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This Information Bulletin is for information only. The Federation is not seeking any funding or other assistance from donors for this operation at this time.

The Situation

The situation is becoming quieter after five days of heavy rains in 11 of Peru's 24 departments. All airports have been reopened and minor rains (rainy season in Peru from December to May) are expected for the next two days.

The Peruvian President reported last Friday the final figures of the victims of floods: 4 dead, 18 injured, 1,660 affected families, 64 houses and 219 ha of land destroyed in the northern departments of Tumbes, Piura, Cajamarca, Lambayeque and La Libertad; central departments of Lima, Huánuco and Junín; and southern departments of Arequipa, Cusco and Moquegua.

According to the national Research Committee for "El Niño" (ENFEN), the temperature on the Pacific coast has increased, but this is not clear evidence of an eventual "El Niño" for the coming months or for the next year in Peru.

Regarding the assistance to the victims, majors in the affected areas, who also have responsibility for the Institute for Civil Defence (INDECI) in each municipality, have coordinated with the Women Promoting and Human Development Ministry (PROMUDEH) and the Food Assistance Programme (PRONAA) the distribution of food parcels to the most vulnerable.

Red Cross/Red Crescent Action

Peruvian Red Cross branches all over the country are on alert in case of any increase of the rains. All the rescue teams in the 11 departments affected have been working in the last days, supporting the official Civil Defence structure, evacuating injured people or informing the population how to prepare themselves and their homes for "huaicos" (landslides) and heavy rains.

The Peruvian RC is finishing an assessment regarding the needs of the most vulnerable families affected. As reported before, the National Society is planning to provide them with food parcels and hygiene kits.

The Federation Offices in Lima and Arequipa as well as Buenos Aires Regional Delegation (BARD) and the Pan-American Disaster Response Unit (PADRU) continue to be on alert. No international assistance has been requested.

For a full description of the National Society profile, see www.ifrc.org

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