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### Peru: Floods

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<b>Operation start date:</b> 15 March 2017	<b>Expected timeframe:</b> 12 months
<b>National Society Presence:</b> The Peruvian Red Cross (PRC) has 1 headquarters, 42 branches, and 2,030 volunteers	
<b>Number of people affected:</b> 665,313 people	<b>Number of people to be assisted:</b> 50,000 people (10,000 families)
<b>N° of National Societies currently involved in the operation:</b> American Red Cross, German Red Cross, Spanish Red Cross, the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC) and the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC)	
<b>N° of other partner organizations involved in the operation:</b> United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (UN-OCHA), Redhum, National Civil Defence Institute of Peru (INDECI for its acronym in Spanish), Ministry of Interior, Ministry of Defence, Ministry of Health, Ministry of Transportation, Ministry of Women and Development.	

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## The Situation

Flooding has had an impact on 24 of Peru's departments at the national level, particularly in the affected zones; currently, 665,313 have been affected, 145,821 homes have been affected, 12,378 houses have collapsed, 13,075 homes are uninhabitable, 79 people have perished, 267 people have been injured and 21 people are missing. Rain continues to fall in various zones in the country, affecting 1,202 educational centres and 400 health centres, causing 31 educational centres and 10 health centres to collapse, and rendering 68 educational centres and 17 health centres unfit for human occupation<sup>1</sup>. The most severely affected departments are Piura, Tumbes, Lambayeque and La Libertad.

Meteorological experts have predicted that precipitation levels will be above the normal range throughout the first quarter of the rainy season, which stretches from March to April, in the departments of Tumbes, Piura, Lambayeque, La Libertad; they are also forecasting significant



**A flooded street in the department of Piura.**  
**Source: Peruvian Red Cross**

<sup>1</sup> INDECI Report, 21 March 2017, 18:00 hours

precipitation accumulation in the northern mountainous and jungle regions of the departments of Cajamarca and San Martin, as well as along the western edge of the Andes in southern (departments of Arequipa, Moquegua and Tacna) and central Peru (departments of Lima and Ica). In the central mountainous region, meteorological experts are predicting normal to above average rainfall accumulation, while normal to below normal rainfall is expected in the high plateau region in south-eastern Peru<sup>2</sup>.

**Table 1: Preliminary damages and impact on people and dwellings**

Location	People with affected homes	Affected people	Fatalities	Injuries	Missing	Collapsed homes	Uninhabitable homes	Affected homes
Dept. Amazonas	131	304	0	0	0	14	15	59
Dept. Ancash	17,903	29,437	3	65	4	2,086	3,031	7,840
Dept. Apurimac	365	2,937	0	1	0	30	81	225
Dept. Arequipa	2,937	43,461	12	29	6	272	86	8,292
Dept. Ayacucho	221	1,585	8	6	0	30	25	428
Dept. Cajamarca	843	6,109	6	1	2	99	83	1,429
Dept. Cusco	109	640	8	0	1	8	18	186
Dept. Huancavelica	2,434	15,281	6	2	1	231	498	2,769
Dept. Huánuco	937	2,422	1	2	0	15	295	544
Dept. Ica	3,643	92,408	0	60	0	384	511	20,347
Dept. Junín	592	684	2	25	1	131	25	183
Dept. La Libertad	4,727	17,141	13	36	4	892	499	5,914
Dept. Lambayeque	41,596	103,272	3	4	0	4,530	4,610	20,834
Dept. Lima	4,997	17,640	6	24	1	1,229	654	7,217
Dept. Loreto	198	43,988	0	0	0	1	42	10,478
Dept. Madre de Dios	257	7,443	0	0	0	0	25	1,244
Dept. Moquegua	200	5,180	1	2	0	12	37	1,270
Dept. Pasco	136	1,523	1	0	1	20	21	233
Dept. Piura	19,596	229,479	6	10	0	2,301	2,294	47,169
Dept. Puno	20	690	1	0	0	1	5	56
Dept. San Martin	144	4,928	1	0	0	0	26	686
Dept. Tacna	347	790	1	0	0	0	0	347
Dept. Tumbes	1,000	33,135	0	0	0	15	160	6,718
Dept. Ucayali	480	4,836	0	0	0	77	34	1,353
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>103,813</b>	<b>665,313</b>	<b>79</b>	<b>267</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>12,378</b>	<b>13,075</b>	<b>145,821</b>

