

# DREF operation



International Federation  
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## Peru: Floods

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The International Federation's Disaster Relief Emergency Fund (DREF) is a source of un-earmarked money created by the Federation in 1985 to ensure that immediate financial support is available for Red Cross and Red Crescent emergency response. The DREF is a vital part of the International Federation's disaster response system and increases the ability of National Societies to respond to disasters.

**CHF 171,122 (USD 161,491 or EUR 116,241) has been allocated from the Federation's Disaster Relief Emergency Fund (DREF) to support the Peruvian Red Cross (PRC) in delivering immediate assistance to some 5,000 beneficiaries. Un-earmarked funds to repay DREF are encouraged.**

**Summary:** Continuous rainfall since December 2009 has caused floods and mudslides in Peru. The Peruvian National Civil Defence Institute assessments have reported 11 departments affected: Amazonas, Ancash, Ucayali, Junín, Ayacucho, Arequipa, Lima, Cusco, Huancavelica, Puno and Apurímac. Although assessments are ongoing, it has been ascertained that approximately 63,480 people have been affected by the floods.

In the department of **Cusco** alone, it is reported that a total of 34,730 people have been affected. The Peruvian Red Cross emergency response focuses on the provision of essential relief items and the promotion of community health in the department of Cusco. This DREF operation will support the National Society in delivering this much needed assistance to the most vulnerable families.

This operation is expected to be implemented over 3 months, and will therefore be completed by 30 April 2010; a Final Report will be made available three months after the end of the operation (by 1 August 2010).

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In the department of Huancavelica alone 1,084 people have been affected according to reports from the Peruvian National Civil Defence Institute (INDECI). Source: Newspaper La República.

## The situation

Since December 2009, continuous rains are causing floods and landslides in Peru. The Peruvian government has declared an emergency alert for the departments of Lima, Huancavelica and Cusco. In total, 63,480 people have been affected in 11 departments, of whom 19,949 have lost their homes. Roads and agricultural lands have also been affected.

The Peruvian National Civil Defence Institute (Instituto Nacional de Defensa Civil – INDECI) reports that due to the severe rains 11 departments have been affected by mudslides and an increase in the river levels resulting in destroyed homes and damaged roads. The affected departments include: Amazonas, Ancash,

Ucayali, Junín, Ayacucho, Arequipa, Lima, Cusco, Huancavelica, Puno and Apurímac. As of 28 January, INDECI reported 9 missing persons, 86 injured and 27 deaths. In addition, 17 health centres have been affected in the departments of Amazonas (1 centre), Ancash (1), Acayali (1), Arequipa (5), Lima (3), Cusco (3), Panu (1) and Huancavelica (2).

In the department of **Cusco** alone, it is reported that a total of 34,730 people have been affected, of whom, 18,220 have lost their homes, (see the consolidated table below for more detail). The health sector in this department has been particularly affected. An initial assessment from the Ministry of Health reported damages in three health centres. The Antonio Lorena hospital and the Anta Health Centre are partially flooded and are functioning at limited capacities, while the Huayllabamba health post was severely damaged forcing the medical personnel to provide health care under a tent. Hence, the Ministry of Health has emitted a red alert for the health services in this department and mobilized health specialists, brigades and medical supplies to the most affected areas in order to provide care to the affected population and complete health assessments. Additionally, the Ministry is conducting epidemiological surveillance post disaster to assess the potential risk of epidemics, taking into consideration the mobilization of people to collective centres and the lack of basic sanitary facilities.

In **Huancavelica** (department) damage assessments from INDECI report 56 houses destroyed, 189 damaged and 1,000 metres of damaged roads. Within this department the most affected provinces are Huancavelica, Acobamba, Castrovirreyna and Angares (see table below). The roads in the provinces of Churcampa and Tayacaja have also sustained damages. Preliminary assessments have reported as the most affected districts Anta and Paucará (in the Anta province), San Antonio de Antaparco (Angares), Anco (Churcampa), Acoria, Huando, Izcuchaca, Palca and Yauli (Huancavelica) and Acostambo (Tayacaja). Flooding and landslides continue in different localities in Huancavelica, which is the poorest department in the country, affecting houses, roads, public infrastructure and agricultural lands.

