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This Information Bulletin is being issued based on the needs described below. The Federation released CHF 84,000 from its Disaster Relief Emergency Fund (DREF) to procure relief supplies and to provide technical assistance. Together with the Peruvian Red Cross (PRC), the Federation is reassessing the needs, considering whether this amount is sufficient or an appeal is necessary. Unearmarked funds to repay DREF are needed. This operation will be reported on through the quarterly DREF update.

The Situation

The department of Puno is located in the southeastern part of the country along the border with Bolivia and has an estimated population of 1,143,400 people located in 13 provinces and 108 districts. From January through April (and in some limited areas through early May), heavy rainfall caused severe flooding throughout the department. 90% of the normal precipitation for this period fell in February alone. During the period of February 19-26 water overflowed the banks of Lakes Titicaca and Umayta, the Laguna Arapa and the Ilave, Zapatilla, Ramis and Coata Rivers. Levels for Lake Titicaca rose 1.29 meters. The area was also affected by the flooding in Bolivia where the Desaguadero River overflowed its banks.

The situation was further complicated by snowfall and hail in the mountain areas, an uncommon occurrence during this period. The combined affect of this caused damage to 39,063 hectares of farmland, severely impacting the economy of the area.

Number of Families Affected

Province	District	Number of Families
Huancane	Vilquechico, Taraco, Arapa	2,035
San Román	Juliaca, Caracoto, Suchis	58
Puno	Coata, Huata, Capachica, Paucarcolla, Atuncolla, Vilque	1,214
El Collao	Pilcuyo, Conduriri, Ilave	2,135
Chucuito	Juli, Pomata, Zepita, Kelluyo, Desaguadero, Huacullani, Pizacoma	607
Lampa	Lampa, VilaVila, Ocuveri, Cabanilla	417
San Antonio de Putina	Putina, Ananea, Quilcapuncu, Sina	965
Azangaro	Samán, Chupa, Mulñani, Caminaca	107
Total		7,538

As a consequence of the disaster there is a need for assistance in the form of food, housing, health, production and infrastructure inputs for the most vulnerable population. Some 41,959 people have been left homeless or are considered to be living in unsafe conditions. Some 6,942 houses have been

damaged, and 694 houses have been destroyed. Schools were flooded causing classes to be canceled, and 1,047 km of roads have been damaged. Agriculture and animal husbandry accounts for 75% of the economic activity in the region..

There has been a significant increase in the number of people suffering from respiratory and digestive ailments, principally among children under 5 years of age. The Ministry of Health is unable to cope with the increased demand. In addition, many of those affected do not have the resources to travel the sometimes considerable distances in order to seek medical attention.

The Government of Peru has not requested international assistance. The Civil Defense, other governmental agencies, and some NGO's have responded to the disaster. The fact that no further governmental reports have been issued since the end of March has lead some humanitarian actors to conclude that all needs were covered. However the Federation's Regional disaster response and preparedness delegate visited the country at the end of April and found that several areas remain very affected by the disaster with considerable uncovered needs. A further needs assessment is under consideration.

Red Cross/Red Crescent Action

CHF 84,000 was released from the Federation's Disaster Relief Emergency Fund (DREF) to procure relief supplies (CHF 75,000) and for technical assistance provided by the regional disaster preparedness and response delegate. The Peruvian Red Cross (PRC), through its branches in Puno and San Antonio de Putina, has been involved since the flooding began in January, undertaking a program of collection and distribution of clothing and blankets and acting to assess damage in coordination with other institutions such as the Civil Defense, all municipalities in the area, PRONNA (National Food Support Program), the Regional Government, regional health authorities and the Ministry of Agriculture. In addition the PRC forms part of an inter-organizational committee which includes CARE, ADRA, PREDES, CARITAS and OXFAM. Inter-institutional meetings are held monthly in order to coordinate activities and avoid duplication.

While some distribution of food and blankets has occurred, the demand far exceeds the supply. There is a critical need for foodstuffs, blankets, seeds, livestock forage and potable water. Following coordination meetings, the PRC's plan of action is to provide relief supplies to families affected in the provinces of Huancané and San Antonio de Putina.

Proposed Area of CRP Operation

Province	District	Number of families	Hectares affected
Huancané	Vilquechico, Taraco, Arapa	2,035	1,910
San Antonio de Putina	Putina, Ananea, Quilcapuncu, Sina	965	577
Total		3,000	2,487

There are no other organizations working in the area, one of the poorest in the department. The plan is to distribute food, blankets, water containers/chlorine and seeds **to each family** as follows:

Food items (one month supply):

Item	Quantity
Cooking oil	2 liters
Sugar	10 kg.
Rice	15 kg
Pasta	10 kg
Salt	2 kg
Lentils	5 kg
Total	45 kg

Non-food relief items

Item	Quantity
Blankets	3
Water containers/chlorine	One 20 liter container & chlorine pills for 2 months

The number of families assisted will depend on available funds and the operation is planned to last two months. For the time being the most affected out of the 3,000 families in the targeted areas will be assisted with the allocated DREF funds and about CHF 108,000 bilaterally contributed by the American Red Cross (CHF 25,000) and the Chinese Red Cross (CHF 83,000). The feasibility of a larger operation and the need for an appeal are being examined.

The operation, while coordinated by the Federation in conjunction with staff from the PRC, will be carried out by 110 volunteers from the Puno and San Antonio de Putina branches of the PRC. The branch in Arequipa, with 120 volunteers, will also provide logistical support.

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

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