Highlights

- The Ministry of Finance has confirmed the activation of the $150M Catastrophic Bonus by the World Bank, which will be transferred to the National Disaster Fund (FONDEN), for health, education and roads infrastructure/reconstruction purposes. The fund is approved following verifications conducted by the US Geological Survey. (Source: SHCP, 10 Oct)
- Selected municipalities of affected states will have access to preferential credits for household reconstruction/repairs. People in cities who lost their homes will be exempt from paying taxes after selling the land where their houses once stood. (Source: SHCP, 2 Oct)
- Other means of support, particularly for Oaxaca and Chiapas, include: credits of up to US$5,555 for larger damages (at a 7% rate); and, US$555 for small businesses that lost their stock. (Source: Presidencia, Oct 9)
- As of 12 October, 75% of all schools in affected states have resumed learning activities. (Source: SEP). Highlights of UNICEF results include:
- Child Protection: 24 of 38 planned child-friendly spaces (CFS) have been established: 15 in Oaxaca, 6 in Puebla, 2 in Chiapas and 1 in Mexico City. Additional CFS will be established in Morelos next week.
- WASH: 600 families benefitted from complementary hygiene kits in San Mateo del Mar; hygiene promotion activities continue in affected areas.
- Education: 100 school-in-a-box kits were distributed in Puebla; and 60 preschool and daycare teachers in Chiapas were trained in psychosocial support skills to address the needs of affected children.

Situation Overview & Humanitarian Needs

On 5 October, the permanent session of the National Emergency Committee was dissolved, and emergency committees will now continue operating within each government agency. The Ministry of Finance has confirmed the activation of the $150M Catastrophic Bonus by the World Bank, which will be transferred to the National Disaster Fund (FONDEN), for health, education and roads infrastructure/reconstruction purposes. (Source: SHCP, 10 Oct). Oaxaca and Chiapas reported a total of 121,000 partially and totally damaged houses, with the government providing a maximum compensation of 120,000 Mexican pesos (US$7,000), 20% of which is foreseen for construction labour and 80% for material. Soft loans of up to 100,000 pesos (US$6,000) will also be provided for the purposes of reconstruction. Rental subsidies of 3,000 pesos (US$176) are being provided to families affected in Mexico City and the other affected states.

In Chiapas, the mapping of damages and losses have been completed by FONDEN. Data systematization on schools that were affected by the earthquake will be finalized by 23 October 2017. 93% of schools have reopened since 10 October. In Oaxaca, 81% of schools have reopened, and the government announced the end of housing demolitions and debris clearing. 7,129 schools were certified as safe and are operating normally in Mexico City, representing 70% of all schools in the city. However, restrictions on a return to school are still in place in Tláhuac and in specific
neighbourhoods of Iztapalapa and Xochimilco. By 12 October, 75% of all schools in the five affected states had resumed their regular activities.

In terms of shelters, the largest shelter in Juchitán, Oaxaca, which serves 1,500 meals a day (breakfast, lunch, dinner). Sanitation issues, lack of access to drinkable water, and problems with outdoor food storage in shelters remain a concern. Additionally, there are no standard guidelines or operating procedures for shelters. There are eight reported cases of hepatitis in San Mateo del Mar. Other hygiene issues present in the shelter include head lice, bedbugs and fungal infections like athlete’s foot.

UNICEF staff visited 27 shelters in Mexico City, Puebla and Morelos on 5-6 October, as well as parks and public spaces in seven municipalities (delegaciones). Lack of access to water and sanitation facilities has been identified as an issue, though most shelters are mainly empty. In some shelters, conflicts among leaders are emerging due to a lack of public services, mainly the lack of water.

From 3-5 October, UNICEF staff visited social welfare agencies in four municipalities in Morelos and seven in Puebla. In these municipalities, girls and boys appear to be protected by family networks, spending most of their time inside habitable homes, since many buildings are still at risk of collapse. In some cases, children accompany adults to work in the countryside. As a result, the shelters are underutilized and the presence of children is scarce. Some shelters are now transitioning into relief aid collection points and some will soon be closed. There are no records of how many children remain in the shelters, nor is there precise information about their situation. Children in these municipalities are scared about another earthquake and are further exposed to the fear and stress exhibited by adults, with parents feeling helpless about addressing their children’s psycho-emotional needs.

