HIGHLIGHTS

- More than 242,164 children have been affected by floods and landslides in Peru during the rainy season that began in January that thus far have affected 727,217 people who have lost their homes and belongings. In terms of infrastructure, 178km of roads and 13 bridges have been destroyed, with another 270km of roads and 44 bridges affected.
- The hardest hit regions with highest number of victims and affected people are Piura (244,448), Lambayeque (134,723), Ica (95,451), and Loreto (43,305). In Lambayeque alone, 29,480 people have lost their homes.
- The National Civil Defense Institute along with the Office of the Prime Minister is coordinating the response at the national level. Challenges have emerged at the regional and local level in handling the additional financial resources transferred by the central government to respond to the emergency.

SITUATION IN NUMBERS

- 242,164 children affected
- 727,217 people affected
- 75 deaths (estimates)
- 22,768 collapsed/uninhabitable houses
- 134,290 affected houses
- 85 collapsed/uninhabitable schools
- 1099 affected schools
- 24 collapsed/uninhabitable health facilities
- 380 affected health facilities

(INDECI, 19 March 2017)

SITUATION OVERVIEW & HUMANITARIAN NEEDS

Since the end of January, a coastal El Niño event has been underway due to an abrupt rise in sea surface temperature, leading to heavy rains, storms, floods, and strong winds. The El Niño Costero will likely last until April at a level of moderate magnitude according to the multi-sectoral Committee in Charge of the National Study of the El Niño Phenomenon (ENFEN).

Since February, the northern coast of Peru (regions of Lambayeque, Piura, Cajamarca, and Tumbes) has suffered from the inclement weather conditions, including flooding. The regions of Ica, Huancavelica and Lima in the central mountain range have been heavily affected too. Over the past couple of weeks, more rivers have simultaneously flooded on both the north and central coast, increasing the loss of human lives. According to the National Office of Meteorology and Hydrography (SENAMHI), heavy rains are expected to increase towards the end of March, additionally affecting some parts of the Amazonian area of the country. The State of Emergency that has been declared and is likely to stay in effect until the end of April currently extends to 811 of 1,860 districts and 11 of 24 departments across the country.
Map of Affected Area

Estimated Affected Population
(Estimates calculated based on initial figures from National Civil Defense Institute; 19 March 2017)

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HUMANITARIAN LEADERSHIP AND COORDINATION

The national government is leading the emergency response, and the National Civil Defense Institute, along with the Office of the Prime Minister, is coordinating national efforts at the central (regional) and at sub-national (local) level. A more detailed summary of the actions taken by the government and UNICEF is presented below.

Government

- The national government has entrusted various ministers with the responsibility of supporting the emergency response of affected departments; these ministers and their technical teams are present in the field. For example, the Minister of Education (MINEDU) is responsible for the response in the region of Piura; the Minister of Women and Vulnerable Population (MIMP) for Lima; the Minister of Development and Social Inclusion (MIDIS) for Lambayeque; and the Minister of Health (MINSA) for Ancash.
- The national government has allocated approximately US$ 760 million to respond to the emergency situation and has distributed these funds to regional and local governments and to various ministers. To reactivate the economy, the national government has also added approximately US$ 577 million to the regular national budget of US $47 billion.
- Main interventions of the response to date have been rehabilitation of the affected roads and bridges nationwide, reinforced fumigation of vulnerable areas, drainage and service repair of affected health facilities and schools, distribution of water as well as tents and essential medicines to people residing in the affected areas.
- MIDIS is considering the possibility of using the National Cash Transfer Program (JUNTOS) to provide economic support to affected families.
- School classes were suspended in all departments affected, including the capital city, Lima.
- The Ministry of Health has declared a health emergency and will install field hospitals in three departments: Lambayeque, Tumbes and Piura. The immediate focus is on restoring health services in the affected areas.

UNICEF

- MINEDU has requested that UNICEF provide psychosocial support to students returning to school and technical support for ECD in the emergency context.
- MIMP has requested technical support from UNICEF to design and organize, in coordination with its technical team, its own emergency response with a special emphasis on child protection services. UNICEF is assessing the best ways to provide this assistance.
- Interagency clusters led by UNICEF have been reactivated: (Education, Protection, Nutrition and Food Security (co-lead with WFP) and Water and Sanitation). UNICEF is also participating in the Health cluster.
- In the week of 20 March, a rapid assessment mission conducted by the UN, national authorities and NGOs is taking place in the most affected regions of Piura, Lambayeque, La Libertad and some districts of Lima.
- Coordination meetings to identify needed support are being held with the Ministry of Education, Ministry of Health and Ministry of Women and Vulnerable Population.
- Online and telephone campaigns for fundraising have been launched.
- A call for private sector action is in process.

Humanitarian Strategy

UNICEF participated in interagency meetings led by UNRC to define UN support to the government; a first draft proposal of support has been presented by UNRC to the Office of the Prime Minister and the National Civil Defence Institute. Within the framework of this draft proposal, UNICEF would provide:

- Technical support to the Minister of Development and Social Inclusion on a cash transfer strategy in an emergency context.
- Technical support to the Minister of Health and subnational health offices of the affected departments to ensure a culturally appropriate package of basic local health services, which would include immunization, vitamin A and vector control as well as a basic services to child and mother for preventing disease outbreaks.
Technical support to the Minister of Education to ensure the continuity of the education services, particularly for the most vulnerable and excluded children and adolescents; to ensure proper and safe playgrounds/spaces for children, and to provide information/training to teachers in resilience and life skills.

Technical support to the Minister of Women and Vulnerable Population to strengthen the protection system for children, specifically for monitoring, reporting and addressing cases of violence, and to promote the implementation of the Smile and Play programme in affected areas in the country.

Technical support to the Minister of Housing and regional and local governments on Wash.

Interventions will be further defined following the rapid assessment.

Summary Analysis of Programme response

- Coordination with UN agencies with draft proposal of support to the government.
- Activation of clusters (sector coordination mechanisms)
- Initial technical assistance to the Minister of Education and the Minister of Women and Vulnerable Population.
- Ongoing Needs analysis (Rapid assessment).
- Start of resource mobilization.

Communications for Development (C4D)

C4D tools and educational material developed by UNICEF in previous emergency contexts (2007 earthquake in Ica and 2016 ZIKV emergency) are being reviewed and adapted to the context. Appropriate C4D strategy will be defined after the rapid assessment and will most likely focus on behavioral change in the areas of health, water and sanitation and protection. LACRO has been asked to provide technical support on C4D.

Supply and Logistics

- Meetings with the Ministry of Education and Ministry of Health were held to identify possible materials and supplies needed for the emergency response, such as educational kits, tents for temporary classrooms, oral rehydration salts and water purification tablets. The assessment is ongoing.

Media and External Communication

- Dissemination of the emergency campaign is taking place through social networks in order to raise the visibility of affected children and adolescents and support fundraising.
- UNICEF National Ambassadors have been sharing network messages and asking for support for UNICEF interventions.
- The UNICEF Peru website will be updated to highlight messages linked to the campaign.

Security

UNICEF Peru office will take preventive measures to reduce risks associated with field visits.

Funding

UNICEF is currently working on identifying estimated funding needs for the response to the crisis, which will be based on UNICEF’s participation in the rapid needs assessment that are being conducted.

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