

**Office of the Resident Coordinator
Situation Report No. 18
Earthquake in Peru
12:00 hours**

September 18th, 2007

Situation

1. At 11:40:58 PM UTC/GMT (Greenwich time) 6:34:56 PM local time on August 15th, an earthquake measuring 7.9 degrees in the Richter scale struck the Department of Ica. The epicentre was 25 miles (61 kilometres) west-northwest of Chincha Alta, Peru, and 90 miles (161 kilometres) south-southeast of Lima, according to the [U.S. Geological Survey](#). The epicentre was 30.2 km depth (18.8 miles). The effects were also strongly felt in the capital, Lima.
2. The last official report issued by the National Institute of Civil Defence (INDECI) informed about the situation up to August 28th, 23:00 hrs:

519 dead

1,366 wounded

58,581 houses destroyed according to Peruvian Government preliminary assessments.

13,585 houses affected.

103 hospitals affected.

14 hospitals destroyed according to Peruvian Government preliminary assessments.

National Response

On September 17th INDECI informed of the signature of a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the National Training Service for the Construction Industry (SENCICO) to train local population and technical personnel on standardized house-reconstruction methods. The MoU, which shall be signed on September 18th, will be opened for the participation of other institutions related to house building.

On September 13th INDECI organized a meeting in the Pisco Air base with the participation of international cooperation institutions (IOM, CEAS, ACJ/YMCA, UNDP, UNDAC, COSUDE, MSF, Oxfam, Action Against Hunger, IFRC, Peruvian Red Cross and Unicef) to discuss needs in the water and sanitation sector. In that meeting, the following decisions were taken:

- The Ministry of Housing, Construction and Sanitation will lead the Water and Sanitation working group.
- New latrines will be installed in camps and “Clean Shares” (*Lotes Limpios*)
- DIGESA informed to have installed 300 latrines in 27 localities
- Cooperation Agencies will inform about the available resources to set up new latrines and provide water supply.

Within the “Clean Share” (*Lote Limpio*) framework, IOM, the Private Company Gloria and INDECI distributed 1,974 tents and 3,000 blankets in Pisco once debris was removed. Similarly, IOM and Gloria distributed, respectively, 1,800, 2,000 and 380 blankets in Chincha, Ica and Cañete

INDECI also reported that 952 Tons of humanitarian aid are currently stored in the Pisco Air Base, following the distribution below:

Grupo Aéreo N° 51

- Storage N° 1 (INDECI) : 105 Tons of humanitarian aid
- Storage N° 2 (PRONAA): 482 Tons of food aid

Puerto San Martín

- Storage N° 3 (INDECI) : 245 Tons of humanitarian aid
120 Tons of recycled clothes

INDECI informed that 210,000 m3 of debris have been removed as of September 15th. Furthermore, INDECI reports a total of 12,000 distributed tents. The 24 camps located in Pisco continue to be supported with food and other types of humanitarian aid, from which 4,255 families (21,275 persons) have benefited.

According to INDECI, approximately 12,000 tents have been set up in Pisco, by INDECI and other institutions. Furthermore, 100 latrines have been installed in camps.

INDECI also informed that the assessment of damages has been completed in the province of Pisco. Preliminary results are as follows:

- Collapsed houses: 11,017
- Affected houses: 8,756
- Affected population: 95,472

On September 16th, the Minister of Health visited different camps in the city of Pisco, where he said he had ordered the provision of more latrines and exhorted most vulnerable groups (mothers and children) to follow health personnel's suggestions to comply with minimum hygiene standards in order to prevent epidemic outbreaks.

The Minister of Transportation and Communication (MTC) informed that the PanAmerican Southern Highway (Panamericana Sur), partially damaged by the earthquake in the Kms 177 and 228, has been almost rehabilitated to its full functions. As for the area of the Huamaní Bridge at the km 228, the MTC reported a problem in one of the stirrups, which will demand 45 days of reconstruction works.