**Table 1: Flood damage in Peru during 2010\***

Department	Province	Number of People		Number of Homes	
		People who have lost their homes	Affected	Destroyed	Damaged
Cusco	Anta	5265	5250	1053	1050
	Acomayo	275	3610	55	722
	Calca	820	3695	164	739
	Canas	850	2400	170	480
	Canchis	505	1650	101	330
	Chumbivilcas	0	440	0	88
	Cusco	2310	10925	462	2185
	Paruro	525	2680	105	536
	Paucartambo	570	1590	114	318
	Quispicanchi	0	200	0	40
	Urubamba	7100	2290	1420	458
<b>Sub-total</b>		<b>18220</b>	<b>34730</b>	<b>3644</b>	<b>6946</b>
Puno	Melgar	15	236	3	55
	Huancane	0	195	0	39
	Azangaro	0	1736	0	434
	San Ramon	60	0	12	0
<b>Sub-total</b>		<b>75</b>	<b>2167</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>528</b>
Huancavelica	Acobamba	106	224	18	42
	Angares	30	210	5	35
	Castrovirreyna	75	95	15	19
	Huancavelica	98	555	18	93
<b>Sub-total</b>		<b>309</b>	<b>1084</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>189</b>
Apurímac	Abancay	0	6	0	1
	Andahuaylas	38	438	7	43
	Aymares	9	13	1	3
	Cotabamba	0	8	0	2
	Chincheros	19	2254	3	34
<b>Sub-total</b>		<b>66</b>	<b>2719</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>83</b>
Junin	Concepción	8	12	2	4

	Huancayo	467	260	92	62
	Jauja	283	85	50	17
	Satipo	35	85	7	17
<b>Sub-total</b>		<b>793</b>	<b>442</b>	<b>151</b>	<b>100</b>
Lima	Lima	223	889	55	181
<b>Sub-total</b>		<b>223</b>	<b>889</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>181</b>
Ayacucho	Huanta	227	1500	68	375
<b>Sub-total</b>		<b>227</b>	<b>1500</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>375</b>
Huanuco	Marañon	36	0	5	0
<b>Sub-total</b>		<b>36</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>19949</b>	<b>43531</b>	<b>4005</b>	<b>8402</b>

*\* Consolidated Table elaborated by the Peruvian Red Cross from 01/01/2010 to 29/01/2010  
Source: INDECI - Situation Report.*

Damage and needs assessments are still ongoing. Therefore, it is expected that the figures for the number of people affected will increase in the coming days.

The immediate needs identified to date are relief items, community health care and temporary shelter. The weather forecast for the next few days indicates more rainfall in the areas where torrential rains have not stopped, according to the National Service of Meteorology and Hydrology of Peru. In response to the emergency, INDACI has mobilized humanitarian aid consisting of tents, polypropylene bags, mattresses, blankets, clothing, buckets, jerry cans and kitchen utensils.

It is feared that the El Niño phenomenon will have consequences in Peru similar to those of 1982–1983, whereby according to the National Environment Council (CONAM), destructive forces caused losses valued at PEN 1,352,000 (USD 469,940), of which 80.6 per cent was caused by rain and 19.4 percent by drought.

## Coordination and partnerships

Community assessments and beneficiary identification are being coordinated with the Regional Centre for Emergency Operations (COE), which is composed of INDECI and other emergency response institutions. The Peruvian Red Cross intervention is coordinated with the regional and national COE to avoid duplication of efforts.

The International Federation through its Pan American Disaster Response Unit (PADRU) and the Regional Representative for Andean Countries have been in constant communication with the Peruvian Red Cross.

## Red Cross and Red Crescent action

The Peruvian Red Cross has activated its prevention mechanism for emergencies since the beginning of the year. A national contingency plan was drawn up by the National Society for the first semester of 2010. This was done in view of the seasonal rains and the forecast of the El Niño phenomenon. During this year, different types of national emergencies have occurred throughout the country with various levels of impact, therefore, the Red Cross branches at the national level have been monitoring their local areas during the rainy season.

After intense rainfall affected Cusco on 25 January, the Cusco Red Cross branch mobilized its volunteers to carry out preliminary field assessments. Due to the severity of the situation, the PRC Disaster Risk Management Office (Dirección de Gestión de Riesgo de Desastres) deployed a support team from its branch in Arequipa led by a National Intervention Team (NIT) member. The team's objectives focus on supporting the needs and capacity assessments and carrying out the first distributions of humanitarian aid.

