

PERU : EARTHQUAKE

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The number of homes damaged by the earthquake is much higher than early estimates, making rehousing an urgent priority. The Peruvian RC/Federation have adjusted the operational plan of action accordingly, but with 12 % of the appeal target still uncovered cash contributions are urgently needed.

The context

The latest official damage assessment by the Civil Defence after the earthquake of 12 November shows that 73,013 persons were affected. In all, 4,006 houses were destroyed and another 11,071 were badly damaged. The large number of people who are still homeless now constitutes the main post-disaster problem.

Victims in public shelters are being assisted with food and clothes from national and international sources. Many of them are participating in a food-for-work reconstruction programme. Although some schools have reopened others remain closed because of damage or destruction or the population's fear that the frequent after-shocks could destroy damaged schools.

Latest events

Since 12 November, 979 tremors have occurred according to the Peruvian Geophysical Institute.

The Government has declared a 60-day emergency in the provinces of Ica, Palpa, Nazca, Caraveli, Lucanas and Huancavélica. It has also created an autonomous administrative body for reconstruction which will start working at the end of this emergency period. Its reconstruction plan is not yet available.

On 4 December the families of miners trapped in mines agreed with the authorities to end the rescue work, given the time that has elapsed since the disaster and the major risks for the rescuers.

Red Cross/Red Crescent action

Since 28 November the Peruvian RC, supported by the two Federation delegates, has been transporting and distributing tents, blankets and clothes donated by the Spanish

Government through the Spanish RC. It is about to receive a first aid kit for 10,000 persons and 100 first-aid chests from the same donors.

The operational plan on which the Federation appeal was based has been revised by the Delegates and the Peruvian RC in order to respond to the increased need for housing reconstruction identified by the latest damage assessments. It also takes into account a more detailed market survey, as well as the fact that most of the food and blankets listed in the appeal budget are being provided by other agencies, under the national coordination plan. The new budget is as follows:

CHF

Relief supplies:

Food: 170 mt.	127,000
Kitchen sets: 2,000 units	52,500
Water containers: 4,000 units	30,000
Hygiene kits: 2,000 units	30,000
Materials and tools for 840 temporary-housing modular units	407,000
Construction materials to rebuilt Nazca RC's HQ	70,000
Pick-up (4WD): 1 unit	32,500
Miscellaneous supplies	7,000
Total relief supplies	756,000

Other needs:

Transport, storage & vehicle costs	50,000
Expatriate personnel (2 delegates x 1.5 months)	24,000
Local personnel & their training	21,000
Travel & communications	6,000
Information	5,000
Administrative, office & general expenses	10,000
Secretariat operational support	35,000
Total other needs	157,000

Grand total **913,000**

With these resources and the above-mentioned Spanish donation, the operation represents a total amount of CHF 1,122,936.

The main outstanding need is housing. The Peruvian RC has been assigned sites in affected coastal and mountainous areas and will distribute resources on the basis of 83% to the coastal zone and 17% to the mountainous zone. The Peruvian RC and the Federation delegates are working with the authorities on the preparation of a more detailed plan for the RC zones. The affected communities will be trained by 10 PRC workers to erect the houses. This temporary housing, which lasts at least two years, and is based on a proven technique designed by Peruvian specialists, is judged to be a more effective solution than the distribution of construction materials initially planned.

The PRC and the Federation Delegates are in the midst of procurement for the modular-housing units and the other relief supplies but need more funds to complete the process.

From its own resources the Arequipa RC has distributed relief supplies in Arequipa department with a value of USD 5,000. The Piura RC has sent 5 mt. of relief supplies to the Nazca RC.

Outstanding needs

The appeal target (CHF 913,000) is still 12% uncovered.

External relations

The Federation Delegates are working in close contact with diplomatic and consular representatives of donor countries. On 28 November they attended the official ceremony in which the Peruvian Government and the European Union Representative announced the ECHO contribution to the Red Cross operation.

Contributions

See Annex 1 for details.

Conclusion

Donors are urgently invited to add to the efforts made by the donors listed in annex 1 and to support the Peruvian Red Cross in the implementation of the relief/rehabilitation plan of action.

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