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Highlights

- The Regional Government of Piura and UNICEF conducted a nutritional evaluation of children under 3. After the evaluation children received Ready-to-Use-Therapeutic-Food Treatment (Plumpy Nut)
- UNICEF has restored access to drinking water for around 12,000 people and in 10 schools in rural Chulucanas.
- UNICEF has finalized with Government and partners the identification and planning of priority actions to be implemented with CERF funds. The start of the implementation is immediate and focuses on the most affected area of Piura. The Regional Government of Piura and UNICEF will implement interventions to:
 - treat and triage children considered at health or nutritional risk, children suffering acute malnutrition and to reach 2,000 families with information about key lifesaving practices;
 - provide psycho-emotional support and access to education to 2,000 children through installation of 18 new learning temporary spaces and the improvement of 15 more;
 - to reach 4,500 children in Piura, with access to child friendly environments protecting them from violence, sexual abuse and trafficking, and receiving psychological support;
 - to reach 18,900 people in Piura, with assistance including safe water provision, installation and rehabilitation of sanitation facilities, solid waste management and promotion of hygiene habits and community based vector control.

Situation in Numbers

406,452 children affected

1'247,168 people affected

136 deaths

40,900 collapsed/uninhabitable houses

247,057 affected houses

238 collapsed/uninhabitable schools

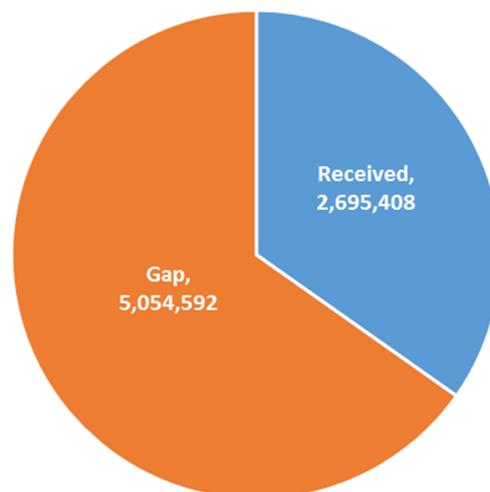
799 affected schools

54 collapsed/uninhabitable health facilities

(INDECI, 3 May 2017)

**Urgent funding needs:
\$7.75 million**

	UNICEF		Sector/Cluster	
	UNICEF Target (people)	Cumulative results (#) (as of 21 April)	Cluster Target (people)	Cumulative results (#) (as of 2 May)
WASH Indicator	100,000	42,000	320,000	42,000
Education Indicator	14,000	5,000	53,000	5,000
Health Indicator	10,000	0	239,000	0
Nutrition Indicator	10,000	2,000	13,000	2,000
Child Protection Indicator	20,000	0	92,000	0



SITUATION OVERVIEW & HUMANITARIAN NEEDS (reporting 03 to 10 May)

According to the latest data from the National Civil Defence System (INDECI) 1,247,168 people are estimated to have been affected or severely affected in the country as a result of the rain and flooding produced by El Niño coastal phenomenon. Of these, 406,452 are children. Around 33 per cent of the total affected population are in Piura and 15 per cent in Lambayeque. La Libertad and Ancash are also among the most severely affected departments.

The main concern is about people living in shelters. To date, 31,288 people are living in shelters across the country, including an estimated 13,370 children. This population is distributed in 205 shelters (3,342 tents) located in eight departments, of which the vast majority, housing around 50% of the affected population, are in Piura. Water, sanitation, food, and protection are the key problems in this context. Additionally, there is a greater risk that children and women will be exposed to violence and abuse.

Although the Government, humanitarian organizations and local NGOs are working to provide safe water, sanitation and hygiene solutions to the population in shelters, there is not enough organized and coordinated supervision to ensure the appropriate support to operation and maintenance of provisional water systems and latrines. This situation increases the risk associated to infectious diseases like acute diarrhea and respiratory infections. At the same time, the food provided by the government and prepared in shelters is not appropriate for the needs of young children, pregnant women and nursing mothers.



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INDECI reported at national level that 40,900 homes are destroyed or uninhabitable and more than 247,000 homes are affected; 238 schools have collapsed or are uninhabitable and 799 are affected; there are also 54 collapsed or uninhabitable health facilities.

