Highlights

The floods in Peru have caused long-term devastation to around 1.2 million people, including 413,165 children. UNICEF Peru is supporting the government to protect those affected.

- It is estimated that **13,370 children are living in shelters** in affected departments.
- Piura is the most severely affected region, with water, sanitation and hygiene being the primary concern. UNICEF has fixed water systems for 15,000 people in the rural communities of Piura.
- UNICEF in Piura is supporting the Regional Plan for School Rehabilitation. This includes draining, fumigating and providing water and sanitation in schools.
- UNICEF is supporting the National Government to provide IDs for people who have lost them due to the rain and floods.
- UNICEF is leading the inter-sectoral groups in WASH, Protection and Education.

Situation in Numbers

**413,165 children affected**
1,267,766 people affected
114 estimated deaths

41,632 collapsed/uninhabitable houses
242,433 affected houses
172 collapsed/uninhabitable schools
2,150 affected schools
44 collapsed/uninhabitable health facilities

(INDECI, 21 April 2017)

**Urgent funding needs:**
$7.75 million

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The number of people affected and severely affected by the rains and floods produced by El Niño coastal phenomenon is around 1.25 million, including 413,165 children. The departments of Piura, Lambayeque, La Libertad and Ancash remain the most severely affected, with around 31% of the total affected population in Piura and 15% in Lambayeque.

The weather forecast predicts more rain during the months of April and May, but falling sea temperatures should result in less intense rain in the country’s northern coastal region.

The National Civil Defence System (INDECI) reports that 41,632 homes are destroyed or uninhabitable and more than 240,000 homes are affected. 31,288 people are living in shelters across the country, of which an estimated 13,370 are children.

Water, sanitation and hygiene needs remain the main issues facing the affected areas. Over 567,000 people are in need of WASH interventions, including access to drinking water and sanitation facilities, excreta disposal and 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. ZIKV, chikungunya and dengue remain a concern. According to the Piura Regional Health Office, there are 868 confirmed cases of dengue and five dengue-related deaths in 2017 to date.

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 school classes officially resumed on 17 April, only 50% of children in Piura—predominantly those living in urban areas—have been able to return to school because approximately 170 schools remain affected by flooding. It is expected that the remaining 50% of children will return gradually to school during the next three weeks.

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

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

The lack of information on the situation of children, particularly those in shelters, makes it difficult to accurately assess the extent of the problem.
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INDECI considers an ‘affected’ person 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 or reduce the impact of the 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 his or her place of dwelling, who doesn’t have the capacity to recover belongings and property, and who 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 the central (regional) and sub-national (local) level. Regional governments are also gradually taking on responsibilities to meet the needs of the affected population, and this requires continuous technical support.

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

**Government**

- On 24 April, the Parliament passed a law proposed by the National Government to create a National Authority devoted to the reconstruction of infrastructure (water systems, roads, schools, health facilities, among others) affected by the El Niño coastal phenomenon.
- The Ministry of Development and Social Inclusion (MIDIS), jointly with the affected regional governments, is coordinating the national strategy to support the management of shelters. This includes access to water, sanitation, food, temporary classrooms, etc. MIDI is coordinating with other ministries such as Education, and Health and organizations such as INDECI to implement the strategy.
- INDECI continues to install community shelters in districts with high levels of severely affected persons. Up to 21 April, 205 shelters and 3,342 tents had been installed, providing shelter to 31,288 people.
- As at 14 April, 6,532 metric tons of humanitarian goods have been delivered, including food, household items and materials to repair roofs and damaged buildings.
- The Regional Government of Piura, in collaboration with UNICEF, is implementing a regional plan for school rehabilitation that includes draining schools, minor repairs (paint, electricity, windows, etc.) and fumigation.
- The National Office of Identification and Registration (RENEC) is registering those living in shelters in order to provide IDs to those who lost them due to the rains and flooding.
- The Ministry of Housing, Construction and Sanitation (MVCS) has installed 500 portable bathrooms in 134 shelters located in Piura, reaching 12,000 severely affected people. Additionally, MVCS has provided 134,813 m³ of water to affected and severely affected people in Piura.
- The Ministry of Health (MINSA) continues to work to keep dengue and ZIKV under control through intensive fumigation campaigns in high-risk areas. As of 24 April, MINSA had fumigated around 10,000 houses in Lambayeque, Piura and Ancash.
UNICEF is leading the WASH cluster and the Protection and Education inter-sectoral groups, and representing these in the National Coordination Centre (COEN). UNICEF also actively participates in the inter-sectoral groups of Health, Food Security and Nutrition, and Early Recovery.

