

ALERT

AmericasRelief Team

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FLOODS IN BOLIVIA

AmericasRelief Team is monitoring the following event

AmericasRelief members have been activated to coordinate relief aid being shipped from Miami to Bolivia to help the flooding victims. Air relief flights are being scheduled. Team Members as well as non-member NGOs may be able to take advantage of co-loading opportunities.

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Background

Bolivia's President, Evo Morales, on Wednesday officially declared months of flooding a national disaster.

The flooding has killed 35 people, affected some 72,000 families, drowned some 22,500 head of cattle, and destroyed an estimated 494,000 acres of cropland, according to The Associated Press.

According to news reports, people are cut off from food supplies and are resorting to eating their remaining livestock to survive. Most of Bolivia's Beni province, roughly the size of Britain, is under water, CIPCA reported. The eastern states of Beni and Santa Cruz, are the hardest hit areas.

Other challenges facing survivors besides immediate rescue efforts and relief supplies include disease outbreaks such as diarrhea, respiratory and skin infections, and mosquito-borne illnesses like dengue, yellow fever, and malaria.

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