Ms. Zavala also reported that the MTC signed a MoU with the Regional Government of Ica in order to repair the highway Chincha Alta – Palca through an extension of 40 kms, for an approximate cost of US \$ 50,000 per km. A similar agreement should be signed with the Regional Government of Huancavelica.

UN Response

On September 15th, UNDP facilitated the visit of the UK Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs (FCO), Dr. Kim Howells, and the Ambassador of the United Kingdom in Peru to assess that countries' contribution during the emergency relief phase. This contribution, currently channeled through UNDP and UN-Habitat, aims at improving living conditions and reducing the vulnerability of affected populations through support to FORSUR, the newly created national body in charge of the reconstruction process. Similarly, it aims at empowering local governments and population to rebuild destroyed and damaged houses and settlements in the framework of sustainable and risk-conscious urban planning and seismically resilient criteria and techniques.

On September 17th WFP reported the following:

- 4,304 Tons of food were purchased by WFP, of which approximately 4,000 on behalf of the Government (including loans) and 352 for the IRA operation.
- Almost 90% of the food loan to the GoP has been distributed in Pisco and Chincha.
- According to reports by the Logistics Unit, 3,400 Tons out of the 3,470 purchased on behalf of the government have been dispatched to Cañete, Chincha and Pisco.

- As of today, a total of 2,581 Tons of food purchased on behalf of the government have been distributed: 1,876 Tons in Pisco, 640 Tons in Chincha and 65 Tons in Cañete.
- To date, almost 148 Tons of food commodities from IRA were distributed in the provinces of Pisco and Ica.
- A coordination meeting with UNICEF, the Ministry of Health and NGOs led to the commitment of distributing Sprinkles to children between 6 months and 2 years receiving weaning food at distribution points organized by UNICEF together with PRONAA and the Ministry of Health. WFP will provide the 36,000 sachets it has in stock and can purchase more. UNICEF is importing 400,000 sachets from India, which will be dispatched within the next month.
- Through CERF funds, WFP and FAO, together with the National Soil and Micro-watershed Conservation Program (PRONAMACHCS), will support 4,000 people living in the rural highlands of Lima (Yauyos) and Huancavelica (Huaytará and Castrovirreyna) to carry out Food-For-Work activities in response to the earthquake, to help them recover their livelihoods. FAO will promote recovery activities of agricultural infrastructure, such as irrigation systems, by providing 500 toolkits and 2,500 meters of water pipes. WFP will complement this operation with food-for-work rations.
- 6 NGO proposals (CARE, ADRA, ACED, SOS Aldeas Infantiles, Samaritan's Purse, Asociación Civil Divino Niño Jesus) were received so far to carry out the distribution of food and other related emergency activities in different affected areas. An evaluation process to select NGO partners for the emergency response is currently under way by WFP Peru CO.
- So far, US\$ 5.3 million have been confirmed to fund EMOP 10691.0 from the CERF, ECHO, Canada, Finland, New Zealand, Austria and Andorra.

Financial support is being made available to support the work of the engineering unit of the Regional Education Office to design and build temporary classrooms from a sturdy straw material to ensure that classes can begin as soon as possible in the area. In a first phase, 18 temporary classrooms will be set up at San Luis Gonzaga school in Ica; more than 1,000 students will be able to resume classes here. In Pisco, another 10 temporary classrooms will be installed in the Villa Tupac Amaru district, benefiting some 350 children in the area.

Two more shelters have begun operating early childhood programs, bringing the total number of shelters offering this service to five. The recently-installed recreation areas in several shelters will serve as the locations for the early childhood programs.

UNICEF is promoting the implementation of a multi-grade classroom in the Parque Zonal shelter to respond to the number of primary-school children in the shelter and to schedule classes at different times to accommodate them all. The subjects that would be taught are logical reasoning, verbal expression and mathematics.

UNICEF engineers, together with specialists from the Unidad de Gestión Educativa de Pisco (UGEL) and Chincha, have completed an evaluation of the sanitary conditions of schools that are ready to be opened again to students in both towns.

