

**Office of the Resident Coordinator**  
**Situation Report No. 9**  
**Earthquake in Peru**  
**12:00 hours**

**August 23-2007**

**Situation**

1. At 11:40:58 PM UTC/GMT (Greenwich time) 6:34:56 PM local time on August 15<sup>th</sup>, an earthquake measuring 7.9 degrees in the Richter scale struck in the Department of Ica. The epicenter was 25 miles (61 kilometers) west-northwest of Chincha Alta, Peru, and 90 miles (161 kilometers) south-southeast of Lima, according to the U.S. Geological Survey. The epicenter was 30.2 km depth (18.8 miles). The effects were also strongly felt in Lima capital.
2. The last official report issued by the National Institute of Civil Defense (INDECI) informed the situation up to August 23<sup>rd</sup>, 08:00 hrs:  
514 dead  
1,090 wounded  
39,741 houses destroyed according to Peruvian Government preliminary assessments.  
6,300 houses affected.  
52 hospitals affected.  
14 hospitals destroyed according to Peruvian Government preliminary assessments.

**National Response**

1. The Presidency of the Minister Council extended the state of emergency to the province of Yauyos in Lima in order to execute immediate activities to attend affected population. The emergency situation is still in effect in the Department of Ica, the province of Cañete in the Department of Lima and the provinces of Castrovirreina and Huaytará and the district of Acobambilla (Department of Huancavelica, central-east of Lima), and to Huañec and Tupe in the province of Yauyos (Lima).
2. INDECI delivered to Pisco 800 tons of humanitarian aid and 250 brigadists for support recovery activities. INDECI also sent six trucks with humanitarian aid and aid from two INDECI warehouses to Pisco.
3. Regional and local authorities as well as regional institutions from the department of Puno (southern Andes) sent more than 48 tons of humanitarian aid.
4. The refuge “Estadio Picasso” is being implemented in Ica. There already are 17 refuges in Pisco and 9 in Chincha.

5. The President of Peru informed that humanitarian aid to affected areas has reached 95% of the affected population, although recognized that there are isolated areas yet to be attended. He also asked authorities of Banco de la Nación (the National Bank) to accelerate the processes of loans approval for the localities of Ica, Pisco and Chincha as well as in the payment for pensioners.
6. Banco de la Nación in Pisco and Pisco's police station are working normally. Other financial institutions as well as SUNAT (the tax authority body) and Judicial Power started cleaning their facilities.
7. On August 22<sup>nd</sup>, the Peruvian government approved a Solidarity Law that allows regions and municipalities (provinces and districts) affected, to reallocate their budget for reconstruction activities, assistance, and aid to affected population. Regions and municipalities not affected by the earthquake are authorized to relocate up to 20% of their 2007 budget to support the affected zones.
8. On August 22<sup>nd</sup>, the Presidency of the Ministers' Council, announced that a census will take place from 29 to 31 August to register the earthquake affected population, in order to distribute more effectively humanitarian aid arriving to Peru. The census will be carry out by the National Institute of Statistic and Information (INEI) in the provinces of Cañete (department of Lima), Pisco, Chincha and Ica (department of Ica).
9. The Ministry of Health installed 50 chemical bathrooms on five of the 23 shelters located in Pisco, a total of 180 is planned. Sanitary precautionary measures have been initiated in the district of San Andrés (close to the coast).
10. Fishing companies are contributing with approximately 15.000 rations, as well as carps, mattresses, blankets, tables, torchlight, candles, phosphorus and medicines, for the workers of fishing plants affected by the earthquake.
11. The Superintendencia de Banca, Seguros y AFP (SBS- Peruvian financial regulatory body), announced on August 23<sup>rd</sup>, several exception actions for treatment of credits disbursed from the financial system to the public living in the department of Ica, province of Cañete (Lima), provinces of Castrovirreyna, Huaytará and district of Acobambilla in the province of Huancavelica, department of Huancavelica.
12. INDECI announced that on August 23<sup>rd</sup> it will begin the activities in order to install 500 temporary housing in Pisco.
13. The Union of Peruvian Workers (CGTP), the main union in Peru, announced that it will suspend protests in response to the earthquake and will send a brigade of 100 construction workers to help in the emergency areas. CGTP will also donate 28 tons of food for the population affected.

