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- BRAZIL:** Heavy rainfall affected the states of Minas Gerais and Espírito Santo in the 2nd half of December 2013. A total of 45 people have died and more than 70 000 have been displaced. Many roads have been damaged in Espírito Santo, rendering access difficult. Funds worth US \$3 million have been allotted to support reconstruction and according to authorities a US \$540 million "Reconstruction Plan" will be launched soon. (ECHO, [CP Minas Gerais](#), [CP Espírito Santo](#)). According to [NOAA](#), no significant rainfall is forecast for eastern Brazil in the following week (until 16 January 2014).
- BOLIVIA:** According to authorities, eight out of the nine departments in the country have been affected by heavy rainfall and subsequent floods. The most affected departments are Cochabamba, Beni, La Paz, Chuquisaca and Potosí. The departments of Beni and Pando are on alert for possible overflow of three rivers (Mamore, Madre de Dios and Beni). In Beni, 8 213 families have been affected in 36 municipalities since November 2013 (ECHO). According to [NOAA](#), in the following week (until 16 January 2014) heavy rainfall could still affect the western parts of Bolivia.
- ECUADOR:** Waves of approx. 2 meters accompanied by strong winds hit several areas of the Ecuadorian coast, mainly in Esmeraldas and El Oro provinces, where at least 17 small houses and electrical infrastructure have been severely affected. (ECHO)