SEDAPAL, the public institution responsible for water distribution and service in Peru, together with the Environmental Health Unit of the Ministry of Health, UNICEF, the Pan American Health Organization, and non-governmental organizations, have agreed upon a number of activities that local organizations should initiate to support the establishing of sanitary services in locations where people congregate, whether that happens to be in an official temporary shelter, a tent city outside of destroyed homes, or in schools. The activities will also include an educational component.

UNDSS reported on September 18th that 31 UN Officers from WFP, IOM, UNESCO, UNICEF, UNDAC and WHO are currently deployed in the areas of Ica, Pisco, Chincha and Southern Lima.

Protection

Pisco:

The “2 x 1” *Emotional Recovery* strategy began sessions on September 16th in the San Clemente district of Pisco. More than 50 children at the Iris Falcon shelter, between the age of 6 and 12, participated. They were monitored by a group of six teenagers, who are being supported by professionals from the Higher Education Institute Augusto Medrano.

The fourth recreation area opened in Pisco on September 17th. UNICEF is coordinating the opening of a fifth recreation area the Tupac Amaru area, in a location provided by the municipality. UNICEF is providing the necessary materials, including paint and cleaning supplies, to prepare the space so that it is appropriate as a children’s play space; teenagers will act as monitors in the program and will work on the space rehabilitation.

Chincha:

In Chincha, UNICEF convened a meeting of Municipal Ombudsmans (DEMUNA) from Ica, Pisco and Chincha, and the Deputy Director of the Children and Teenagers’ Ombudsman in the Ministry of Women and Social Development. The goal of the meeting was to define an intervention plan to help children orphaned by the earthquake disaster and to launch an awareness campaign to prevent violence, commercial sexual exploitation and sexual abuse against children.

Education

Ica:

The Regional Education Office in Ica, with UNICEF’s support, has briefed all of the school principals, whose schools have recently re-opened, on the emergency situation school curriculum, a curriculum modified and based on students’ post-disaster learning capacities

Nutrition

Pisco:

There are 27 shelters receiving the nutritional supplement feeding program for children under the age of three. In addition to the shelters, more than 14 “community kitchens” established by residents in Pisco’s destroyed neighborhoods of San Clemente, Paracas, San Andrés and downtown, are part of the nutritional supplement program.

In coordination with the National Food and Nutrition Center (CENAN), a special tent has been designed to provide integrated nutritional attention to children under 3 in the “Dios es Amor” district of Tupac Amaru.

UNICEF is supporting therapeutic, animated activities targeted at rebuilding confidence and security among children in the Nueva Alameda and Los Andes 1 shelters. Meanwhile, a short survey is being targeted at mothers to determine their children’ fears and reaction to the new reality they have been experiencing since the earthquake.

Shelters

On September 17th IOM informs that a 5-truck convoy arrived in Pisco from Lima with 3,000 additional tents and 4,000 folding beds. Of these, 700 tents were delivered to Chincha whereas the remaining 2,300 remained in Pisco.

In addition to this, there are 22,500 mattresses and 14,590 sheets already purchased in Lima that will be gradually delivered to Pisco. Given the high volume of these supplies, 6 trucks with 500 units each, will

travel from Lima to Pisco for seven days, until the delivery is complete. This means 41 trips starting on 14th September.

The chart below shows an updated detailed chart of the delivery process:

DISTRIBUTION SCHEDULE							
PRODUCT: TENTS - 2nd ENVOY OF 3,000 TENTS ON 13 SEPTEMBER							
	NUMBER OF UNITS ASSIGNED TO CITIES	NUMBER OF UNITS REMAINING FROM FIRST ENVOY	TOTAL UNITS TO BE DISTRIBUTED 13 SEPT	TOTAL DISTRIBUTED SECOND ENVOY (14 SEPT)	TOTAL DISTRIBUTED FIRST ENVOY (3-13 SEPT)	TOTAL DISTRIBUTED FIRST & SECOND ENVOY (UNTIL 14 SEPT)	LEFT TO BE DISTRIBUTED 14 SEPT
PISCO	2,300	0	2,300	125	1,200	1,325	2,175
CHINCHA	700	184	884	354	1,616	1,970	530
ICA	0	1,159	1,159	215	841	1,056	944
TOTAL	5,000	1,343	4,343	694	3,657	4,351	3,649

Communications

The Emergency Committee has received numerous health information flyers on mental health, prevention and treatment of conjunctivitis, pneumonia, diarrhea and skin irritations. The flyers, produced by UNICEF in cooperation with the Ministry of Health, and PAHO, will be distributed to earthquake-affected communities by government health teams, MSF, TDH, and the Peruvian Catholic University.