14. According to the Ministry of Agriculture, the estimated affected population in rural areas is more than 19,700 only in the department of Huancavelica. In the provinces of Castrovirreyna and Huaytará approximately 1,790 hectares and 128 small water irrigation systems were damaged and about 3,855 meters of water channels were lost. In the department of Ayacucho, the affected population is 23,500 in 11 rural provinces, 4,750 meters of water channels were damaged and 24 small water systems destroyed. Information related to rural affected communities in the province of Lima is yet to be assessed. Rural areas have been prioritized by FAO giving the fact that they have been partially attended yet by humanitarian aid activities.

## **The UN Response**

An interagency team has been deployed to the affected areas. The report of the interagency team activities on August 23<sup>rd</sup> is as follows:

UN inter-agency missions assessed the situation in Ica, Chincha and Pisco. The total number of UN staff on the field is 51, belonging to the following organizations: PAHO/WHO, CEPIS (Panamerican Center for Sanitary Engineering and Environmental Sciences), UNDSS, UNDP, UNICEF, WFP, USAR, UNDAC, OCHA, SURF, UNESCO and FAO. In the Pisco area 12 agencies have deployed staff members, while in Ica there is presence of 3 agencies and 1 agency is working in Chincha. New staff members of UNICEF, UNDP, WFP, FAO, PAHO/WHO, UNESCO, UNDSS and UNDAC have traveled to the area today.

### **Water and Sanitation**

*Ica:* According to the PAHO/CEPIS team, the health system is working adequately and delicate cases are being moved to Lima. The Regional Hospital has suffered some damages in its infrastructure. The population is receiving water through tankers and most of the sewer system is also working. Quality control of water is needed and PAHO will support it.

*Pisco:* UNDP and PAHO missions have noticed some diarrheas and respiratory diseases, caused by dust and aggravated by strong wind and the lack of breathing masks. Also worrying is the descending temperature. However, health assistance and medicine supply in the shelters is optimal, under the coordination of the Ministry of Health and with the support of French, American and Cuban doctors and mobile medical units.

The water supply is good and is provided by tankers and water purification facilities, but running water is not available yet. The damages to sewerage are under assessment and dry latrines have been implemented in the shelters, but people are not using them and this might pose a sanitary problem.

*Chincha:* According to the FAO staff member in Chincha, water supply and basic public sanitation are restricted, while health services work normally.

**Food**

In Ica no food shortage has been reported and the population is receiving aid under the coordination of local Municipality and the National Food Program (PRONAA). PAHO has implemented a supplies-management software in several locations. In Pisco PRONAA is managing food delivery but distribution outside the shelters is not very efficient and food is not reaching all the population. In Chincha, the FAO team has reported lack of food.

**Infrastructure**

In Ica UN staff members report that a shelter has been set up with a capacity for 250 people, although there is no control of the entrances and exits. Electric power has been restored. Some houses and buildings, including a local Clinic, are still in a critical state, but dwellers especially of the outskirts refuse to leave their homes. In Pisco, street lighting is working. Streets and roads have been reopened and 40% of debris has been removed; the city is expected to be totally clean in 5 days. 5 shelters have been set up. Adequate sanitation and solid waste treatment are identified needs. In Chincha, the UN mission reports that power supply is restricted. Debris removal is under progress.

**Coordination**

PAHO/WHO team in Ica reports a good coordination in the health sector led by the Regional Health Directorate and the Ministry of Health. Aid coming from Lima is well organized and channeled.

UN field missions report that about 200 villages in the outskirts of Pisco and in the Huancavelica region have not been assisted yet. Aid is being sent to the Huancayo area, but access is very difficult. Therefore inspection flights have been planned to collect information. The UNDAC team on the field is supporting coordination of efforts with government bodies in Pisco and is also working with the Red Cross and national authorities to support aid distribution.