Source: SINPAD-INDECI 21 March 2017 / 18:00

**Table 2: Damage to transportation infrastructure and agriculture**

Location	Rural roads destroyed (km)	Rural roads affected (km)	Roads destroyed (km)	Roads affected (km)	Bridges destroyed	Bridges affected	Irrigation canals affected (km)	Irrigation canals destroyed (km)	Crops affected (ha)	Crops lost (ha)
Dept. Amazonas	2	9	0	0.1	2	1	0	0	75	7
Dept. Ancash	13	3,129	721	885	15	23	359	33	1,283	531
Dept. Apurimac	12	12	10	64	3	3	3	1	2,287	1,154
Dept. Arequipa	81	289	274	288	13	51	175	32	2,548	243
Dept. Ayacucho	0	70	1	37	2	2	1	1	159	88
Dept. Cajamarca	19	125	44	924	10	10	9	2	1,637	1,152
Dept. Cusco	0	0.2	1	35	2	2	0	0	26	166
Dept. Huancavelica	132	212	85	543	15	35	166	13	286	776
Dept. Huánuco	0	0	0	28	0	4	6	0	115	6
Dept. Ica	131	36	54	412	5	9	427	44	2,772	3,227
Dept. Junín	3	16	5	5	0	3	0	4	27	30
Dept. La Libertad	6	59	18	120	7	13	47	3	3,947	640
Dept. Lambayeque	128	251	29	21	36	14	29	15	391	26
Dept. Lima	77	147	818	727	55	60	280	460	2,720	245
Dept. Loreto	0	3	0	5	0	1	0	0	592	807
Dept. Madre de Dios	0	87	0	1	0	13	0	0	0	49
Dept. Moquegua	8	80	23	157	4	19	77	12	406	26
Dept. Pasco	0.2	4	7	35	3	12	0	0	378	37
Dept. Piura	267	310	70	312	9	30	199	21	2,741	274
Dept. Puno	0	0	0	6	0	1	0	0	228	0
Dept. San Martin	0	0	0	0.3	1	0	1	0	0	0
Dept. Tacna	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Dept. Tumbes	17	103	8	57	0	1	1,264	11	2,559	1,028
Dept. Ucayali	0	0	0	32	0	0	0	0	315	1,566
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>896.2</b>	<b>4,944.2</b>	<b>2,168</b>	<b>4,696.4</b>	<b>182</b>	<b>307</b>	<b>3,043</b>	<b>652</b>	<b>25,492</b>	<b>12,078</b>

Source: SINPAD-INDECI 21 March 2017 / 18:00

<sup>2</sup> Ibid.

## Red Cross and Red Crescent action

The Peruvian Red Cross (PRC) currently has 2,030 volunteers in the affected zones, mainly in the departments of Tumbes, Piura, Chiclayo, Trujillo, Chimbote, Casma, Huarney and Lima. PRC volunteers have been collecting relief items such as bottled water, cloths, non-perishable food, provisions, mosquito nets, among other items in Piura's Plazuela Merino. Additionally, the PRC and the Pan American Health Organization (PAHO) are conducting a preparedness workshop in community work for volunteers, which includes a training session on first aid in floods, landslides and heavy rains<sup>3</sup>. Lastly, the Peruvian Red Cross is participating in shelter coordination meetings.

The IFRC has deployed Regional Intervention Team (RIT) with the following specialities: 3 generals, 1 communications, 1 water and sanitation, 1 psychosocial support and 1 health; the PRC integrated a water and sanitation RIT member into a PRC National Intervention Team (NIT) on 20 March 2017, who has been conducting a rapid assessment of the available water and sanitation resources in the PRC's warehouse and whether they can be mobilized to the affected zones<sup>4</sup>. Additionally, the IFRC's disaster manager for South America is currently supporting the field assessments and the development of an emergency plan of action, with the support of 2 logistics delegates, the deputy regional director of the Americas and 1 country cluster support coordinator.

The American, German and Spanish Red Cross Societies also have representation in Lima, and they are working in coordination with the National Society; moreover, the American Red Cross has been supporting the PRC with the preparation of situational reports through its programme officer, and it has made its technical staff available to this operation.

The International Committee of the Red Cross is also actively participating in the PRC's emergency operations centre (EOC)'s coordination meetings, it took part in a joint field assessment with the IFRC and the PRC, and it has indicated that it can support the restoring of family links (RFL) component in the emergency appeal.

The IFRC launched Disaster Relief Emergency Fund (DREF) to respond to the emergency in the department of Lambayeque; however, due to the worsening situation in Peru, the IFRC is preparing to launch an emergency appeal for approximately 3.9 million Swiss francs (CHF) to assist 50,000 people (10,000 families) for 1 year; a detailed emergency plan of action will be issued following the completion of the emergency field assessments. The operation will be centred in the most severely affected departments of Ancash, La Libertad, Lambayeque, Lima, Piura, and Tumbes and ensure that the beneficiaries receive appropriate assistance in a timely, effective, and efficient manner and that they are provided with the necessary support to recover with increased disaster resilience; the immediate response efforts will focus on the sectors of health, water, sanitation and hygiene promotion, shelter in emergencies (including non-food items), food security, livelihoods, restoring family links and National Society capacity building,

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<sup>3</sup> Peruvian Red Cross Situation Report, 19 March 2017

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