

UN Says Central American Countries Facing Worst Drought in Decades



United Nations, May 30 (RHC-Xinhua) -- More than 3.5 million people are food insecure and in need of health care and livelihood recovery support in Central American countries facing the worst drought in decades.

According to a UN spokesman Farhan Haq, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras and Nicaragua were experiencing their worst drought in decades due to the El Nino weather phenomenon.

Quoting UN agencies, non-governmental organizations (NGOs) and governments in Central America, Haq said: "Without sufficient emergency assistance, food shortfalls are expected to continue at least until September."

According to assessments by the World Food Program (WFP) and governments, more than two million people in Guatemala, Honduras and El Salvador rely on food aid to survive. Most are subsistence farmers who harvest once a year and live in the Dry Corridor running through the three countries.

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