

PERU: FLOODS AND LANDSLIDES

**appeal no: 06/97
4 March 1997**

***THIS APPEAL SEEKS CHF 1,845,000
IN CASH, KIND AND SERVICES
TO ASSIST 20,000 BENEFICIARIES FOR TWO MONTHS***

Summary

Torrential rains over the last two weeks have caused extensive flooding and triggered landslides which have left 165 reported dead and seriously affected 12,000 Peruvian families. In co-operation with the Peruvian Government, the Peruvian Red Cross will assist 4,000 families (20,000 persons) for two months with blankets, food, kitchen sets, water containers, cleaning and hygiene articles. The National Society will carry out the operation using trained staff and volunteers from branches throughout the country.

The Disaster

Heavy rains occurred during January and February in the Andean and jungle regions of North and Central of Peru, provoking floods and massive landslides. The rains then increased during the last two weeks of February, significantly affecting Apurimac, Cuzco, Puno, Junín, Arequipa, Moquegua, Tacna, San Martín, Amazonas and Madre de Dios - most of which are rural and agricultural.

In Apurimac the Colcaqui River flooded and caused a landslide six kilometres from the city of Abancay killing scores of people. In San Martín de Mayo, Yurayaco, Tonchima, Indoche, Negra, Romero and Tumbaro rivers flooded causing three deaths and affecting another 12,000 persons. In Cuzco, the Vilcanota River flooded destroying 50 homes with 2,000 people affected. In Puno, the Ayaviri and Coata Rivers flooded affecting 10,000 persons. 140 communities were cut off in Amazonas due to flooding of the Utcubamba, Cenepa and Marañón Rivers. In the Pariahuanca district of Junín, 30 communities were isolated due to flooding of the Mantaro and Cunas Rivers.

In Tacna, the affected zones were Placa, Alto Peru, Candarave and Tarata. The Pasto Grande dam, filled to overflowing, had to be opened causing flooding along the Ichuña and Moquegua Rivers. A detailed survey of Madre de Dios is not complete due to roads being cut but in Arequipa the Chili River is flooding destroying homes along its bank. Rains are predicted to continue for another month and additional damage is expected. The majority of the affected population is in rural areas and dependant on agriculture and livestock, both of which have been badly damaged.

The Response so far

Government Action •

Members of the National Civil Defence Institute, the official Government agency in charge of disasters are surveying damage in order to get a better picture of the situation. They have begun to distribute basic foodstuffs in some areas.

Red Cross Action •

Working alongside the Civil Defence Institute the Peruvian Red Cross participated in rescue and First Aid efforts using volunteers from their branches in Arequipa, Cuñumbuque, Moyobamba, Cuzco, Abancay and headquarters. The Chilean Red Cross Society has sent 120 blankets and 1,200 items of clothing that were distributed in Abancay.

Other Agencies' Action •

The Red Cross, the Fire Department and Civil Defence have been co-operating in the rescue exercise. A total of 45 bodies have been recovered, 120 more are known dead but efforts have been hampered due to the dangers posed by mudslides.

Co-ordination •

At national level, Civil Defence is the co-ordinating agency while at a local level it co-ordinates with provincial and city officials.

The Needs to be met

Assessment of Needs •

The needs' assessment is under way, but progressing slowly, due to many means of communication and infrastructure being cut.

Immediate Needs •

Clothing, blankets, bedding, food, tents, clean water, personal hygiene kits and kitchen utensils are needed immediately.

Item	MT
Rice	600
Beans	96
Oil	60
Sugar	30
Salt	6

Non-Food items per family
1 Pot
1 Frying Pan
1 Ladle
1 Knife
5 Spoons
5 Packs of Matches
5 Candles
5 Drinking glasses

Anticipated Later Needs •

It is anticipated that telecommunications equipment, computers and vehicles will soon be needed, as will equipment for volunteers such as clothing, boots, ponchos, first aid kits, mosquito nets and lanterns.

All items needed for this operation are available locally.

National Society/Federation Plan of Action

Emergency Phase:

This phase includes evacuation from danger areas, rescue and first aid, medical assistance and implementation of alert systems

Phase Two:

Even though there are many more affected, the Peruvian Red Cross has undertaken a plan to assist 4,000 families (20,000 of the most vulnerable persons). Red Cross assistance is not intended to cover all the needs of each family, but to provide enough help to enable the victims to recover their livelihood over a two month period when land should again be productive. Distribution will begin as soon as funds are available for purchase and will be carried out once a month for two months.

In order to carry out this operation, volunteers from the branches will receive assistance from Federation delegates and from the National Executive Council. The Federation will assist the National Society with planning, purchasing, transport, distributions and reporting.

Capacity of the National Society •

The Peruvian Red Cross, although weak, has had recent experience in the disaster operations with the Nasca earthquake and with the help of the Federation and volunteers nationwide are confident they will be able to manage this new emergency operation.

Present Capacity of the Federation •

A Federation development delegate has been in Peru for over a year and two or three additional delegates will be recruited depending on the response to this appeal.

Budget summary

See Annex 1 for details.

Conclusion

This is the second major natural disaster to strike Peru in recent months, following hot on the heels of an earthquake in Nasca, which was also the subject of a Federation Appeal. The rural, isolated nature of the populations affected necessitate a prompt and focused response to this appeal, both by donors and by the operating partners and volunteers at field level.

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BUDGET SUMMARY

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ANNEX 1

NEEDS IN KIND (OR CASH)

Food item

Rice (600 tons / CHF 0,92 per Kg)	549,000.00
Beans (96 tons / CHF 1,22 per Kg)	117,000.00
Vegetable oil (60.000 Lts / CHF 2,52 per Lt)	151,200.00
Sugar (30 tons / CHF 0,94 per Kg)	32,400.00
Salt (6 tons / CHF 0,23 per Lt)	1,400.00

Non Food item

Kitchen sets (CHF 43 per unit / 4.000 families)	174,000.00
Blankets (20.000 units / CHF 12 per unit)	240,000.00
Water containers (2 x 4.000 families x CHF 9 per unit)	72,000.00
Communication equipment	30,000.00
First Aid Kits (100 units x CHF 180)	18,000.00

TOTAL NEEDS IN KIND (OR CASH) 1,385,000

NEEDS IN CASH

Supplies	69,000.00
[Equipment for volunteers (Boots, helmets, lanterns, rainwear, etc) Hygiene & cleaning supplies]	
Capital equipment (computers & Printers / Generators)	24,500.00
Transport, storage & vehicle costs	165,000.00
Personnel (3 delegates x 2 months x CHF 10,000)	60,000.00
Personnel (local staff / travel, food & lodging)	29,000.00
Travel & communications	5,000.00
Information	5,000.00
Administrative, office & general expenses	16,500.00
Secretariat operational support	86,000.00

TOTAL NEEDS IN CASH 460,000.00

TOTAL APPEAL CASH & KIND 1,845,000.00

LESS CASH ON HAND **0.00**

NET REQUEST CASH & KIND 1,845,000.00

Note: All items available locally or in the region

