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Humanitarian Situation Report #5

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Highlights

The floods in Peru have caused long-term devastation to around 1.2 million people including 385,061 children. UNICEF Peru is supporting the Government to protect those affected.

- Piura is the most severely affected region, with water, sanitation and hygiene of primary concern. The WASH Cluster, led by UNICEF, has provided water to 25,000 people in shelters in Piura, and is fixing water systems for 2,000 people in rural communities.
- Despite the fact classes will resume on 17 April, hundreds of thousands of children will still not have access to an appropriate and safe learning environment. This is of concern for education and protection needs of children.
- Psycho-social support and preventing violence are the primary child protection concerns.
- UNICEF will shortly be providing RUTF / Plumpy Nut to 2,000 children facing malnutrition.
- UNICEF is leading the inter-sectoral groups in WASH, Protection and Education.
- The Flash Appeal of \$38.3million has been launched. UNICEF is appealing for \$7.75 million to reach the most affected children.

Situation in Numbers

385,061 children affected

1,181,530 people affected

107 deaths (estimate)

41,303 collapsed/uninhabitable houses

221,761 affected houses

172 collapsed/uninhabitable schools

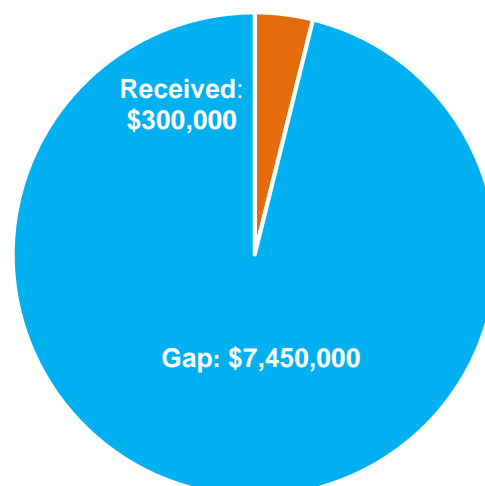
1,976 affected schools

36 collapsed/uninhabitable health facilities

(INDECI, 12 April 2017)

Urgent funding needs:
\$7.75 million

	UNICEF		Sector/Cluster	
	UNICEF Target (people)	Cumulative results (#) (as of 17 April)	Cluster Target (people)	Cumulative results (#)(as of 17 April)
WASH Indicator	100,000	200	320,000	27,000
Education Indicator	14,000	0	53,000	0
Health Indicator	10,000	0	239,000	0
Nutrition Indicator	10,000	0	13,000	0
Child Protection Indicator	20,000	0	92,000	0



SITUATION OVERVIEW & HUMANITARIAN NEEDS (reporting 5 to 17 April)

The number of people affected and severely affected from the rains and floods, caused by El Niño coastal phenomenon, is around 1.2 million, including 385,061 children. The departments of Piura, Lambayeque, La Libertad and Ancash remain the most severely affected with around one third of the total affected population being in Piura.

The weather forecast anticipate more rain during the months of April and May. However, the sea temperature is falling which should result in a reduction in the intensity of the rains in the country's north coast region.

WASH continues to be the main issue facing the affected areas with over 567,000 people in need of water, sanitation and hygiene interventions including access to drinking water and sanitation facilities, excreta disposal and encouraging the practice of basic hygiene habits in order to prevent the spread of disease. In Piura there are reports of many children and families suffering from respiratory problems and other diseases directly attributable to the emergency; while Zika, Chikungunya and Dengue remain a concern. According to the Health Regional Office of Piura, there are seven Dengue-related deaths registered in 2017.



Map of affected area: 7 April 2017

Shelter, health, food security and nutrition, and protection are also identified as priorities for the affected population, particularly for children, women, pregnant women and elderly people.

Although the Ministry of Education has declared 17 April as the official start of all school classes, in Piura alone there are 199 collapsed or inhabitable schools, of which 18 are being used as shelters, which means there are a significant number of children that don't have an appropriate and safe place to start the school year.

According to the Field Rapid Assessment conducted by the UN System, the World Food Program estimates 435,000 people are facing food insecurity, including approximately 143,550 children.

The National Civil Defense System (INDECI) report that 39,209 homes are destroyed or uninhabitable and more than 200,000 homes are affected. 46,709 people are living in shelters across the country, which is 27% of the severely affected population. There are concerns for the protection of children and pregnant women living in shelters as the emergency context could lead to an increase in violence.

Additionally, the affected and severely affected population needs urgent psycho-social support to reduce the stress driven by the emergency.

It is estimated that 280,000 people have limited access to health services both due to facilities having been directly affected, but also due to people being unable to reach services that are still functioning.

The needs of people affected are multifaceted, complex and long-term. The affected communities will require humanitarian assistance for many months to come. The rains are anticipated to wane towards the end of April, but the build back programme will continue for considerable time afterwards.

