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## PERU: EARTHQUAKE

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### The situation

An earthquake measuring 7.5 on the Richter scale shook Peru late in the evening on Sunday, 25 August. The earthquake was centred approximately 85 km (53 miles) north-east of the city of Moyobamba in the area of Lamas in the department of San Martin, an impoverished area of the country near the border with Brazil. The earthquake, which struck at 20.55 hours on Sunday local time (0155 GMT Monday), lasted about 50 seconds and was felt in the



Peruvian departments of Lima, La Libertad, Piura, Tumbes, Cajamarca, Iquitos as well as some parts of Colombia, Ecuador and Brazil. The earthquake caused damage throughout much of the region, causing at least 5 deaths and injuring 59. In total, some 2,446 people were seriously affected. The earthquake also caused power outages and disrupted telephone services in the area. At least 453 houses have been identified as uninhabitable and 377 were destroyed, most of them made of adobe. This is the strongest

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earthquake to hit Peru since June 2001, when an 8.1-magnitude tremor killed 75 people in Arequipa.

The president of Peru, Alejandro Toledo, arrived in Lamas on Tuesday afternoon to inspect the damage and has indicated that funding will be provided to rehabilitate the affected areas. An airplane from the Peruvian Air Force took about 18 tons of humanitarian relief goods to be distributed among the people affected. Health personnel from two hospitals in Lima travelled to provide health care. In addition, the National Institute of Civil Defence is currently in the field providing logistic support as well as shelter to the people who were left without homes.

### **Red Cross action taken so far**

Shortly after the earthquake, ten Red Cross volunteers from Moyobamba branch went to Lamas where the affected people were being assisted. Although the nature of the emergency combined with difficult weather conditions made it difficult to access the area immediately, the Peruvian Red Cross (PRC)<sup>1</sup> has provided the Civil Defence with 1,000 blankets, 50 tents and 200 packs containing clothes be distributed amongst those in need. This quick and effective response on the part of the PRC was possible due to the extensive training and support in disaster preparedness that the Moyobamba branch and the surrounding community have received.



Many of those affected had to sleep on the streets after the earthquake. They are now staying in temporary shelters.

The PRC has made an appeal to the Peruvian public for more tents, clothes, medicine, blankets and non-perishable food items. Red Cross volunteers, including volunteer nurses and physicians, have been providing first aid and basic health care, as well as ensuring support to hospitals and health centres. Meanwhile, the National Emergency Committee for Disaster Response (COE), of which the PRC is a member and the National Institute of Civil Defence (INDECI), along with several government ministries and international NGOs, have been activated. Coordination meetings are being held in order to decide further actions.

### **The needs**

Further evaluations of damages are being carried out in the affected areas in order to better identify those in need. So far the Peruvian Red Cross has confirmed that the most serious problems are relocation and rehabilitation of houses given the significant level of destruction, and water and sanitation. The German Red Cross, which is active in the country, has already provided water and sanitation facilities in camps and shelters, as well as two trucks to transport and distribute donations.

The PRC has drawn up a plan of action which is to cover basic needs that are not being met by other organizations in order to lessen the impact of the disaster, in compliance with the Code of Conduct and the Humanitarian Charter and Minimum Standards in Disaster Response (SPHERE Project) in delivering assistance to the most vulnerable.

Assistance will be focused on 150 families. The Peruvian Red Cross will distribute food, blankets (3 per family), clothes and medicines to selected beneficiaries. The distribution of hygiene kits, supported by hygiene education workshops, is also considered a priority. Hygiene kits contain the following items:

<sup>1</sup> <http://www.cruzroja.org.pe/>

Item	Quantity
Toothbrush	5 units
Towels	5 units
Soap	5 bars
Toothpaste	2 units
Shampoo	2 units
Razors	3 units
Hairbrush	1 unit
Comb	1 unit
Toilet paper	1 package
Sanitary towel	1 package
Laundry soap	2 bars

The selection of beneficiaries will be carried out through damage and needs assessments to identify the most seriously affected communities. Communities will be selected based upon their level of vulnerability and location. Surveys will be conducted to verify and register affected families in each community. Relief items will be distributed to families identified by the PRC and to shelters that have not been assisted by governmental authorities or a relief agency or organization. The relief operation will prioritize women, children and elderly persons. Community members and local groups will participate in the distributions. Difficulties identified are lack of infrastructure in the field and the need for vehicles for better volunteer deployment.



Red Cross volunteers are working to assist the affected people and evaluate damages.

The distributions will provide the PRC with an opportunity to strengthen links with the communities and identify additional needs and vulnerabilities. The PRC will also try, wherever possible, to carry out the distributions in conjunction with other activities, such as the provision of health care or community education projects.

The relief operation will also work to strengthen local branches of the Peruvian Red Cross by improving the visibility of volunteers, provision of basic first aid kits, training of branch personnel in relief procedures, participation in community based disaster preparedness programmes, training in disaster management and provision of relief supplies (gloves, lanterns, batteries, masks) and medicines.

### Coordination

The National Society is ensuring close coordination with the media in order to promote the campaign for humanitarian assistance to support those affected by the earthquake. The PRC has also been in constant communication with the Civil Defence, several government ministries, including the Ministry of Health, the Federation's Lima Regional Delegation, and organizations such as OXFAM, UNICEF, Save the Children and CARE.

### Budget outline

	Unit	Quantity	Total Soles	Total USD
<b>Activity</b>				
<b>1. Personnel</b>			<b>43,455.00</b>	<b>12,415.71</b>
1.1 Food	Persons	25	15,000.00	4,285.71
1.2 Lodging	Persons	10	7,500.00	2,142.86

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1.3 Per diem	Persons	25	18,750.00	5,357.14
1.4 Insurance	Persons	30	2,205.00	630.00
1.5 Field coordinator	Month	2	2,400.00	685.71
<b>2. Visibility</b>			<b>6,295.00</b>	<b>1,798.57</b>
2.1 Uniforms	Unit	25	2,500.00	714.29
2.2 Boots	Unit	25	1,750.00	500.00
2.3 Hats	Unit	25	375.00	107.14
2.4 Helmet	Unit	25	500.00	142.86
2.5 T-shirts	Unit	25	300.00	85.71
2.6 Vests	Unit	25	250.00	71.43
2.7 Banners	Unit	4	120.00	34.29
2.8 Raincoats	Unit	25	500.00	142.86
<b>3. Transportation</b>			<b>11,800.00</b>	<b>3,371.43</b>
2.1 Fuel (2 trucks)	Gallon	1000	11,800.00	3,371.43
<b>4. Communications</b>			<b>550.00</b>	<b>157.14</b>
3.1 Telephone	Unit	10	200.00	57.14
3.2 Fax	Unit	10	200.00	57.14
3.3 Internet	Unit	30	150.00	42.86
<b>5. Equipment, materials and supplies</b>			<b>30,200.00</b>	<b>8,628.57</b>
5.1 Educational Material	Kit	300	3,000.00	857.14
5.2 Logistics Material	Unit	1	500.00	142.86
5.3 Hygiene Kits	Package	300	18,600.00	5,314.29
5.4 Blankets	Unit	450	8,100.00	2,314.29
<b>6. Miscellaneous</b>	Unit	1	700.00	200.00
<b>TOTAL:</b>			<b>93,000.00</b>	<b>26,571.43</b>

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