### Iceland – Volcano
- The aviation alert level for the volcano Bárðarbunga in the north-west of the Vatnajökull glacier of Iceland has been raised to Orange, as increased seismic activity has been detected since 16 August.
- As of 19 August, the Icelandic Civil Protection authorities are working on 'Uncertainty' level. There are no signs that magma is on its way to the surface. However, there are strong indications of magma movements, which may lead to a natural hazard in the near future. As a precautionary measure, the mountain roads north of Vatnajökull have been closed to all traffic.

*(Icelandic CP, NMS, Local Media)*

### Israel, Palestine – Gaza Conflict
- The 5-day ceasefire between Israel and Hamas, that was due to expire at midnight (local time) on 18 August, has been extended by 24 hours. (ECHO, Media)

### C.A.R.* – Conflict
- Violent clashes have been reported in the north-west prefectures of the country, killing at least 34 people in the past week and increasing tensions between communities. The situation in Bangui remains relatively stable.
- Humanitarian organisations continue to be victims of attacks. Over the past week, at least five security incidents have been reported. (ECHO)

* Central African Republic

### China – Severe Weather
- Heavy rainfall continued over south-eastern China during the past few days, affecting further the provinces of Hunan, Sichuan, Guizhou and the city of Chongqing.
- As of 19 August, the Chinese Government reports seven people killed and one missing in Guizhou, while 4,400 had to evacuate their homes. *(Chinese Government, CMA, WMO)*

### West Africa – Ebola Virus Disease Outbreak
- More than 1,145 deaths and 2,127 cases have been recorded in the four affected countries.
- In Liberia, food shortages have started being reported.
- As of 14 August, the Union Civil Protection Mechanism has been activated, providing coordination of the in-kind assistance offered by Participating States. (ECHO)

### South Sudan – Conflict/Humanitarian Crisis
- The situation in Bentiu, Unity state, is dire with extremely poor living conditions in the PoC sites. In addition, fighting has resumed around the town, forcing humanitarian workers to the bunker.
- The IDP number currently stands at 1.29 million.
- The Intergovernmental Authority on Development Heads of State Summit has been rescheduled for later this month. The summit is expected to have a strong focus on the extent and implications of the humanitarian crisis in the country and its neighbours. (ECHO, OCHA)

### India, Nepal – Floods
- The death toll in Nepal and northern India due to the floods has been raised to nearly 200. In Nepal, there are 105 dead so far and 136 are still missing, while hundreds of thousands had to evacuate their homes in India. Worst affected in the Mid-Western region in Nepal and Bihar, Uttar Pradesh, Himachal Pradesh and Assam in India.
- ECHO is deploying a field mission to assess the needs in the most affected areas of Nepal on 19 August. *(GDACS, USGS, ONEMI, Local Media)*

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