Highlights

- On 16 February another earthquake (magnitude of 7.2 on the Richter scale) hit Mexico, with epicentre in Pinotepa, Oaxaca at 17:39. Up to 19 February, this earthquake had one replica above 6 and 2,140 below that magnitude. (Source: http://www.ssn.unam.mx/sismicidad/reportes-especiales/)
- On 18 February, 38 municipalities in Oaxaca were declared in a state of emergency, after the National Emergency Committee was installed and the Plan MX activated. Response protocols from the government were also activated and the armed forces were deployed to support damage evaluation activities. The Ministry of Education reports no schools damaged. Still, the Government of Oaxaca decided to suspend classes on Monday 19 February as a precautionary measure. UNICEF deployed a rapid assessment team on 21-22 February, visiting 3 affected municipalities. It is unlikely that UNICEF will intervene in these newly affected areas.
- After one month implementing the Early Recovery Plan to respond to the September 2017 earthquakes, which includes actions on Education, Child Protection, Social Inclusion, Health and Nutrition, and WASH, activities are operating smoothly. There are 21 child friendly spaces still open and the number of tents for temporary learning spaces delivered has increased to 514, reaching 20,560 children. Also the WASH assessment needs was finished, and activities are ongoing in Puebla and Morelos.

Situation Overview & Humanitarian Needs

**Oaxaca**

- After the 16 February earthquake, UNICEF deployed a rapid assessment team on 21-22 February, visiting 3 affected municipalities. No damages were identified in terms of WASH or health centres. Some schools and households present damages, and the population reports psycho-emotional effects on children. No child fatalities have been reported due to the earthquake. Still, 3 children died and 7 were wounded after the Governor’s helicopter crashed when travelling to assess the situation in the area. It is unlikely that UNICEF will intervene in these newly affected areas.
Morelos

- UNICEF staff visited 11 schools where temporary learning spaces (TLS) are needed (12-13 February) in order to identify WASH needs in those places where the TLS will be installed. Activities include hardware (infrastructure) and software (promotion of habits) actions on WASH, in partnership with the NGO SARAR. The tentative number of tents required in these schools is 43.

Humanitarian Leadership and Coordination

- The inter-agency WASH Working Group has finished a WinS (WASH in Schools) diagnosis in affected schools in Morelos. Its conclusions have served to identify several partners to attend the needs.
- The Working Group on Protection and Shelters carried out an observation mission, coordinated by UNICEF, to areas affected by the earthquake of September 19 in the State of Puebla (1 February). All the members of the Group were invited and officers from OHCHR and UNICEF participated. The officers visited the communities of Tochimilco, San Pedro Atlixco, San Antonio Alpanocan, Santa Cruz Cuautematitla. Tours of the affected area and interviews with people from the population on the issues of housing and reconstruction were carried out. In San Pedro Atlixco Temporary Learning Spaces installed by UNICEF were visited, as well as a comprehensive WASH intervention (dry toilets, sinks, urinals and water purifiers). In Tochimilco, a UNICEF Child Friendly Space was visited, which aims to help, through play and recreational activities, the psycho-emotional recovery of children affected by the earthquake.
- Between 1 and 3 March, there will be an international seminar “Learning from Disasters: Education in Emergency Response", jointly organized by UNICEF Mexico, the Regional Cooperation Centre for Adult Education in Latin America and the Caribbean, and the Organisation of Iberoamerican States (OEI), in the city of Puebla.

Humanitarian Strategy

- UNICEF’s response plan since the onset of the emergency has focused on: 1) protecting children from violence, exploitation and abuse in shelters and public spaces of temporary refuge, as well as providing safe spaces and psychosocial support; 2) promoting educational continuity for children by advocating and supporting an early return to school and prevention of school drop-out; and 3) ensuring access to adequate hand-washing and sanitation facilities, as well as hygiene supplies. These priorities were complemented one week after the initial response with actions on breastfeeding promotion, adolescent participation through U-report and advocacy initiatives on refocusing public financing for children affected by the earthquake.

Summary Analysis of Programme Response

The following response actions have been implemented by UNICEF and partners during February 2018:

**Child Protection**

- 21 child friendly spaces (CFS) continued operating. During this month, 1,968 children participated in the activities offered at the CFS on average each week (993 girls and 975 boys). 65% (1,270) of the children participate regularly (at least 3 times a week).
- A new strategy of mobile brigades is being developed in 10 CFS to reach more children. Recreational and sports activities are being offered in other neighbourhoods and extra-curricular activities are also being offered in nearby schools.
- In partnership with OXFAM, 40 facilitators of CFS were trained on hygiene promotion activities in Oaxaca.
- The 3 sports spaces in Oaxaca and Morelos operating in alliance with the NGO Futbol Mas keep operating. This month, 220 children attended these spaces, of which 27% were girls. 73% of the children attend at least twice a week. Activities are offered 4 days a week for the next 6 months. This month activities focused on conflict resolution and empathy. Also, 51 parents and caregivers participated in community activities on sports and children’s wellbeing.
- The systematization of the experience of the CFS in Mexico, taking into account the opinion of children, adolescents, mothers, fathers and caregivers, in order to identify and document the good practices of this emergency intervention, will start in March. Results are expected by May, 2018.
The assessment of protection needs in affected states will also start in March and will be developed in alliance with the National Protection System of Children’s Rights.