Estimated Affected Population (Estimates calculated based on initial figures from National Civil Defense Institute (INDECI); 12 April, 2017)					
	Affected*	Severely Affected**	Total Affected	Total Males Affected	Total Females Affected
Total Affected Population	1,010,208	171,322	1,181,530	589,583	591,947
Children Affected (Under 18)	329,227	55,834	385,061	192,145	192,916
Children Under Five	108,092	18,331	126,423	63,085	63,338
Children Under Two	35,761	6,065	41,826	20,871	20,955
Pregnant women	18,790	3,187	21,977		21,977

* INDECI considers an 'affected' person to be someone who has suffered a disturbance in their surroundings due to a natural phenomenon and that may, or may not, require immediate support to eliminate reduce the impact of this disturbance to return to normal activity.

**INDECI considers a 'severely affected' person is an affected person who has suffered harm or damage to their health or belongings, especially with regards to their dwelling and doesn't have the capacity to recover their belongings and property and therefore receives refuge and humanitarian aid.

HUMANITARIAN LEADERSHIP AND COORDINATION

The National Government is leading the emergency response. The National Civil Defence Institute along with the Prime Minister's Office is coordinating national efforts at central and at sub-national level (regional and local). Regional Governments are also conducting actions to care, support and cover the population needs, gradually taking on these responsibilities, requiring continuous technical support.

A summary of the actions taken by the government and UNICEF are shown as follows:

Government

- As of 14 April, 6,532 metric tons of humanitarian goods have been delivered including food, household items and materials to repair roofs and damaged buildings.
- INDECI is leading the installation of community shelters in the districts with severely affected persons. As of 14 April, 182 shelters and 2,267 tents had been installed nationally, providing shelter to 46,709 people.
- MIMP (Ministry of Women and Vulnerable Populations) have trained technical staff and have prepared logistics and material to implement "Play and Smile" (Jugemos sonrie) which is a psycho-emotional strategy devoted to children and adolescents in an emergency context. This will be initially implemented in 90 shelters in districts of Piura, and it is anticipated that it will be scaled and expanded to more districts and departments affected.
- MINSA (Ministry of Health) is continually working to keep the proliferation of dengue and Zika under control, through intensive fumigation campaigns in high-risk areas. Additionally, to help keep malnutrition at bay, MINSA, with UNICEF support, is preparing to buy and distribute Ready to Use Fortified Foods to children in the affected places.
- MVCS (Ministry of Housing, Construction and Sanitation) focuses its effort on the rehabilitation of water and sewage systems, and on supplying water using tank-trucks until normal service resumes. MINAM (Ministry of Environment) is implementing the waste collection of local governments in 128 shelters located in 6 affected departments.
- MINEDU (Ministry of Education) has declared that classes will start on 17 April. To achieve this goal, MINEDU is implementing two strategies; the first one is named "El Cole Contigo" (School with You) which consist of online teaching materials for teachers and students to support the return to school process; the second strategy is called "Escuela Cercana" (School Close By) that is to ensure there are safe and relevant spaces in shelters or near shelters, to replace classrooms temporarily.

UNICEF

- UNICEF continues to lead the three inter-sectoral groups of WASH, Protection and Education, which it also represents on the COEN. UNICEF actively participates in the inter-sectoral groups of Health, Food Security and Nutrition, and Early Recovery.
- UNICEF has participated in the production of the Flash Appeal and CERF funding proposal, focusing on the areas of WASH, Protection, Education, Health and Nutrition aiming at ensuring the needs of vulnerable groups of children, adolescents and pregnant women are addressed.
- UNICEF continues to offer assistance to the State to ensure the Core Commitments for Children during an emergency are upheld.

Humanitarian Strategy:

Humanitarian Strategy: The Government has mobilized resources to support the required rehabilitation and reconstruction of affected areas. Having declared a National Emergency, the Government is accepting assistance from the Humanitarian Network to complement the rebuilding effort.

UNICEF, together with its partners, has established a support strategy with two principal lines of work.

- 1) The implementation of urgent actions to assist affected children and families focusing on the most affected regions of Peru and in the following areas:

Protection: including prevention, detection and response to violence and exploitation, psycho-emotional support and supporting the provision of identity documents;

Water: including cisterns, safe water storage, home storage and final quality surveillance;

Sanitation: including portable toilets, sanitary batteries and waste management;

Hygiene: including cleaning kits, hygiene kits and promotion of healthy practices through C4D;

Nutrition and Health: including nutritional surveillance, supplementary feeding and nutritional supplements, primary health care with a focus on pregnant women and children under 5 years old;

Education: including the re-establishment of flexible and relevant educational services and a programme on education in emergencies

- 2) UNICEF is offering technical assistance and support to MIMP, MINSA, MINEDU and other relevant ministries in order to ensure humanitarian assistance reaches children, adolescents and families in affected areas. At the same time, it continues its advocacy and communication work to ensure the resources earmarked by the State reach children, who are the most vulnerable population.

