

**Week of June 3-10, 2011**

**HAITI – HEAVY RAIN**

Heavy rains that began on June 2 flooded streets around Port-au-Prince, West, South, Artibonite, and Nippes department. The Artibonite River has over flown its banks resulting in the flooding of Grande Saline. According to OCHA, there were a total of 23 deaths as a result.



Source: Hamweather.com

Heavy rains are expected to resume, and orange alert has been issued for the entire country.

Heightened vigilance is required, particularly in areas at higher risk of flooding and landslides.

The recent upsurge of cholera cases has been stabilizing, but still requires close monitoring due to recent floods that can jeopardize the response.

Access to safe drinking water continues to be a challenge in Haiti. DINEPA distributed enough aquatabs for one month to rural areas with recent cholera outbreaks. PAHO/WHO has completed the assessment of CTCs and CTUs around Port-au-Prince area to confirm their capacity in preparation for increase in number of cholera cases.

**DOMINICAN REPUBLIC – CHOLERA**



As of 23 April, Dominican Republic’s surveillance system registered an increase in the number of suspected cholera cases. This coincides with the increased rainfall that caused floods in various areas of Santo Domingo.

The Ministry of Health declared maximum alert for cholera in the National District and the province of Santo Domingo, while the health authorities has strengthened their surveillance and health services.

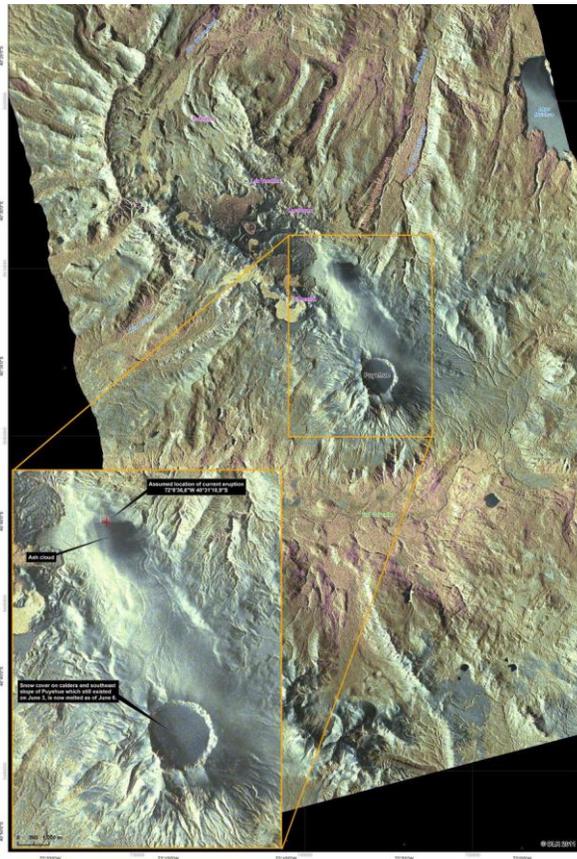
The local agencies are working with the ministry to conduct prevention education and distribute chlorine in communities with active outbreaks.

PAHO/WHO is monitoring the situation, and supporting the Ministry of Health response.

06 Jun 2011 - Heavy rains caused floods in Dajabón, Monte Plata, Puerto Plata, Sánchez Ramírez, San Cristóbal, San Pedro de Macorís and Santiago provinces. More than 4,000 people were displaced.

Map Sources: UNCS, GAUL.  
Reference: Government of the Dominican Republic. COE Informe de Situación: Alerta por baja presión a las 11 am del 6 de junio. 06 Jun 2011.  
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## CHILE – VOLCANO ERUPTION



On 5 June 2011, the volcano range Puyehue-Cordon-Caulle located in Chile erupted, spewing large columns of ash and smoke from the mountains. Evacuations were ordered for 3,500 people around the area. The volcanic ash cloud also drifted north-east with the wind, affecting Argentina. The volcanic activity has decreased, but ash will continue spewing out for several more days.

Local authorities began cleaning projects for various part of the cities, as well as purchase and delivery of water. Currently, water supply continues to be a problem.

Ministry of Health sent surgical masks and eye drops to affected areas of Chubut, Neuquen and Black River. So far, hospitals have not reported patients with eye disorders and respiratory problems related to the consequences of volcanic ash.

PAHO/WHO is monitoring the situation and providing technical support through the country office. Chile and Argentina have not requested international assistance.

Source: Center for Satellite Based Crisis Information

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