situation in close collaboration with other EU services.

Turkey - Snow avalanche (AFAD, MGM, Media)

- Two avalanches occurred in the area between the Bahçeşaray and Çatak districts (eastern Van province) on 4 and 5 February, killing 39 and injuring 84.
- According to the Disaster and Emergency Management Presidency (AFAD), as of 6 February, 5 people died on 4 February, following the first avalanche, and another 33 people on 5 February in the second avalanche which occurred during search operations.
- The authorities deployed 173 search and rescue personnel, 23 vehicles and 34 ambulances to the area, while the Turkish Red Crescent provided food for 700 people affected.
- Over the next 24 hours, moderate to heavy snow is forecast across the affected area.

Malawi - Floods (NOAA, MANA, media)

- Heavy rain and flooding in the Northern Region has resulted in one death and 450 households have been displaced in Karonga District following the overflow of the North Rukuru River. Several houses and crops have been flooded.
- Heavy rain is expected across the whole country, particularly over the affected region on 6-7 February.

Papua New Guinea - Flash floods (PNGMET, NOAA-CPC, Media)

- Flash floods in Mul-Baiyer District (Western Highlands Province, central Papua New Guinea) have resulted in 4 deaths and 3 people are still missing.
- According to media reports, several villages in Mul-Baiyer were flooded after the Kuma River burst its banks. Houses and farmlands have been damaged, 2 bridges destroyed, isolating the affected population.
- More heavy rain is forecast over central Papua New Guinea over 6-8 February.

Australia - Tropical Cyclone FOURTEEN (GDACS, JTWC, BOM, media)

- Tropical Cyclone FOURTEEN formed over south-eastern Indian Ocean on 5 February. On 6 February its centre was located approximately 200 km north-west of Broome Town (Kimberley Region, Western Australia State), with maximum sustained winds of 65 km/h (tropical storm).
- FOURTEEN is forecast to continue west-southwest before turning south, making landfall on 8 February over the northern coast of Pilbara Region (Western Australia).
- The Australian Government Bureau of Meteorology issued an alert for gales across the northern coastal area between Wallal Downs to Onslow Town, and a flood watch for the Regions of Pilbara, Gascoyne, and north and west Kimberley.
- Over the next 48 hours, strong winds and heavy rain are forecast across the north-west Western Australia (including Pilbara, northern Gascoyne and western Kimberley).

II. Europe

Floods and flood warnings during the last 24 hours reported by national services (EFAS)

- France:** Warning level 3/4 for several sections in North and North-East regions.
- Slovakia:** Warning level 2/3 for Morava rivers
- Ukraine:** Warning level 2/3 for Latorica, Stara and Borzava rivers (as reported 2020-02-05)

Meteoalarm, as of 6 February at 8.00 UTC

- On 6 February: Red alert for strong wind in coastal **Croatia**, and in south-eastern **Romania**.
- On 7 February: no red alert issued.

III. Factsheets

N/A

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