**Remarks**

PAHO staff in Ica report the following priority needs: clothing and disposable surgery materials, psychological support to humanitarian workers, chlorine, more tankers to reach isolated areas, equipment for the Regional Health Directorate laboratory and water quality meters. In Pisco, the needs identified by UN field missions are the following: tents, psychological support, relocation of affected dwellers, more fully equipped shelters and more balanced food. In Chincha, FAO staff members report the need to gradually recover agricultural activity and also some problems in sewage infrastructure.

15. UNICEF has focused its intervention in the water and sanitation sector, but now it will address needs in latrines and water supply for schools and shelters. UNICEF will also support Ministry of Woman and Social Development to provide 47 tents to serve

as wawa wasi (nurseries) and provide psychological support and educational materials to children.

16. Today, August 23<sup>rd</sup> at 11:00 hrs (12:00 hrs NY time), the Acting ERC informed that the CERF submission received from the UN Country Team in Peru has been approved. This notification was announced through a press conferece held by the Prime Minister at 1.30 p.m. The Prime Minister took the opportunity to express the gratitude of his government for the coordinated support provided by the UN system. Approved projects and amounts, shows as follows:

### CRD APPROVAL Table

**Date: 23 August 2007**  
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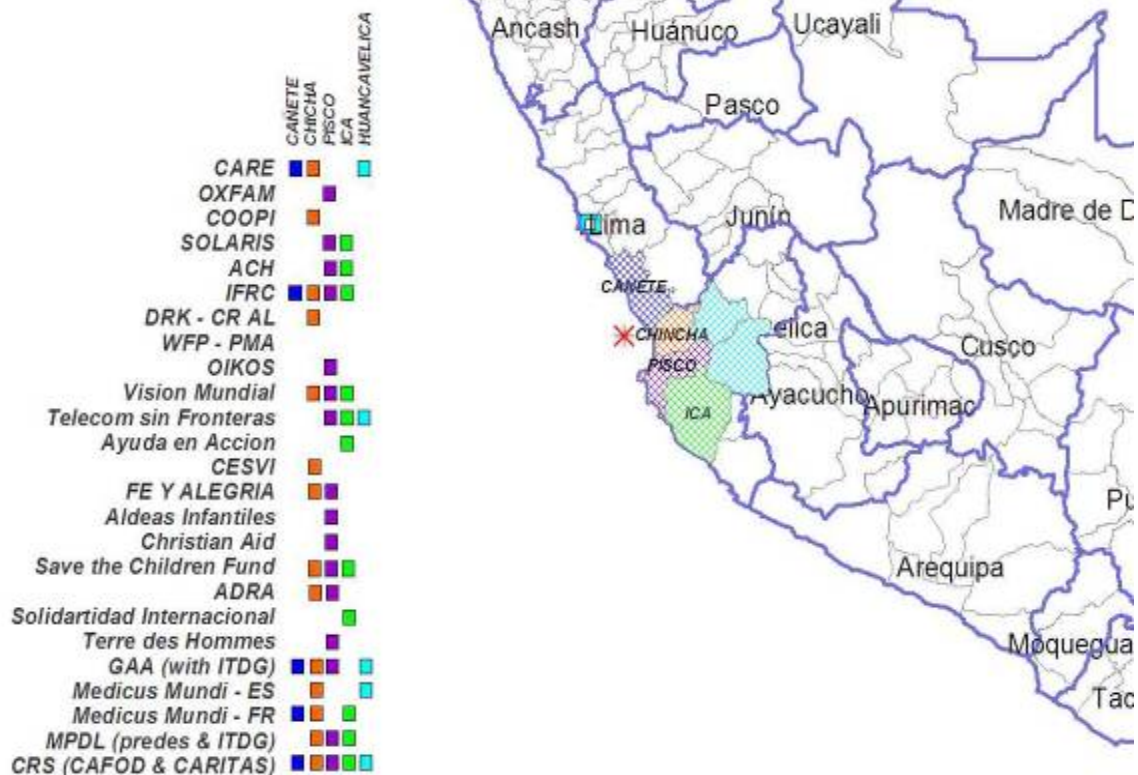
	Requesting Agency	Project Title and CAP/Flash Appeal Project code (if applicable)	Sector	Total Project Budget	Percentage of funding received to date	Amount requested from CERF	CRD COMMENTS
1	IOM	Establish and assist the GOP to manage temporary camps for vulnerable persons of the earthquake affected area and assist local populations in three main camps located in Chincha, Pisco and Ica, during the next six months.	Shelter / Camp Management	5,000,000		4,419,100	Approved The project meets basic criteria
2	UNDP	Cash For Work - Emergency employment	Emergency Employment	2,000,000		200,000	Approved
3	UNDP	Coordination of UN response and humanitarian action addressed to families and areas affected by the earthquake occurred in Peru on 15 <sup>th</sup> August 2007	Coordination	500,000		100,000	Approved
4	WFP	Emergency food assistance to earthquake affected populations	Food Assistance	6,100,000		2,194,504	Approved
5	UNICEF	Water and Sanitation Emergency Activities	Water and Sanitation	210,000		200,000	Approved
6	UNFPA	Revitalize the capacity of the local primary health services to provide reproductive health	Health	70,000		49,969	Approved