It is estimated that more than 560,000 people remain without water and sanitation services in the regions of Piura, La Libertad, Tumbes, Ancash and Lambayeque. People living in dispersed rural areas are one of the most affected groups. Some rural communities are receiving intermittent and unplanned help, including water and food. The initial water and sanitation response from the Government was focused in urban and peri-urban areas, and now is focused on those in shelters.

Even though the Ministry of Health (MINSa) is conducting many activities to prevent dengue and ZIKV transmission, the population is reluctant to allow their homes to be fumigated, requiring immediate scaling up of C4D actions on the ground as a matter of urgent priority.

The Ministry of Health (MINSa) has reported that as at 15 April there were more than 16,000 cases of dengue and 14 confirmed deaths attributable to the disease nationwide. Piura has the highest number of dengue cases, with 5,307 probable and 1,090 confirmed. This is followed by Ica with 1,206 probable and 513 confirmed cases, La Libertad with 807 confirmed and 502 probable cases and Lambayeque with 691 probable and 483 confirmed cases.

Estimated Affected Population (Estimates calculated based on initial figures from National Civil Defense Institute (INDECI); 3 May, 2017)					
	Affected*	Severely Affected**	Total Affected	Total Males Affected	Total Females Affected
Total Affected Population	1,104,247	188,073	1'247,168	622,337	624,831
Children Affected (Under 18)	350,646	55,806	406,452	202,820	203,632
Children Under Five	115,125	18,322	133,447	66,590	66,857
Children Under Two	38,088	6,062	44,150	22,031	22,119
Pregnant women	20,012	3,185	23,197		23,197

* INDECI considers an 'affected' person to be someone who has suffered a disturbance in his or her surroundings due to a natural phenomenon and who 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 an affected person who has suffered harm or damage to his or her health or belongings, especially to their dwelling place and who does not have the capacity to recover his or her 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 Office of the Prime Minister is coordinating national efforts at central (regional) and at sub-national (local) level. Regional governments are also conducting actions to support and meet the population needs, gradually taking on these responsibilities and requiring continuous technical support.

Government actions

- On May 5th, Mr. Pablo de la Flor Belaunde was designated as Executive Director for the reconstruction and rehabilitation of the affected areas in the country due to the emergency. The objective of this position is to implement the plan for rehabilitation, reconstruction and construction of public infrastructure including health, education, housing programs of social interest and economic reactivation of the productive sectors with a risk disaster management approach.
- During the emergency the Minister of Health conducted more than 700,000 fumigations and larval controls in Piura (Morropón, Sullana, Piura, Talara and Sechura districts) to fight against the Aedes aegypti mosquito which transmits dengue, Chikungunya and ZIKV. Regional health authorities and local authorities visited houses and shelters located in areas affected by rains and floods. More than 360,000 vector control interventions and more than 350,000 nebulization interventions have been performed.
- The Peruvian Army has distributed about 180 tons of aid (supplies, tools, food) in Piura and Tumbes.

UNICEF actions

- At both the national and local (Piura) level UNICEF is leading the WASH cluster and the two inter-sectoral groups of Protection and Education, which it also represents in the COEN ("Centro de Operaciones de Emergencias Nacional"). UNICEF actively participates in the inter-sectoral groups of Health, Food Security and Nutrition and Early Recovery. Weekly key partners share information and adapt common response plans to ensure complementary actions and common methodologies.
- UNICEF is assisting the Government to ensure that the Core Commitments for Children during an emergency are upheld.
- In Piura, an interagency meeting was held with the implementing partners of CERF projects to ensure consistency in planning and implementation.
- At the national level, two inter-cluster meetings have been held. In addition, a meeting of the National Humanitarian Network was held last week, which reviewed progress in the coordination of different sectoral groups and clusters.
- The start of CERF projects was also reported.

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 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 response to needs on the ground.

WASH

- UNICEF has defined with implementing local partners priority interventions to reach 18,900 people in Piura Region. These interventions include the improvement of safe water provision, installation and rehabilitation of sanitation facilities, solid waste management and promotion of hygiene habits and community based vector control.
- Quality water surveillance is being supported through technical assistance to DIRESA and the distribution of tester kits.
- Thanks to the rehabilitation of a water supply system in the rural area of Chulucanas, around 12,000 people and 10 schools now have access to drinking water.
- Thanks to UNICEF and partners support, around 100 people have access to sanitation facilities in two child friendly spaces (safe space for children under 5 and their mothers) where latrines have been built.
- UNICEF has provided technical assistance to DIRESA related to emergency vector control approaches through risk communication, community engagement and inter-sectoral coordination.

