

Alert

Peru

Floods and landslides in the Region of Ica

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1. Brief description of the emergency and impact

Since January 14th 2017, there have been moderate to strong rainfall in the provinces of the Ica region in Peru (Kansas, Tortolitas, La Yesera, Santa Rosa de Yauca, El Sunche, among others). The incessant heavy rainfall has subsequently provoked floods and landslides, causing damages to houses, educational facilities, agriculture, and infrastructure such as roads. So far according to official statistics provided by the National Emergency Operation Center, COEN, by its Spanish acronym, there are 13,904 people affected, 57 collapsed houses, and 3580 damaged houses. The National Government has declared the State of Emergency¹.

2. Why is an ACT response needed?

It has been raining for the last 21 days, the level of damage caused so far exceeds the capacity of response by local and national government. The people who are without shelter is creating a very complicated scenario, and an external support is required. The population needs humanitarian assistance, in order to reduce the likelihood of damage and loss of life in the emergency area. Furthermore, the rainy season is expected to last until April, so more floods and landslides are likely to occur.

3. National and international response

The Provincial Municipality of Ica, and the districts of Los Molinos and Tinguña have delivered some tents to the affected households and plastic reels, however, it has not managed to serve even 20% of the affected population. In some cases, the population has improvised temporary shelters in a precarious way, not following the humanitarian standards. Health services are being delivered by the Ministry of Health and the Army is supporting with the cleaning and removal of debris.

4. ACT Alliance response

The Peru ACT Forum is assessing further the situation and determining which kind of humanitarian assistance intervention is required.

5. Planned activities

According to the need assessment, the following sectors have been identified as a priority: Shelters, Non Food items and WASH.

¹Through the Decree No. 005-2017-PCM.

6. Constraints

There are security constraints, as well as human and financial resources constraints.

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