Humanitarian Strategy and Response
The following response actions were implemented during the week of 9-13 October 2017:

**Child Protection**
- In total, 24 of 38 child friendly spaces (CFS) have been established, benefiting an estimated 7,200 children on a weekly basis. The first child friendly space in Mexico City was established on 11 October in partnership with the Mexico City Social Welfare Agency. Simultaneously, 6 CFS were established in Puebla, 2 in Tonalá, Chiapas and 15 in various municipalities of Oaxaca.
- Public service messaging through Canal Once Kids (a children’s channel with nationwide coverage) were broadcast regularly on how to provide psycho-emotional support for children with puppets, with an appeal to provide support through www.donaunicef.org.mx

**Education**
- The Back-to-School media campaign is in its final production phase. A broadcasting agreement has been reached with a local radio station.
- The third meeting of the Education Working Group took place. The Ministry of Education shared its strategy for school reconstruction. The reopening of all schools which have no damage must be completed by Monday, 16 October 2017. This includes the relocation of students who were attending classes in school buildings affected by the earthquake. Damaged school inspections have a completion deadline of 22 October 2017. School demolitions are scheduled to be complete by 5 November 2017, followed by immediate reconstruction.
- On 12-13 October, 60 preschool and daycare teachers in Chiapas were trained in psycho-social support skills, which will benefit approximately 3,000 children per school year.

**WASH**
- Complimentary hygiene kits were distributed to 600 families in two child friendly spaces in San Mateo del Mar in Oaxaca on 10 October 2017. UNICEF’s implementing partner, Cántaro Azul, implemented hygiene promotion activities for families whose children attend CFS activities on 11-12 October 2017.

**Nutrition**
- 600 shelters and relief aid collection centres received posters on breastfeeding promotion, developed with Government counterparts. Other current and upcoming activities to promote breastfeeding are:
  1) Advocacy activities with key decision makers in the Ministry of Health to protect breastfeeding in emergency situations; 2) Documentation of breastfeeding experience during the emergency and the violations of the International Code of breastmilk substitutes; and,
  3) In partnership with Liga de la Leche, UNICEF will develop activities with breastfeeding mothers in the CFS.

**Social Protection**
- UNICEF Mexico has identified the need to start working with government counterparts and other partners on social protection issues, with the following actions taking place: ToRs are being developed to assess the direct and indirect impacts of the earthquake in Mexico; meetings have been held with PROSPERA (Conditional Cash Transfer) to establish different cooperation activities in both the response and the early recovery period; and, a meeting will be held with the World Bank in Mexico to explore the possibility of a joint collaboration in the early recovery process, specifically on supporting the return to school of some children from the most affected communities.
C4D and Innovation

- UNICEF Mexico launched the first of six planned polls through U-Report to approach adolescents for their inputs on the situation of children and response needs on 12 October. Polls cover a range of topics, including: 1) Identification of people affected (i.e. households); 2) Health issues; 3) Mental health; 4) Return to school; 5) Voluntary aid during the emergency; and, 6) Information on what to do before and after an earthquake.

Humanitarian Coordination

- The United Nations Emergency Team organized sectoral working groups in response to the emergency. UNICEF is leading Education and WASH, and participating in four other working groups: Protection, Health and Nutrition, Early Recovery and Communication. The Education working group has met three times, making good progress working together with the Ministry of Education.

Security

- The federal government has identified 4,000 people in Oaxaca and Chiapas and 3,800 in Mexico City who have tried to falsely obtain compensation even though their houses were not damaged. (Source: El Universal. 12 Oct)

Media and External Communication

- UNICEF continues its strong presence on national and international media: UNICEF Mexico garnered 1,389 mentions during the period 8 September - 12 October 2017.
- Messages on the importance of promoting breastfeeding and handwashing in emergency contexts have also been disseminated through social media.
- An alliance has been established with the ACIR Foundation to disseminate UNICEF’s messages and its Back to School media campaign. The ACIR Foundation belongs to Grupo ACIR, a leading group of radio stations in Mexico.

Funding

- UNICEF Mexico requires US$4.6 million to attend to the immediate needs of children and adolescents in terms of WASH, child protection, and education, in the five affected states.
- UNICEF Mexico’s local fundraising campaign continued through all existing channels; to date approximately US$318,444 has been raised locally. Fundraising from all channels, per sector is as follows:

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Humanitarian Performance Monitoring

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<td># of children that attend Child friendly spaces and have access to sanitation and handwashing facilities.</td>
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<td># of children with access to Child friendly spaces</td>
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<td>% of cases of abuse, exploitation and violence received by local Child Protection Attorneys</td>
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<td>Nutrition</td>
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<td>Women attending 600 shelters and collecting centres have received information on breastfeeding.</td>
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<td># of children that attend the temporary learning spaces</td>
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<td># of children that benefit from School in a box (SiB)</td>
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# of teachers receiving training on psychosocial Support and emergency curriculum | 1,200 | 111 |
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ECD | # of children under 5 that benefit from ECD kits in pre-school temporary learning spaces | 1,500 | No data yet |

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