Summary Analysis of Programme response

UNICEF is focusing its intervention in the most affected area of Piura. Contact between colleagues in Piura and Lima is constant to ensure the response responds to needs on the ground.

WASH

- A water, sanitation and hygiene action plan, led by UNICEF within the WASH Cluster and implemented by government bodies, NGOs and the United Nations, is being undertaken between 7 - 21 April. As at 12 April 30% of this plan has been completed, reaching more than 2,000 people in rural areas and 25,000 people in shelters and refuges, distributing 30 liters of water per person per day.
- Through the agreement with COOPI, since the second week in April, UNICEF has been implementing actions to: a) provide safe water to 2,000 people in rural communities by fixing their water systems, b) eliminating open defecation in two shelters in Piura by installing chemical toilets; c) providing information to 8,000 people about promoting good basic hygiene habits in an emergency context.
- UNICEF has deployed two specialists to Piura to support the response.

PROTECTION

- UNICEF has deployed two Protection Specialists to the field to support coordination and activation of the sub-sectoral Protection group, offering technical assistance to local, regional and national actors for the rapid and effective development of mechanisms to prevent violence and to provide psycho-social support.
- Work has been undertaken to develop the roadmap for attending to cases of violence, which includes the generation of data about the current protection situation. Concurrently, work is ongoing to ensure WASH and Education sectors are incorporating a focus on child protection in their interventions.
- UNICEF is supporting DIRESA to consolidate a map of services offering psycho-social support that are being developed in affected areas.

EDUCATION

- Alongside the Regional Education Director (DRE) of Piura and other humanitarian partners, UNICEF has organized clean-up activities in various schools in Piura so that the school term can start.
- In coordination with Save The Children and Plan International, UNICEF has revised the psycho-emotional support card that MINEDU is designing.
- The Education Table in the Piura region has been activated and is led by UNICEF. This includes the participation of diverse NGOs, MINEDA, The Table of the Fight Against Poverty, MIDIS, SIREPI-GORE and DIRESA.

HEALTH & NUTRITION

- 900,000 packets of Ready-to Use Therapeutic Feeding (RUTF or Plumpy Nut) have arrived in Peru on 14 April to treat 2,000 children facing malnutrition for 45 days. RUTF is used for severe child malnutrition and for those at severe risk of malnutrition. The product is in the process of being accepted into Peru via a protocol developed by the Regional Directorate of Piura in coordination with the Ministry of Health.

- Efforts continue to capitalize on the sales of the song which will shortly be released by Peruvian singer-songwriter Gian Marco to raise funds for the emergency. Discussions are underway with a communication agency, the National Society of TV and Radio and bank BBVA to finance a publicity campaign to promote the song and fundraising campaign. Thanks to negotiations with Cassette de México the CD will also be available on iTunes and Amazon amongst others.
- The Flash Appeal of \$38.3million has been launched. UNICEF is appealing for \$7.75million to reach the most affected children. CERF funds have also been requested for Wash, Health, Nutrition, Protection and Education.

Communications for Development (C4D)

- Jointly with the Office of Communication for the President of Council of Ministers and OCHA the key messages document, led by UNICEF, has been updated in light of feedback from families affected on the ground in Piura. The messages include information on hygiene promotion, management of solid waste, excreta disposal and prevention of dengue, Zika and leptospirosis.
- UNICEF has been in discussion with the President of Council of Ministers, telephone company Claro and the National Confederation of Private Business Institutions on how to disseminate these messages.
- Jointly with MIMP, UNICEF is working on a communications strategy aimed at the prevention and response to cases of violence in Piura.

Supply and Logistics

- On April 10, UNICEF delivered emergency supplies in total value of \$68,000 to the Regional Director of Health in La Libertad. These supplies included chlorine meter, DPD tablets, MUAC tapes, water purification tables, rehydration salts, jugs, cups and plastic cutlery.
- On April 12, UNICEF supplied information to the Ministry of Health around the procurement of RTUF / Plumpy Nut, which is used to prevent cases of severe malnutrition in children.

Staffing

- UNICEF has activated the Rapid Response Roster, with deployments to Peru to support Emergency Coordination, WASH, Education, Child Protection and Communications activities.
- UNICEF is recruiting international and national experts in all the areas of intervention.

Media and External Communication

- A fourth communications package has been disseminated, including a video, press release, social media pack and photos. As at 17 April, information about the emergency situation in Peru has reached millions of people via UNICEF social media accounts including 4.8million on Facebook, 761,000 on Twitter and over 1 million video views.
- Associated Press recorded an interview with the UNICEF Representative in Peru about the emergency situation.

Security

- UNICEF Peru office continues to take preventive measures to reduce all risk associated to the field visits and staff based in Piura.

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