**Education**

- To date, 514 tents for temporary learning spaces (TLS) have been distributed covering an estimated 40 children and adolescents per classroom. Given that some of the TLS are used double shift (morning and afternoon), the total number of children benefited by the TLS is 20,560.
- 810 School-in-a-box kits have been delivered in Chiapas, Oaxaca, Puebla, Morelos, Guerrero, the State of Mexico and Mexico City, reaching 32,400 children.
- Up to date 139 ECD kits have been distributed covering an estimated 15 children per classroom, impacting directly 2,085 children.
- In Oaxaca, 50 TLS tents were installed and 40 more were sent to the State. It is expected that the number of tents required in this state will increase. A visit to monitor the installation of tents in Oaxaca was made with the European Commission – Directorate-General for EU Civil Protection and Humanitarian Aid Operations – (ECHO), 29-30 January.
- In total, 5,962 teachers have been trained on psychosocial skills both directly and indirectly.

**WASH**

- Main activities are now focused on ensuring WASH services at UNICEF’s Temporary Learning Spaces (TLS). Estimate 1,606 children, most of them in rural preschools and primary schools, have gained access to safe water, adequate sanitation and hygiene facilities, in the TLS installed by UNICEF.
- Since the beginning of the emergency, 3,579 Hygiene Kits have been distributed in Oaxaca, Chiapas, Puebla and Morelos. Distribution of kits continued in Chiapas, after a mission made by UNICEF Staff by the end of January.
- Workshops on hygiene promotion have started in Morelos.
- The sectoral needs assessment in Morelos and Chiapas is finished. This information has fed the design of intervention activities on WASH.

**Media and External Communication**

- In continuation of the office’s communication strategy, a visit by members of UNICEF USA’s Board on 20-23 February to Southern Mexico (Chiapas) focusing on education in emergency, will be featured on UNICEF’s Mexico homepage and social media channels, as part of “reporting back efforts”, as will the evaluation visit on 21-23 February to the worst affected areas of the state of Oaxaca, following the most recent earthquake that took place on 16 February.
- A communications plan has been developed to promote the upcoming seminar “Learning from Disasters: Education in Emergency Response” (see above under Humanitarian Leadership and Coordination). The plan includes dissemination of national and international knowledge with regards to prevention, response and reconstruction linked to continuity of education in the aftermath of an emergency, through both mainstream and social media channels.

**Funding**

The following table includes funding appeal and funds received for both phases of the response, per sector:

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Appeal Sector</th>
<th>Requirements</th>
<th>Funds available US$</th>
<th>Funding gap</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>Funds Received 2017</td>
<td>Carry-Over to 2018</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>WASH</td>
<td>600,000</td>
<td>234,210</td>
<td>977,191</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Education</td>
<td>2,685,000</td>
<td>1,787,217</td>
<td>2,782,137</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Health and Nutrition</td>
<td>315,000</td>
<td>42,201</td>
<td>165,575</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Child Protection</td>
<td>2,310,000</td>
<td>590,785</td>
<td>954,437</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Social Policy</td>
<td>30,000</td>
<td>0</td>
<td>92,880</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Total</td>
<td>5,947,500</td>
<td>2,651,413</td>
<td>4,969,223</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
Next SitRep: 30 March 2018

- UNICEF Mexico Facebook: [www.facebook.com/unicefmexico](http://www.facebook.com/unicefmexico)
- UNICEF Mexico Twitter: @unicefmexico

Who to contact for further information:

**Christian Skoog**  
Representative  
UNICEF Mexico  
Tel: +52 55 52849550  
Email: cskoog@unicef.org

**Pressia Arifin-Cabo**  
Deputy Representative  
UNICEF Mexico  
Tel: +52 55 52849551  
Email: parifincabo@unicef.org

**Soraya Bermejo**  
Chief of Communications  
UNICEF Mexico  
Tel: +52 55 52849555  
Email: sbermejo@unicef.org
Annex A
Summary of Programme Results

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Sector</th>
<th>Indicators</th>
<th>Target</th>
<th>UNICEF Results</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>WASH</td>
<td># of families that receive complimentary hygiene kits</td>
<td>2,000</td>
<td>3,579*</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td># of children that attend temporary learning spaces and have access to sanitation and handwashing facilities.</td>
<td>5,000</td>
<td>1,606*</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Protection</td>
<td># of children with access to child friendly spaces</td>
<td>5,700</td>
<td>3,126 by 19 December 2017 (children attending 34 CFS)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>1,968 during February 2018 (children attending 21 CFS)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>% of cases of abuse, exploitation and violence received by local Child Protection Attorneys</td>
<td>70%</td>
<td>No data so far</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Nutrition</td>
<td># of pregnant and lactating women informed on breastfeeding</td>
<td>10,000*</td>
<td>2,400*</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Education</td>
<td># of children that attend the temporary learning spaces</td>
<td>20,000</td>
<td>20,560*</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td># of children that benefit from School in a box (SiB)</td>
<td>20,000</td>
<td>32,400*</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td># of teachers receiving training on psychosocial Support and emergency curriculum</td>
<td>1,200</td>
<td>5,962*</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ECD</td>
<td># of children under 5 that benefit from ECD kits in pre-school temporary learning spaces</td>
<td>1,500</td>
<td>2,085*</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

*Data are cumulative 2017-February 2018.