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# Information Bulletin

## Mexico: Earthquake

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<b>Red Cross Movement actors currently involved in the operation:</b> The International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC), the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) and the Mexican Red Cross (MRC).	
<b>N ° of other partner organizations involved in the operation:</b> Disaster Prevention National Centre, Ministry of Government (SEGOB) and all the Civil Protection System	

*This bulletin is issued for information purposes only; it reflects the current situation and the available information at the moment.*

## Situation

Around 13:14 hrs on Tuesday, 19 September 2017, a 7.1 seismic event, located 12 kilometres South West of Axochiapan, central estate of Morelos, Mexico, with a depth of 57 kilometres, causing a significant number of deaths and wounded. Official media and Government sources report a death toll of 230 people and 1,819 wounded people, 900 of them located in México City. Still, there is an undetermined number of disappeared under collapsed structures. The Government is coordinating the national response through the following steps:

- 1) Humanitarian assistance to the affected population located in emergency shelters, food security and restoring of basic public services.
- 2) Detailed registration lists and assessments of affected infrastructure for restoring and rebuilding processes.
- 3) Rebuilding and debris removal.

The Nacional Government has activated its National Emergencies Committee and launched Plan MX, which coordinates the federal relief efforts to the population during emergencies, engaging with other organizations through the Mexican Civil Protection System. The President of Mexico has received several offerings of different countries interested in contributing to the initial search and rescue actions. So far, and according to public press releases teams from Japan, United States, Colombia, Costa Rica, Panama, among others, are already in the ground or in deployment process to Mexican territory.

### Most affected areas

- México City
- State of Morelos
- State of Chiapas
- State of Puebla
- State of México
- State of Guerrero
- State of Oaxaca

Source: CNN





Source: Mexican Civil Protection

## Preliminary Damage Report

**Transportation:** Partial damage has been reported to the aerial terminal that have not compromised the operations of aircrafts but have caused delays in over 180 flights in the affected areas. Roads have registered some impact and damages, so alternatives routes are being used. Harbours and seaports have not registered any damage.

**Healthcare services:** Some health care centres in the impact zones have their response capacities overwhelmed and a relocation and transfers plan is in implementation to move patients to other health care centres in less affected areas. Donation campaigns are in place to collect basic medical and hospital items to cover the basic and urgent needs.

**Public basic services:** The Federal Electricity Commission informed that it has re-established the electricity service in 95 per cent of the almost five million affected users.

## Mexican Red Cross actions:

- Activation of 1,500 units, 100 of those specialized in search and rescue.
- Deployment of 140 ambulances and 30 mobile units of urban search and rescue to the States of Hidalgo, Queretaro, Mexico City, Jalisco, Guanajuato and the State of Mexico.
- Search and rescue in collapsed structures and pre-hospital care ongoing activities.
- So far, 46 patients have received attention at the Mexican Red Cross Hospital in Polanco.
- Opening of a bank account to receive donations for the emergency response actions.
- Reception of aid comprising hospital, hygiene, cleaning kits and infant and young child food.
- Restoring of Family Links – RFL.



Source: Mexican Red Cross

**Note:** It is important to highlight that all Mexican Red Cross response actions and aid delivered so far has been done with their own resources and capacities in-country, no support to the RCRC Movement has been requested yet. The IFRC is keeping permanent communication with the Mexican Red Cross, accompanying and possible needs that might arise. The IFRC is also supporting the Mexican Red Cross disseminating their actions and humanitarian assistance.

**IFRC actions:**

- Permanent follow up of the situation and communication with the Mexican Red Cross.
- Coordination of global media requests, in accordance to the Mexican Red Cross (focal point and official speakers).
- Follow up to the assessments results and impact figures.
- Publishing of Information Bulletin.
- Internal activation of alert level 3.
- Developed a [dashboard](#) for Mexico Earthquake.

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**How we work**

All IFRC assistance seeks to adhere to the Code of Conduct for the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement and Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs) in Disaster Relief and the Humanitarian Charter and Minimum Standards in Disaster Response (Sphere) in delivering assistance to the most vulnerable.

The IFRC's vision is to inspire, encourage, facilitate and promote at all times all forms of humanitarian activities by National Societies, with a view to preventing and alleviating human suffering, and thereby contributing to the maintenance and promotion of human dignity and peace in the world.

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1. Save lives, protect livelihoods, and strengthen recovery from disaster and crises.
2. Enable healthy and safe living.
3. Promote social inclusion and a culture of non-violence and peace

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