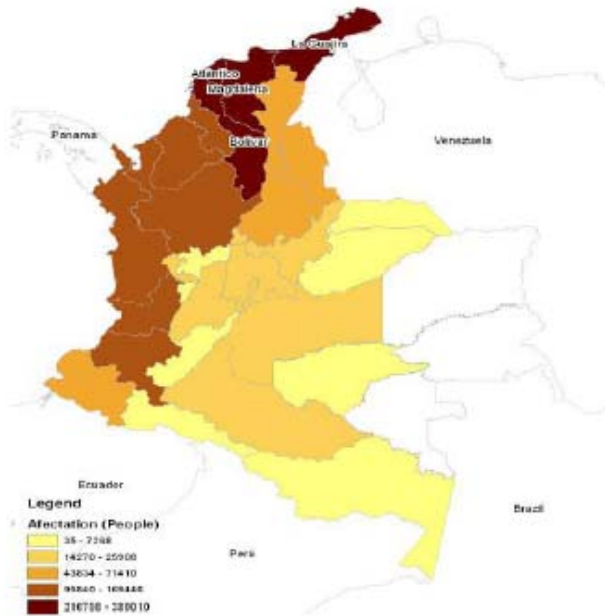




Jan 08 – Jan 14, 2011

COLOMBIA – FLOODS



Source : OCHA

Since early December, 2010, heavy rains in the northern regions of Colombia have caused widespread flooding and landslides. As of January 11, 2011, there were 304 deaths, 292 injured and 59 persons reported missing. The estimated population that is affected is 2,217,226. 141 health institutions and 324,634 houses are reported damaged.

The Government of Colombia has strengthened the National System for Disaster Prevention and Assistance. A UNDAC team was in the country to provide technical assistance.

PAHOWHO is moving forward in the acquisition of medical kits, community oral rehydration units, and household water treatment equipment. The agency is in the process of recruiting an epidemiologist to support the Government's Situation Room, in liaison with the Ministry of Social Welfare (MPS) and the National Health Institute (NHI).