

# *Floods Force Evacuation of 200,000 in Paraguay*

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Asuncion, June 30 (NNN-RHC) -- Floods caused by torrential rains have forced the evacuation of 200,000 people living near the Paraguay and Parana Rivers.

The governor of the Paraguayan state of Neembucu says the rains have destroyed crops, flooded homes and blocked roads needed to supply food to more than 8,000 people in his state.

Governor Carlos Silva also said that United Nations and Red Cross experts have evaluated the situation and he's hoping help from abroad will be sent soon.

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In the capital Asuncion, around 75,000 people have had to move to higher ground away from the Paraguay river. Most are sleeping in improvised tents in makeshift settlements.

President Horacio Cartes said the government would do all it could to support people affected by the floods. The Paraguayan government has reportedly spent more than \$3 million on food aid to assist flood-hit families.

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