PROTECTION

- UNICEF continues supporting the itinerant registration strategy in Piura. 120 new registration campaigns supported by UNICEF have been scheduled to reach more than 8,500 people.
- National Council on Disability (CONADIS) and the National Office of Identity and Civil Registration (RENIEC) in collaboration with UNICEF have defined specific support actions for children with disabilities identified during the registration process.
- UNICEF supported the elaboration and validation of the Protocol for reporting and referral of cases of violence against children. MIMP and cluster partners are disseminating the protocol in shelters and the most affected communities. UNICEF has already defined with Save The Children and MIMP the capacity building strategy for protection and justice officers and community leaders, to support the implementation of this protocol.
- UNICEF has defined with Government and NGO partners new strategic interventions to reach 4,500 children affected in Piura Region, with access to child friendly environments protecting them from violence, sexual abuse and trafficking, and receiving psychological support.
- After mapping of socio-emotional support interventions, now the UNICEF-led Cluster in Piura is mapping the interventions provided in care related to violence, to prepare complementary interventions with the Piura Regional Government and MIMP.

EDUCATION

- In coordination with local partners and Regional Government of Piura, UNICEF will provide psycho-emotional support and access to education to 2,000 children through installation of 18 new learning temporary spaces and the improvement of 15 more and the training of 40 facilitators and teachers.

HEALTH & NUTRITION

- Implementation of Nutrition Response Plan for Piura has started. The Health Regional Directorate (DIRESA), with UNICEF's support, carried out a nutritional evaluation - including anthropometric measurements and an anemia test - of 83 children under 3 years old in Santa Rosa and Eleuterio Cisneros communities. After the evaluation, children with moderate- acute malnutrition received Ready-to-Use Therapeutic Food (RUFT) treatment known as Plumpy Nut. This treatment is being closely monitored to see whether children accept the RUFT treatment.
- DIRESA, with UNICEF's and its partners support, has defined new strategic interventions to treat and triage children considered to be at immediate health or nutritional risk, children in high nutritional risk or acute malnutrition, and also to reach 2,000 families with information about key lifesaving practices.

RESOURCE MOBILIZATION

- Work continues to capitalize on the sales of the album "Por Ti Perú hoy" produced by the Peruvian singer-songwriter Gian Marco. The first electronic bulletin on the emergency has been released and information from this fundraising campaign has been sent to other offices in the region (Uruguay, Brazil, and Mexico showed a positive response).

Communications for Development (C4D)

- UNICEF in coordination with Regional Government of Piura and CARE are implementing a Resource and Information Center on ZIKV, including production of C4D material to support communication and information activities. As part of these efforts, UNICEF is adapting guidelines for students and teachers on Zika prevention.
- UNICEF is supporting a C4D strategy to address violence and disseminate the Protocol for reporting and referral of cases of violence against children aiming to reach 2,500 people.
- UNICEF in coordination with local governments is disseminating messages about violence prevention, hygiene practices and water and sanitation in the rural communities of Piura.

Supply and Logistics

- 1,600 insecticide bed nets will be arriving in the country on May 17 to be distributed to the population of Piura.
- Because of the high temperatures in Piura (<30 ° C) and to ensure the correct storage of RUFT / Plumpy Nut, the supplies have been placed in a cold storage rented for this purpose. It is estimated that cold storage facilities will be rented for 2 months, during which period distributions of supplies are planned to be carried out.

Staffing

- UNICEF is receiving support from the Rapid Response Roster, with deployments to Peru to support Emergency Coordination, WASH, Education, Child Protection and Communications activities.
- UNICEF has recruited national experts in all of its priority areas of intervention to enhance the Response at national and local levels, including coordination and monitoring in the field.
- Currently 9 people from the UNICEF team are deployed in Piura. The team includes specialists in WASH, Protection, Nutrition, Communication and Health as well as staff to support local coordination efforts.

Media and External Communication

- UNICEF and OCHA jointly launched a press release in Piura on 10th May informing the local audience about release of CERF funds and projects which will be supported by CERF funding. UNICEF coordinated this activity directly with the Regional Government.
- UNICEF's Communication Officer gave an interview aimed at the private sector on CONFIEP TV (part of the National Confederation of Private Enterprise Institutions) about humanitarian action in Piura.

Security

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

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