Due to the escalating emergency situation which is increasing in the different zones of the Peruvian sierra, the Peruvian Red Cross has launched a collection campaign in the capital city of Lima. This campaign aims to assist the affected communities through the collection of donations from the private sector and civil population.

## The needs

The most important needs identified by the Peruvian Red Cross at the moment are essential relief items including: blankets, jerry cans, tarpaulins, kitchen sets, and hygiene kits. Also, the National Society is prioritizing the promotion of health and prevention of communicable diseases.

## The proposed operation

In the department of Cusco, 5,000 of the most vulnerable people (approximately 600 families) affected by the floods will be assisted with non-food items (NFI) and community health. Additionally, the DREF will cover the training and mobilization of volunteers supporting the activities. This operation will focus on the department of Cusco, as it has been the most affected department in the country. The priority areas of intervention include the districts of Calca, Quispicanchis Huarcapay and Lucre.

### Relief distributions (food and basic non-food items)

**Objective: 5,000 people affected by floods in Cusco Department, will benefit from the provision of essential non-food items to recover from the effects of the emergency.**

#### Activities planned:

- Conduct rapid emergency needs and capacity assessments.
- Develop a beneficiary targeting strategy and registration system to deliver intended assistance.
- Distribute relief supplies and control supply movements from point of dispatch to end user.
- Monitor and evaluate the relief activities and provide reporting on relief distributions.
- Develop an exit strategy.

The relief items to be provided by the Peruvian Red Cross to the affected families include:

- 600 Hygiene kits
- 600 Kitchen sets
- 1,200 Blankets
- 2,400 Plastic sheets
- 1,800 Jerry cans

### Emergency Health

**Objective: The health risks of the emergency in the most affected areas are reduced through the provision of hygiene promotion campaigns and psychological support to the affected population.**

#### Activities planned:

- Assess the existing health risks and provide epidemiological surveillance.
- Provision of psychosocial support to Peruvian Red Cross volunteers (NIT) and personnel involved in the emergency response.
- Provision of hygiene promotion and first aid training to volunteers involved.
- Identification of affected people to receive psychosocial support in the affected communities.
- Mobilization of National Intervention Teams to identify additional health needs in the affected communities.
- Conduct group and individual psychosocial support activities.
- Disseminate basic information on hygiene promotion, waste management and vector control.
- Disseminate information on common diseases and epidemics prevention.

## How we work

All International Federation assistance seeks to adhere to the [Code of Conduct for the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement and Non-Governmental Organizations \(NGO's\) in Disaster Relief](#) and the [Humanitarian Charter and Minimum Standards in Disaster Response \(Sphere\)](#) in delivering assistance to the most vulnerable.

The International Federation'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.

The International Federation's work is guided by [Strategy 2020](#) which puts forward three strategic aims:

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.

## Contact information

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## DREF OPERATION BUDGET SUMMARY

Annex 1

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**BUDGET CHF**

### RELIEF NEEDS

500	Shelter	50,449
505	Construction Materials	
510	Clothing & Textiles	12,612
520	Food	
523	Seeds & Plants	
530	Water & Sanitation	
540	Medical & First Aid	
550	Teaching Materials	
560	Utensils & Tools	32,478
570	Other Supplies & Services	6,307
<b>Total Relief Needs</b>		<b>101,846</b>

### CAPITAL EQUIPMENT

580	Land & Buildings
581	Vehicles Purchase
582	Computers & Telecom Equipment
584	Office/Household Furniture & Equip.
587	Medical Equipment
589	Other Machinery & Equipment

### TRANSPORT, STORAGE & VEHICLES

590	Storage - Warehouse	
592	Distribution & Monitoring	15,767
593	Transport & Vehicles Costs	5,466
594	Service fee & Recovery	5,000

### PERSONNEL

600	International Staff	
640	Regionally Deployed Staff	
661	National Staff	
662	National Society Staff	17,672
670	Consultants	

### WORKSHOPS & TRAINING

680	Workshops & Training	6,727
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### GENERAL EXPENSES

700	Travel	
710	Information & Public Relations	2,417
730	Office running costs	157
740	Communication Costs	946
750	Professional Fees	
760	Financial Charges	4,000
790	Other General Expenses	

### PROGRAMME SUPPORT

599	Programme Support - PSR	11,123
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<b>Total Operational Needs</b>	<b>69,276</b>
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<b>DREF ALLOCATION</b>	<b>171,122</b>
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