



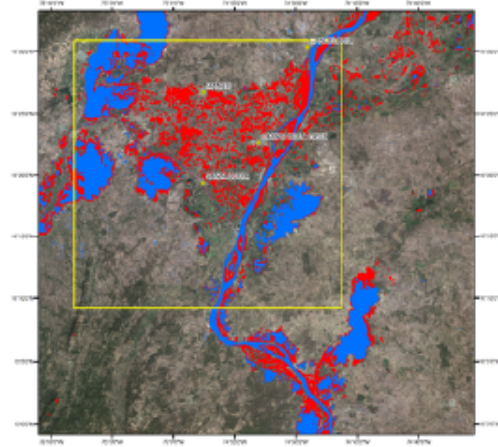
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COLOMBIA – FLOODS

The rainy season that affected a great portion of the Colombian territory impacting over 2,2 million people affected. The efforts are now focused on reconstructing the affected territory.

The governments of Russia, Mexico, India and Argentina have donated over 6 million dollars as humanitarian aid. The national Red Cross, with help from the ICRC, has given food and basic articles to over 23,000 people. The Colombian Government has guaranteed access to healthcare to the population affected by the emergency.

PAHO/WHO, in coordination with the Ministry of Social Welfare and UN agencies, has mobilized Immediate Response kits. The kits include medicines, household water treatment equipment, and materials for the implementation of Oral Rehydration Units. Permanent technical support is provided to the local authorities.



Water bodies identified in the Department of Atlántico are marked in red. Source: Canadian Space Agency (CSA) and International Charter Space and Major Disasters.

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