Key highlights:

- Two million people affected by the winter season
- Civilian casualties and mobility restrictions in Arauca Department
- More than 200 families displaced in Cauca Department
- The Catholic Church alerts on the humanitarian situation in the Pacific Coast of Nariño Department

Two million people affected by the winter season

On 7 December President Juan Manuel Santos, declared an Economic, social and ecological emergency state due to serious public calamity caused by the winter season (Decree 580 de 2010). This measure will allow the Government to mobilize additional resources to cope with the emergency.

The emergency has affected 28 departments and 695 municipalities (61% of the country) leaving 1,967,998 affected persons. So far, 257 people have died and 75 are missing. Nearly 3,000 houses are destroyed more than 300,000 damaged. On 12 December, an overflow in Magdalena River (the main River in the Country) broke 214 meters of the Dique Channel, which connects the river with the Caribbean Sea. So far, 102,000 people from six municipalities have been evacuated and water threatens to reach nearby municipalities.

More than 650,000 hectares of cultivated land have been affected. Damages in 678 roads are causing access restrictions and jeopardizing the delivery of aid. The National Government installed a Crisis Room in the Ministry of Internal Affairs in order to centralize the information on needs, response and gaps. According to the latest information, food, shelter and WatSan are the most urgent needs. The UNETT and OCHA are participating in the room, providing technical support. For more information of the emergency caused by the floods, please refer to the Situation Reports available at http://www.colombiassh.org/unete.

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Fuente: DPAD (Dirección de Prevención y Atención de Desastres Colombia).

Civilian victims and mobility restrictions in Arauca Department

Civilians are at high risk in Arauca department due to the pressure of illegal armed groups. Two minors were killed and three more injured in the last two weeks.

Various acts of violence targeting civilians were registered during the period under review in the rural area of the department. In the past week, alleged members of the FARC installed three illegal checkpoints in Arauquiota, Tame and Saravena causing the temporary suspension of transportation along the main roads.
Burning of vehicles in the checkpoints was reported. Between 3 and 5 December, one minor was killed and five more people (three minors among them) were injured during hostilities in Tame and Saravena. On 6 December, a minor was killed in a mine field in the rural area of Tame.

According to the Observatory of Human Rights and IHL of the Vicepresidency, as of September 2010, 171 homicides and 42 events with APM and UXO have been registered in the Department. Also, nearly 3,000 persons have been registered as displaced in 2010.

**More than 200 families displaced in Argelia, Cauca**

⇒ According with local authorities, some villages of the municipality are at imminent risk of displacement

On 30 November, some 85 families (260 persons) displaced from five villages to the urban area of the municipality as a result of armed clashes between illegal armed groups. According to a report from the Interclerical Peace and Justice Commission of 4 December, there are also reports of threats against civilians, looting and restrictions to the freedom of movement of the population. On 12 December Acción Social reported that some of the displaced families returned to their places of origin. However, the presence and permanent pressure of the illegal armed groups has caused the forced displacement of at least 57 families to different areas of the municipality. According to preliminary information, eight families remain in the urban area and 48 more are being sheltered with friends and relatives in nearby villages. The township, Acción Social, ICBF and the ICRC are responding to the emergency.

**Events per category 29 November – 5 December**

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The Catholic Church alerts on deterioration of the humanitarian situation in the Pacific Coast of Nariño

On 10 December the Diocese of Tumaco issued a communiqué expressing its concern for the constant risks and violations suffered by Afro-Colombian, Indigenous and peasant communities as a result of the presence of armed groups in the region.

The Diocese alerted on the serious situation in municipalities such as Tumaco, El Charco and Barbacoas, which is not reflected by official data. According to the communiqué, “until the end of October there have been 203 homicides in the municipality of Tumaco (…) In El Charco, which only has 26,000 inhabitants, between September and mid November at least 14 persons were murdered. In October, in Barbacoas, there were three massacres leaving 18 victims. “Regarding internal displacement, the Diocese reports that 14 out of 15 displacements registered in Nariño Department took place in the Pacific Coast. There is also concern on the impact of the aerial fumigation of illicit crops in the area. The document indicates that “between October 2009 and March 2010, the communities presented 2,200 complaints related with loss of staple crops, which is more than three times those registered in 2008”. Given this complex situation and on the occasion of the International Human Rights Day (10 December), the Diocese called for the respect of the human rights of Indigenous, Afro-Colombians and mestizo communities.

Events per category 6 – 12 December

[Bar chart and pie chart showing the distribution of events by category and region]