NGOs Response

Aid in Action NGO continues to attend most urgent needs in the Ica Region and begins the reconstruction phase. To date, Aid in Action has supported the districts of Guadalupe, Ocucaje, Santiago and Los Molinos with more than 140 tons of food, 16,951 liters of water, 1,600 blankets, 5,000 meters of plastics, 2,000 mattresses, 1.5 Tons of clothes, 41,402 medicines, 1,100 water storage boxes and 4 drinkable water processing systems.

The NGO Save the Children reported the distribution so far of the following items in the Pueblo Nuevo District, Chincha Province: 50 tonnes of rice, 10 Tons of cooking oil (10,000 litres), 35 Tons of lentils, 3,000 packets of biscuits, 1,000 large (140 litres) water containers, two generators, one given to INDECI in Chincha and the other to CODEH in Ica. In addition, Save the Children has received funding for and is implementing the following: 5,600 family food rations (5kg. rice, 5 kg. lentils, 1 litre cooking oil), 4700 cooking sets for individual families (five members each), 190 kits for communal kitchens (*ollas comunes*) for 2,300 additional families, 10 metric Tons of plastic sheeting, 540 rubble removal tool kits, and psychosocial support to 750 people in Lima and Ica districts.

National Press

According to a national survey, Peruvian population is approving the government response to the crises and more than 90% remarked that an alliance between the Government and the Private Sector could solve other problems related to security, education and justice. Approval for Peruvian President, Dr. Alan Garcia, raised from 35% to 44%.

Source: El Comercio, 16/09/07

Peruvian President, Dr. Alan García Pérez, called upon local population to donate books to the earthquake affected children in order for them to continue their studies. Dr. Garcia asked that educational material should be delivered to the National Stadium where also food aid and clothes have been stored.

Source: *El Comercio* 16/09/07

Peruvian President, Dr. Alan García Pérez, informed that Pisco will be reconstructed in one year. “If things will be done rapidly”, remarked Dr. Garcia, “I think that in one year we will be able to show major results in the reconstruction of Pisco. We need to give FORSUR the necessary time to elaborate a comprehensive plan and to start working immediately.”

Source: *La Republica* 16/09/07

The Minister of Education announced that education activities of the 2007 academic year will be extended up to next January 2008. According to Mr. Chang, this decision has been adopted to allow students to recover their academic year, suddenly stopped by the earthquake. “The most important is to return to normalcy.”

Source: *El Comercio* 16/09/07

The Minister of Interior, Mr. Luis Alva Castro, has announced that the National Police will participate in the reconstruction phase of the city of Chincha.

Source: *RPP Radio*, 17/09/07

INDECI reported that more than 11,000 houses will have to be demolished in Pisco while other 9,750 damaged houses can be rehabilitated. In order to alleviate the current house demand by local affected population, 12,000 to 15,000 tents have been set up so far in different districts of Ica along with 170 housing modules constructed by the Bank of Materials (BANMAT). Director of INDECI remarked that the Government of Turkey will distribute 300 additional housing modules, while Chile has provided 500 tents that will be installed in the forthcoming days.

INDECI’s chief also reported that 75 educational centers, totaling 622 classrooms, were active in Pisco. Of this total, 360 previously collapsed classrooms were substituted with 101 pre-constructed classrooms modules.

Source: *Andina* 17/09/07

NGO Reporters without Borders (RWB) denounced the closing of “Radio Orion” in Pisco. In particular, RWB informed that Radio Orion might have been closed by the Government due to the critics about the humanitarian response.

Source: *El Comercio* 17/09/07