



# PERU

## Humanitarian Situation Report #9

### 23 May 2017

## Highlights

- UNICEF, through implementing partners, has provided humanitarian assistance in WASH, protection, nutrition, health and education to more than 58,000 children and families in the most affected district of Piura.
- In order to provide safe water, UNICEF has delivered 24,000 water purification tablets, 466 chlorine residual test kits and 14,000 DPD colorimetric reagent (to control residual chlorine at different water points) to Piura Regional Directorate of Health.
- Thanks to the coordinated effort of UNICEF, Piura Regional Government and humanitarian organizations, 6,586 people, including 3,741 children and adolescents, have received socio-emotional support.
- The rehabilitation of the Genaro Martínez Silva School in Pedregal Grande district of Piura has been completed, allowing 1,257 students to return to class, signifying the 100% restart of classes in Piura.
- UNICEF has been supporting the itinerant registration campaigns, conducted by the National Office of Identity and Civil Registration (RENIEC), to provide ID in Piura. In total, at present, 105 campaigns have been carried out, covering 8,270 registrations, of which 4,832 correspond to children and adolescents.
- Piura Regional Directorate of Health with the technical cooperation of UNICEF, trained 21 health workers of the Catacaos Health Facility to conduct the nutritional and health assessment of children under 36 months of age from Catacaos, Curamori and Tambogrande districts.

## Situation in Numbers

**447,925 children affected**

**1'374,425** people affected

**145** deaths

**49,623** collapsed/uninhabitable houses

**260,522** affected houses

**253** collapsed/uninhabitable schools

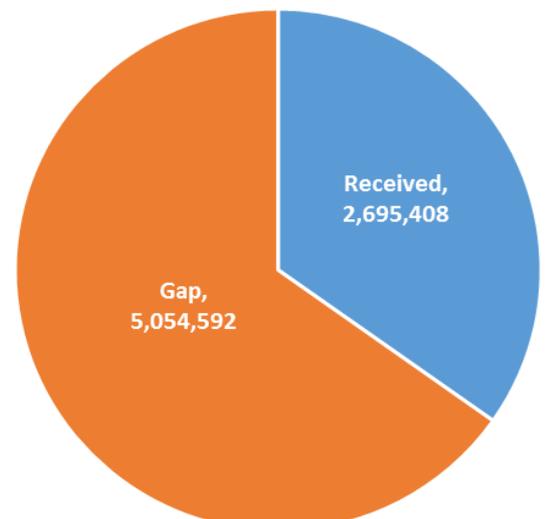
**2,617** affected schools

**63** collapsed/uninhabitable health facilities

(INDECI, 19 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	6,257	53,000	6,257
Health Indicator	10,000	0	239,000	0
Nutrition Indicator	10,000	2,000	13,000	2,000
Child Protection Indicator	20,000	8,573	92,000	14,856



## SITUATION OVERVIEW & HUMANITARIAN NEEDS (reporting 11 to 23 May)

Based on figures from the National Civil Defence System (INDECI) as of May 19<sup>th</sup>, 1,374,425 people 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, 447,925 are children. Around 34 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.

INDECI also reported at national level that 49,623 homes are destroyed or uninhabitable and more than 260,000 homes are affected; 253 schools have collapsed or are uninhabitable and 2,617 are affected; there are also 63 collapsed or uninhabitable health facilities.

People living in shelters are the main concern. 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.



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Although the Government, humanitarian organizations and local NGOs are working to provide safe water, sanitation and hygiene solutions to the population in shelters, coordination and supervision need to be further strengthened 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 and prepared in shelters is not appropriate for the needs of young children, pregnant women and nursing mothers.

Even though the Ministry of Health (MINSa) is conducting many activities to prevent dengue and ZIKV transmission, including fumigation and communication campaigns, the population remain reluctant to allow their homes to be fumigated and follow the prevention

recommendation. Health authorities in the Piura region have expressed their concern about the continued increase of probable cases of dengue, a concern that has been echoed by PAHO.

The Ministry of Health (MINSa) has reported more than 19,000 cases of dengue and 16 confirmed deaths attributable to the disease nationwide as to 22 April. Piura has the highest number of dengue cases with 7,249 probable and 1,503 confirmed. This is followed by Ica with 1,444 probable and 617 confirmed cases, La Libertad with 783 probable and 961 confirmed cases and Lambayeque with 571 probable and 688 confirmed cases.

