



European Civil Protection And Humanitarian Aid Operations

## **ERCC - Emergency Response Coordination Centre**

### **Echo Flash**

The daily flash provides a daily snapshot on unfolding disasters and main humanitarian crises, in Europe and the world. The product consists of short summaries of the main events of the past few days, presented in short bullet points, in neutral, simple language, sticking to facts and figures, with an emphasis on DG ECHO's added-value.

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## I. International



### Tunisia - Wildfires(DG ECHO, media)



EUCPM Activation

- Several simultaneous wildfires have recorded near the town of Tabarka in the North West of Tunisia, since 24 July.
- On 24 July, Tunisia requested assistance from the EU Civil Protection Mechanism in the form of 4 Canadair.
- The rescEU capacity hosted by Spain was mobilised in response to the request, providing 2 Canadair which arrived on 26 July. The mission is expected to conclude today, 27 July.
- The Tunisian Ministry of Interior communicated on 26 July that the fires were contained.



### Burkina Faso - Killing of civilians, forced displacement(DG ECHO Partners)

- On 25 July 2023, Didro, a locality in the commune of Guéguéré (province of Ioba in the South-West region), was attacked by a non-state armed group. At least ten civilians were killed, three seriously injured and mobile phone antennas set on fire. Some residents have left the locality.
- These multiple attacks against the populations lead to the increase in population movements converging to urban and peri-urban areas, thus accentuating the problem of housing (especially with the rainy season) and access to the means of production.
- Since January 2023 more than 187,000 new displacements have been recorded in only three regions of Burkina Faso (Centre-Nord, Sahel, Est) with gaps in the humanitarian response in the sectors of shelter, water sanitation and hygiene (WASH), and education in emergencies.



### Uganda - Cholera Outbreak(media, MoH, WHO, UNICEF)

- On 24 July, the Public Health Emergency Operation Centre (PHOEC) notified Minister of Health (MoH) of a confirmed cholera outbreak in Namayingo District, close to the Kenyan border.
- Since 7 July, there are 38 suspected cases, 5 confirmed cases and 7 deaths (of which 2 confirmed cases) in 2 districts: Kayunga, where a positive case with Vibrio Cholerae Ogawa 01 was confirmed on 19 July, and Namiyingo, confirmed on 24 July.
- A District Rapid Response team is to be deployed in Bumalenge Parish in Namiyingo while on 20 July, a team from Ministry of Health Public Health Fellowship Program was dispatched to investigate the outbreak in Kayunga.



### Philippines, Taiwan, China - Tropical cyclone(GDACS, JTWC, PAGASA, Adinet, CMA)

- Typhoon DOKSURI is moving towards south-eastern China after making landfall twice in the northern Philippines, killing five people, affecting more than 328,000 and displacing about 27,000 people. On 27 July at 3.00 UTC, its centre was located over the sea approximately 175 km south-west of Hengchun City, far southern Taiwan, and approximately 400 km south-east of the Zhangzhou City area, south-west Fujian Province, China, with maximum sustained winds of 139 km/h and gusts of up to 215 km/h.
- China's national observatory has issued a red alert for Typhoon Doksuri, the most severe warning in its four-tier warning system, with gale-force winds expected. Taiwan's weather bureau issued wind and rain warnings. Over 5,700 people have been evacuated from flood- and landslide-prone areas in Taiwan's south and east. Fujian, eastern Guangdong, and Zhejiang coastal areas, as well as some parts of Taiwan, expect to see heavy downpours of 250 to 400 mm.
- DG ECHO partners continue to monitor the situation and assess the emerging needs of the affected people.

## II. Europe



## Greece - Wildfires, update (DG ECHO, Civil Protection Greece, Copernicus EMS R, JRC EFFIS)



Copernicus Activation



EUCPM Activation

- 61 forest fires occurred in the last 24 hours, with the most concerning still in Rhodes, Corfu and Evia islands.
- 10 countries are contributing to the EU Civil Protection Mechanism (UCPM) response to the wildfires in Greece. In total, over 500 firefighters and 9 planes from the European Civil Protection Pool (ECPP) and from rescEU have been deployed.
- The Copernicus Emergency Management Service was activated 7 times in rapid mapping mode (EMSR672 through to 678 (<https://emergency.copernicus.eu/mapping/copernicus-emergency-management-service#zoom=2&lat=50.67213&lon=0.35521&layers=0BT00>)).



## Italy - Wildfires, update (Italian Civil Protection, ANSA, JRC EFFIS)



EUCPM Activation

- According to the Italian Civil Protection, as of 26 July, in the past 24 hours 22 new wildfires have affected southern and central Italy (in particular Sicily, Calabria, Sardinia, Puglia, Abruzzo and Lazio Regions) resulting in further evacuations and damage. Among these wildfires, 12 were contained or fully extinguished. The Italian Civil Protection received 24 requests of intervention of the national fleet, of which 5 remain active.
- In Sicily Island, a number of new wildfires started on 25 July across the Catania Province (eastern Sicily). According to the JRC European Forest Fire Information System (EFFIS), the total burnt area is more than 1,000 hectares. 30 people were evacuated in Nicolosi Municipality (very close to the Catania City area). In Calabria Region, a bakery and three buildings were destroyed by fire and 15 people were evacuated people in the area of Strongoli Municipality (Crotone Province, eastern Calabria).
- Over the next 24 hours, according to JRC EFFIS, the fire danger forecast is expected from high to extreme across the already affected Sicily, Calabria and Puglia Regions.
- On 27 July, the Italian CP authorities have informed that there is no further need for UCPM support.



## Portugal - Wildfires (Catnat, media, FOGOS PT)

- On 25-26 July, one wildfire has been affecting the Sintra-Cascais Natural Park in Alcabideche locality, Cascais Municipality, Lisbon District, south-western Portugal, resulting in casualties. The wildfire is approximately 180 hectares. The wildfire has been contained on the night of 26 July.
- According to media, as of 27 July, 14 people have been injured, including nine firefighters, and 100 people have been evacuated. More than 600 firefighters, a dozen aircraft and 189 vehicles have been deployed. No damage to homes has been recorded.
- Over the next 48 hours, according to National authorities, the fire danger forecast is expected to be high.

### III. Factsheets



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