

PAHO Emergency Operations Center **Situation Report #2**

EL SALVADOR: Flooding/Mudslides
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I. Summary

Heavy persistent rains associated with Tropical Depression IDA has caused flooding and mudslides in the Central/Southern Departments of San Salvador, San Vicente, La Paz, La Libertad and Cuscatlán. The government has declared state of emergency and Orange Alert has been issued in the affected region.

II. Health Impact

- 130 deaths reported by the Ministry of Health
- 70 people reported missing
- 13,680 currently in 118 shelters

III. Local Response

Ministry of Health, Police Force, National Brigade, Fire Department, Civil Protection, among others are working on: search & rescue operations, evacuation of the injured and affected population, damage and needs assessment, medical attention in shelters, delivery of emergency aid.

Health Sector has mobilized 12 medical units for damage and needs assessment, installation of mobile clinics in Politur in La Libertad, San Marcelino and Municipality of Verapaz in San Vicente, deployment of a medical team to three shelters in Hacienda Santa Rosa, Cantón San Isidro and Centro Escolar Cañas in San Vicente, 24-hour activation of 15 medical units in the Departments of Cuscatlán, San Vicente, La Paz and Cabañas.

IV. PAHO Response

- Mobilization of experts in crisis management, communication, logistics, mental health and LSS/SUMA.
- Provision of 100,000 water purification tablets from Regional Stockpile in Panama (UNHRD)
- Release of USD 170,000 for emergency response operations by PAHO