It is estimated that more than 560,000 people have limited access to 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 support. The initial water and sanitation response from the Government was focusing more in urban and peri-urban areas, and lately in shelters.

Estimated Affected Population (Estimates calculated based on initial figures from National Civil Defense Institute (INDECI); 19 May, 2017)					
	Affected*	Severely Affected**	Total Affected	Total Males Affected	Total Females Affected
Total Affected Population	1,138,619	235,806	<b>1 374,425</b>	685,838	688,587
Children Affected (Under 18)	371,076	76,849	<b>447,925</b>	223,515	224,410
Children Under Five	121,832	25,231	<b>147,063</b>	73,385	73,678
Children Under Two	40,307	8,348	<b>48,655</b>	24,279	24,376
Pregnant women	21,178	4,386	<b>25,564</b>		25,564

\* 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.

A summary of the actions taken by the government and UNICEF in the last week follows.

### Government

- National Government has initially prioritized the reconstruction of 1,100 schools, 900 medical posts and 65 bridges. The Executive Director of the Reconstruction and Rehabilitation Department, recently designated two weeks ago, estimates that the reconstruction plan will be ready in 3 months, and will be elaborated from information collected in municipalities and regional governments.
- The Peruvian Government, through the Peruvian Army, continues to distribute humanitarian aid. To date about 6,717 tons of aid (supplies, tools, food) have been distributed in affected department of the country.
- Sectorial ministries continue to provide assistance to the affected areas in Health, Education, WASH and Protection.

### UNICEF

- UNICEF is leading, at national and local level (Piura), the WASH cluster and the two inter-sectoral groups of Protection and Education, which it also represents on 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. Periodically 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.
- UNICEF, through the WASH Cluster in Piura, has facilitated the coordination and implementation of a joint plan to map 210 affected water systems in rural areas and prioritize interventions based on vulnerability indicators. This action has been carried out jointly with the National Ministry of Housing, Construction and Sanitation (MCSV Spanish acronym), the Piura Regional Department of Housing, Construction and Sanitation (DRVCS), DIRESA, and some humanitarian organizations.
- In Piura, UNICEF along with UNESCO, Plan International, World Vision, CEPESER, Progreso NGO, Alternativa NGO and the Roundtable for the Fight against Poverty are working with the Piura Regional Directorate of Education to promote the creation of the Roundtable of Education in Piura which key purpose will be to coordinate the actions to ensure the right of education for children in the post-emergency context.
- 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:

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

- In order to provide safe water, UNICEF has delivered 24,000 water purification tablets, 466 chlorine residual test kits and 14,000 DPD colorimetric reagent (to control residual chlorine at different water points) to Piura Regional Directorate of Health. Through the CERF signed with UNICEF, Plan International is in the process of purchasing ceramic filters for 980 families in 4 rural communities in Tambo Grande district.
- After a pilot test, an adequate latrine design, suitable for the terrain stability limitations in the camps of Piura has been identified. UNICEF is working with COOPI to purchase materials to install 50 of these latrines for the shelters of Piura.
- Six new water systems have been identified that need to be rehabilitated in the rural area (Villa Pachas-San Francisco, Villa Batanes, Narihuala, Chico Chico, El Carmen and Nueva Santa Rosa).

### PROTECTION

- UNICEF in a joint effort with all members of the Protection Group in Piura (including Regional Government and humanitarian organizations) has elaborated the protocol of psychosocial support intervention. This protocol is used to standardize the psychosocial intervention provided for all institutions working in the emergency zone. To date, 6,586 people have received socio-emotional support, of which approximately 3,741 are children and adolescents.
- UNICEF in a joint work with the Minister of Woman and Vulnerable Population (MIMP) has elaborated the protocol for the implementation of local protection networks in shelters. To date, 71 children in risk of violence have been identified in the shelters area; 37 people at risk of violence have been identified in Piura and Catacaos rural areas; and 116 cases of family deprivation have been attended by the Defense Office for Women and Children (DEMUNA Spanish acronym) Piura.
- As part of the recently signed CERF, UNICEF and Save the Children agreed the details of 4 out of 6 child friendly spaces to be implemented in the affected areas in Piura (Nuevo Chato Chico, Nuevo Chato Grande, Nuevo San Pedro and Eleuterio).
- UNICEF has been supporting the itinerant registration campaigns, conducted by the National Office of Identity and Civil Registration (RENIEC), to provide ID in Piura. In total, at present, 105 campaigns have been carried out, covering 8,270 registrations, of which 4,832 correspond to children and adolescents.