		services					
7	PAHO/WHO	- Prevention of Outbreaks. Disease Surveillance and Early Warning System - Restoring Health Services - Coordination, and technical support in public health - Management of humanitarian assistance	Health	1,560,000		895,590	Approved
8	UNESCO	Back to School during the post-earthquake emergency period	Education	4,052,376		500,000	Approved
9	FAO	Food production in earthquake-affected areas	Food Assistance	7,765,000		1,032,550	Approved
		<b>TOTAL</b>				<b>9,591,713</b>	

### International Organizations response

17. On August 22<sup>nd</sup>, the Organization of the American States (OEA) donated 500 tents with and their blankets for the affected population.
18. Caritas Peru has been working with the local Church and diocesan Caritas in the hard hit coastal department of Ica to assess damages and coordinate relief efforts. Caritas Peru is currently assisting more than 10,000 families (50,000 people) by providing food, clean water, clothing, bedding, medicine and other basic necessities. Caritas also plans to distribute materials for building temporary shelters. Caritas delivered 5 trucks yesterday with another 50 tons of humanitarian aid to the affected areas. So far, Caritas has distributed 215 tons of aid in all and is also planning on reconstructing numerous schools so that children can get back to their classes as early as possible. The Caritas Confederation has launched an appeal worth over \$US 11 million.
19. Jewish community is helping Peru earthquake survivors through Caritas. The Jewish Community of Peru is being supported by Jewish organisations from around the world and the Israeli government.
20. CARE is targeting its response efforts in smaller communities that also have been equally devastated including Chincha Baja, Tambo de Mora, Pueblo Nuevo, El Carmen and Afro-Peruvian communities in Canete. Supplies include tents, food, water and flashlights. According to the Global Fund program for CARE Peru, the Global Fund is supporting the Ministry of Health to send two professional medical teams to earthquake affected areas to check on conditions of people living with HIV and AIDS, as well as patients living with tuberculosis. The medical teams have been dispatched to Pisco, Ica, Chincha and Canete, working in coordination with the Regional Hospital in Ica. They will distribute Anti-Retroviral medicine to those in short supply as well as condoms.

21. The Government of Canada offered US\$ 2 million to support the earthquake emergency.
22. The Health Minister of Chile arrived in Pisco to give a second donation of 20 tons of food, tents, coats, and others.
23. The Foundation Vida Peru, in coordination with Americares Foundation, nongovernmental organization from USA, donated medicines prized in US\$ 3 million to the Emergency Committee of Civil Defense of Pisco (antibiotics to control infections, analgesics, anesthesia of direct use, disinfectants, gastrointestinal, anti allergic medicines, skin medical solutions and hospital materials like stethoscopes, sugar testers, sutures, clothes of bed and blankets.
24. The Organization of Oil Export Countries (OPEP) announced that the amount of two hundred thousand dollars will be donated for the earthquake victims, these funds will be managed by the International Red Cross and the Red Half Moon. (22 August)
25. The Andean Development Corporation confirmed its willingness to support Peru in the process of reconstruction of the affected areas.
26. The Government of India approved a cash humanitarian aid for US\$ 50,000.
27. Brazilian government donates 6 tons of medicines that will arrive in Pisco airport and sends a group of doctors to be deployed in several affected locations.
28. The European Commission has prepared a chart showing the NGO's and areas of intervention as well as type of support they are providing in affected areas. This information is being updated and centralized by the European Commission.