UNICEF is assisting the government to ensure that the Core Commitments for Children during an emergency are upheld.

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, and 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, UNICEF 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 that the response efforts meet the needs on the ground.

**WASH**

- UNICEF has repaired the water system of the Villa Vicus community located in Chulucanas district in Piura. This system has provided safe water to 15,000 people, including around 5,000 children.

**PROTECTION**

- UNICEF is supporting the itinerant registration process conducted by RENIEC; UNICEF is providing logistical support and field workers above and beyond the RENIEC workers.
- UNICEF continues to support DIRESA to consolidate a map of services that are being developed to offer psycho-social support in affected areas.

**EDUCATION**

- Jointly with the Regional Government of Piura and other humanitarian partners, UNICEF is implementing a regional plan for school rehabilitation that includes draining schools, minor repairs (paint, electricity, windows, etc.) and fumigation. This is expected to reach around 50% of the schools affected.
- In Piura, UNICEF will build temporary classrooms close to the shelters and establish safe spaces in shelters to ensure that children continue to have access to education and are protected.

**HEALTH & NUTRITION**

- As well as providing technical support to the Regional Health Directorate in Piura for the distribution of the ready-to-use therapeutic feeding (RUTF / Plumpy-Nut) to 2,000 children facing malnutrition in Piura, UNICEF will conduct a C4D strategy to ensure the proper and effective use of RUTF among the population. This will include training of health workers and Ministry of Health authorities on protocols for its use.

**RESOURCE MOBILIZATION**

- The project “Safe Temporary Learning and Education Spaces for the Protection of Displaced Children in Piura” has been approved by the CERF Secretariat. The total amount for this project is US $ 416,518 and will allow UNICEF to take actions to protect and save lives in Piura.
The project “Improving the Provision of Safe Water, Sanitation and Hygiene Services for People Displaced or Living in Shelters due to Flash Flooding in the Provinces of Piura and Morropon” has been also approved by the CERF Secretariat with a total amount of US$ 1,350,657.

The project “Preventive Nutritional Support for Pregnant and Lactating Women and Children under the Age of Three in Piura” has been approved for a total of US $ 541,819.

On April 24, the album #PorTiPerúHoy went on sale. The collaboration between Peruvian singer-songwriter Gian Marco and UNICEF aims to raise funds for affected people. The album is internationally available on virtual channels and locally is available in supermarkets and BBVA branches in Peru. A video of the song “Today” is being produced and will be disseminated through the National Society of Radio and TV.

Communications for Development (C4D)

UNICEF continues working with Piura Regional Government Education and Health offices to design and disseminate messages focusing on hygiene, healthy practices and preventing violence.

Supply and Logistics

On 21 April, UNICEF delivered emergency supplies to the Regional Director of Health in Piura for a total value of $3,500. These supplies included chlorine meter, MUAC tapes, water purification tables, jugs, and plastic cups and cutlery.

Staffing

UNICEF is receiving support from the Regional Rapid Response Roster, with deployments to Peru to support Emergency Coordination, WASH, Education, Child Protection and Communications activities.

UNICEF is recruiting national experts in all the areas of intervention.

Media and External Communication

A fifth communications package has been disseminated, including a video, press release, social media pack and photos.

Through the social responsibility link, an interview has been coordinated with CONFIEP TV on UNICEF response and the challenges of the private sector in the face of the emergency. The audience for this is the private sector and young people interested in business issues.

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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