### EDUCATION

- The rehabilitation of the Genaro Martínez Silva School was completed, this school was the most affected in Pedregal Grande district. This rehabilitation has allowed 1257 students to return to class, and with that, the start of classes in the region was 100% completed.

- UNICEF and UNESCO are providing technical assistance to MINEDU to develop a plan that articulates regional efforts and enables the development of capacities in disaster risk management.
- UNICEF has provided technical assistance to develop a Response Plan to track children affected by the emergency and ensure that out-of-school children return to school. Likewise, the plan seeks to fit the curriculum to the emergency context and implementation of actions to prevent dengue in schools.
- UNICEF and Plan International, as part of the preparatory actions of CERF, has mapped the number and situation of children in shelters with the aim of adapting temporary learning spaces to their needs.
- In the framework of the recently signed CERF, UNICEF together with Plan International, organized a meeting with the Piura Regional Directorate of Education to define the places where the new 18 temporary learning spaces will be installed, as well as agreeing to improve 15 more schools and further define the socio-emotional support that will be provided in these learning spaces.

## HEALTH & NUTRITION

- The Regional Nutrition Specialist of UNICEF for Latin American and the Caribbean visited the emergency areas of Piura and provided recommendations to the National Ministry of Health and DIRESA of Piura for the prevention of nutritional deterioration during emergency situations.
- UNICEF provided technical assistance for the development of the Work Plan on Child Nutrition of the Ministry of Health for the emergency areas of Piura in which the technical cooperation of UNICEF is framed.
- DIRESA Piura with the technical cooperation of UNICEF, trained 21 health workers at the Catacaos Health Facility to conduct the nutritional and health assessment of children under 36 months of age from Catacaos, Curamori and Tambogrande districts.

## RESOURCE MOBILIZATION

- Work continues to capitalize on the sales of the album “Por Ti Perú hoy” produced by the Peruvian singer-songwriter Gian Marco; information to promote this fundraising campaign continues being disseminated by social networks.
- Additional funding should be received in the coming weeks provided within the framework of the Flash Appeal

## Communications for Development (C4D)

- A package of twenty messages focused on health, protection, education and WASH was finished, thanks to the collaboration of Peruvian artists Marco Zunino, Sonaly Tuesta, André Silva and Mayra Couto. These messages will be broadcast by local radios such as Cutivalú and radios in shelters.
- The Communication Office of DIRESA Piura has asked UNICEF, PAHO and UNFPA to develop messages related to dengue because of the increasing number of cases of infected and deceased persons. It was also agreed to continue promoting messages focused on preventing the transmission of dengue in homes, shelters, schools, health centers and any other meeting space of people.

## Supply and Logistics

- 1,600 insecticide bed nets arrived in the country on May 17<sup>th</sup>, which are currently being processed by customs before distribution begins in Piura in the next two weeks.

## 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 the areas of intervention, to support the Response at national and local level including coordination and monitoring in the field.
- Currently 9 people from the UNICEF team are deployed in Piura, 4 are nationals and 5 internationals. There are specialists in different areas as Coordination, Wash, Protection, Nutrition, Communication and Health.

## Media and External Communication

- Two press releases on UNICEF's response to the emergency were sent to the media focusing on distribution of Plumpy Nut to curb malnutrition in children, as well as the rehabilitation of the water supply in Chulucanas district. The videos of these activities have been widely viewed on social media, with over 250,000 views, and work is underway to disseminate the information further via television, radio, print media and via Peruvian artists.

- In relation to the album #PortiPeruHoy, that has been produced for the emergency by the Peruvian singer-songwriter Gian Marco, a second emergency bulletin has been disseminated (available at <http://bit.ly/BoletinEmergencia2>) through social networks and the UNICEF database with a reach of 12,000 people.

## 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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