

**BACKGROUND**

Heavy rainfall has been affecting southern Peru (particularly Arequipa, Moquegua, Tacna and Ica Regions) since February, causing rivers to overflow, triggering floods, landslides and mudslides. According to media reports, as of 13 February, ten people were killed, 1 800 injured and approximately 8 000 affected. Infrastructure facilities have also been damaged as of 28 February, media reported 51 deaths and 79 injured people. Furthermore, 228 houses have been destroyed, 26 bridges have been demolished and several roads have been blocked by torrential rain and landslides. On March 28 and 29 respectively the National Institute of Civil Defense (INDECI) declared a state of emergency for the provinces of Chanchamayo and the districts of Palca and (province of Tarma) and the district of Ulcumayo (province of Junin respectively). On 17 April 2019, the Peru National Emergency Operations Center (COEN), reported landslides in the municipalities of Cajabamba and Distrital de Cachachi in the Cajamarca Region occurred on Monday, 15 April; families and communication networks were affected. A pipeline was damaged in several sectors of Cajamarca leaving 145 families without potable water. Floods and mudslides have resulted in fatalities and damage across the country. As of 4 April, at 8.00 UTC, media report that in Junin Region (central Peru) eleven people have been reported dead and at least 1 800 have been affected by the overflowing of rivers Chanchamayo, Paucartambo and Perené. Up to 30 houses have been reportedly destroyed and over 500 have been flooded. Intense rainfall has been registered in San Martin Region (northern Peru), where the overflowing of the river Huallaga has affected 228 people and flooded 70 buildings, heavy rain, strong winds and thunderstorms are still expected and could affect mainland Peru, from the central areas to the south. A Level 4 warning has been issued for several districts in Arequipa, Puno, Tacna and Cuzco regions (southern Peru). The government extended the state of emergency in several districts of the Huánuco and Pasco regions, due to disasters caused by mudslides and landslides due to heavy rains, with the purpose of continuing with the execution of immediate and necessary actions, response and rehabilitation that correspond. This extension is valid for 60 days, counting from April 17.

**NEEDS**

Humanitarian needs at this point include:

- Community-based psychosocial support
- Safe water and cleaning materials to eliminate the mud
- NFIs to improve housing (such as beds and mattresses, solar panels, safe walls)
- NFIs for the community school to restore classes

The impact of the disaster is more severe for people with special needs, including people living with disabilities who require additional support to access assistance. Women and children are known to be particularly vulnerable during times of crisis. Students are currently facing disruption to studies due to this emergency.

**STAKEHOLDERS**

The regional governments of the affected areas as well as the local governments with the technical coordination and follow-up of the National Institute of Civil Defense and the participation of the related Ministries ( Health, Education, Housing, Construction and Sanitation, Agriculture, Transport and Communications, Energy and Mines, and Defense), will continue to implement emergency measures and actions to address the disaster. A total of 330 temporary housing modules were delivered by the Ministry of Housing, Construction and Sanitation (MVCS) to the affected families of Mirave, in the district Ilabaya, province of Jorge Basadre, Tacna region, who lost their homes because of a huaico<sup>1</sup> in area. A total of 2,5 tons of food have been delivered by the District Municipality of Pichanaki to all its inhabitants as well as 15 tents and 200 mattresses for temporary shelters.

<sup>1</sup> Is an Andean term that refers to the mudslide and flash flood caused by torrential rains occurring high in the mountains

**ACT Alliance**

The ACT Alliance Forum through DIACONIA Peru and the Methodist Church are willing to provide emergency relief to the affected community of Pucharini. The Forum is currently preparing a response proposal based on a quick needs assessment. Coordination meetings are taking place at country level, in coordination with ACT Secretariat Regional Office.

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