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## ***PERU: FLOODS***

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### ***The Situation***

Heavy rains have affected the departments of Tumbes, Cusco, Huancavelica and Arequipa in the last few days, isolating nine villages and cutting off several main roads, including the Panamerican highway on the way to Tumbes. The Institute for Civil Defence (INDECI) is on alert in Arequipa city (600.000 inhabitants) as the Chili river has burst its banks, flooding dozens of houses. The three bridges that joint both parts of the city are considered risk areas and one of them has been closed to prevent an eventual collapse.

The current rainy season - December to May - has experienced sudden changes in the last two months, resulting in heavy rain-falls after several dry days, the national Research Committee for "El Niño" (ENFEN) reports. The worst situation was at the beginning of February, when floods and landslides killed 4 people, injured 18 and affected 1,660 houses and 219 ha of land in the central departments of Lima, Huanuco, Junin; the northern departments of Tumbes, Piura, Cajamarca, Lambayeque and La Libertad, and the southern departments of Arequipa, Moquegua and Cusco.

### ***Red Cross/Red Crescent Action***

The Peruvian Red Cross is taking part in the regional Committee for Emergency Operations (CEO) in Lima that is monitoring the situation in the most at risk populated areas to prepare them for eventual floods and landslides. The Peruvian RC provincial branches remain on alert in several departments and rescue teams have worked in coordination with INDECI and fire brigades to prevent the rivers bursting their banks. The teams have also took part in several rescue operations.

At the beginning of February, the Peruvian Red Cross branch in Lima distributed 14 sacks of clothes, 150 blankets and 38 hygiene kits to vulnerable families affected by floods in populated districts of Lima city. Meanwhile, the National Society will develop a community disaster preparedness programme in Lima, together with other governmental and non governmental institutions.

The *German Red Cross* is supporting the Peruvian Red Cross branch in Lima in a relief programme that includes the distribution of 1,600 food parcels, 800 hygiene kits, 16,000 metres of plastic sheeting and 4,000 mats (as temporary roofs) for 800 families in Saclacayo and Chosica, in Lima.

For a full description of the National Society profile, see [www.ifrc.org](http://www.ifrc.org)

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