Organization	Dpt ICA			Dpt LIMA	DPT Huancavelica		Tipo de ayuda	Current Budget	Budget requested
	Prov. Ica	Prov. Pisco	Prov. Chincha	Prov. Cañete	Prov. Castrovirrey	Prov. Huaytará			
								4,327,647 €	20,201,894 €
CARE			Distritos: Chincha Chincha Baja Tambo de Mora., El Carmen y Pueblo Nuevo	Distritos: San Luis San Vicente Imperial	X	X	Techos minimo Agua y saneamiento ayuda alimentaria herramientas	300,000 €	1,102,941 €
Alianza Oxfam  (Oxfam internacional)		Distritos:  Humay  Pisco  Independencia					Techos minimo(carpa s) Agua y saneamiento Producto primera necesidad  Herramientas	500,000 €	735,294 €
COOPI			Distritos:  Chincha  Chincha Baja  Tambo de Mora., El Carmen y Pueblo Nuevo				Techos minimo (carpa s) Agua y saneamiento Producto primera necesidad  Herramientas Apoyo sicosocial	400,000 €	
Solaris	X	X							
Acción contra el hambre	X	X					Agua y saneamiento Producto primera necesidad	250,000 €	400,000 €
FIRC	X	X	X	X			Techos minimo(carpa s) Producto primera necesidad Agua y saneamiento Kit higie ne	1,000,000 €	3,353,659 €
Cruz Roja Alemana			X				fase de identif icacion		400,000 €
PMA Apoyo con alimentos al PRONAA								400,000 €	3,000,000 €
OIKOS		Distritos: Humay Tupac Amaru					Saneamiento ambiental  Abrigos		
Visión Mundial	X	X	Distrito: Tambo de Mora				dist Agua	36,765 €	147,059 €

Agro Acción Alemana (con ITDG)		Distritos: Humay	X	Distritos: San Luis			Fase identificación (refugios) Producto primera necesidad	100,000 €	350,000 €
Telecom sin Fronteras	Distritos: Parco na Santiago	X					Apoyo COE Comunicacion en albergues Inst. OSOC	35,000 €	
Ayuda en Acción	Distritos: Santiago Ica Ocucaje Salas-Guadalupe Los Molinos						Alimentos Abrigos Agua	100,000 €	800,000 €
CESVI (y la mayor parte de las ONG italianas)			X				Refugios Ayuda de primera urgencia	200,000 €	
Fé y Alegría		X	X				Apoyo hospitales Agua Abrigos Alimentos	50,000 €	150,000 €
Aldeas Infantiles		Distritos: Las Palmeras Santa Cruz Guadalupe					platos calientes Abrigos	22,059 €	
Christian Aid		Distritos: Santiago Nuestro Señor de Luren Los Molinos Ocucaje					Agua Abrigos Alimentos	100,000 €	
Alianza Save the Children	X	X	X				Agua Alimentos kit rehab escuelas Kit herramientas Apoyo sicosocial	110,294 €	1,000,000 €
ADRA		X	Distritos: Tambo de Mora Sunampe El Carmen				Mantas platos calientes Alimentos	175,000 €	500,000 €
Solidaridad Internacional (españa)	X						fase identificación	300,000 €	

Terre des Hommes (suiza)		X					Agua y saneamiento Apoyo sicosocial	100,000 €	250,000 €
ITDG (alianza con AAA)		Distritos: Humay			X		cf AAA		
Medicus Mundi (España)			X		X		fase identificacion Aspectos sanitarios		
Medicos del Mundo (Francia)	X		X				Kit primera necesidades	75,000 €	110,000 €
MPDL (españa) (con ITDG & PREDES)	X	X	X				Mantas techos minimo Rehabilitacion		550,000 €
CRS (con CAFOD (Cáritas GB) y Caritas Peru)	X	X	X	X	X		Ayuda primera Urgencia	73,529 €	7,352,941 €