



WFP Ecuador Situation Report #1

Date 19 April 2015

In Numbers

500,000 people affected

6 provinces affected

260,000 targeted for WFP food assistance

Highlights

- On 16 April 2016 at 06:58 pm local time, a magnitude 7.8 earthquake struck the northern coast of Ecuador.
- A state of emergency has been declared in the provinces of Esmeraldas, Santo Domingo, Manabí, Guayas, Los Ríos and Santa Elena.
- Government reports indicate 400 people killed and 4,000 injured.

Funding Update

Requirements Ecuador CR—EMOP

Early estimates (likely to increase):

USD20million (90 days: April— July 2016).

Political Situation

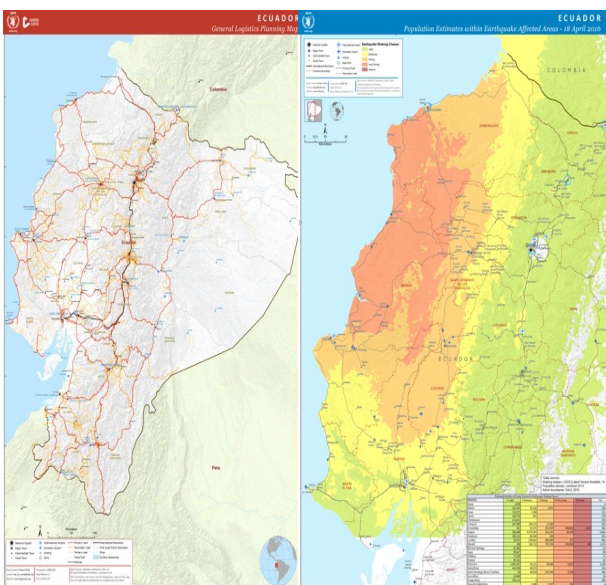
- Reconstruction costs are likely to be huge at a time when the oil-producing country is already reeling from the slump in global crude prices.
- Elections are planned in early 2017.

Situation Update

- Search and rescue operations continue and the death toll has reached over 400, while over 20,000 people are reportedly still spending the night in shelters.
- The authorities immediately activated emergency protocols as well as the national Emergency Operations Center, the military and police have been deployed to assist in the response. Government efforts are concentrated in the affected area and include health services, search and rescue teams, police and army.
- The government requested assistance to the UN. In consultation with the UN Resident Coordinator, an UNDAC team has been asked to provide support in assessing the situation and in coordinating response as required. UNOSAT services were activated for damage analysis.
- President Rafael Correa has announced that the government will draw down contingency funds from multilateral agencies including the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB) and the World Bank (WB) to respond to the earthquake.

WFP Response

- The Government of Ecuador requested WFP to provide food assistance through complementary food kits to affected populations in shelters and hospitals.
- After an initial convoy of food assistance assisted 8,000 people on April 19, WFP plans to scale up and reach 260,000 people in the most affected areas.
- Staff have been deployed to affected areas to assess the situation. With Regional Bureau support, WFP will conduct assessments.



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Food Assistance

- As part of emergency preparedness and response procedures, WFP and the government had agreed on a list of products to be provided in case of emergency assistance. A supermarket chain had already been selected for the provision of assistance in emergency situations and an agreement is in place. All CBT processes were ready in preparation for El Nino related emergencies. Based on the first government request for assistance, WFP will provide CBT to earthquake affected populations in shelters and hospitals.
- WFP is planning to respond using two mechanisms:
 - CBT through commodity vouchers with the supermarket providing a pre-agreed "kit" comprised of a basic ration. Working with supermarkets, the kits will be made available to affected communities where the vouchers will be redeemed.
 - CBT through value-based vouchers in areas where the affected population has access to markets
- WFP staff will accompany the Government during distributions, verify beneficiary lists and monitor the provision of assistance.
- Assistance to the Colombian refugee population in Ecuador will continue under WFP's ongoing PRRO 200701.



Logistics

- Due to damaged roads, safe road itineraries have been identified for the transport of commodity vouchers. WFP staff will accompany CBT deliveries in each city.
- The Ministries of Economic and Social inclusion and of Health along with the Armed Forces are collaborating to transport the food to be purchased with CBT to affected areas.

Clusters



Food Security Cluster

- The first meeting of the Food Security Cluster of the Humanitarian Country Team and Ecuadorian authorities was recently organised and updates to follow.



Logistics Cluster

- WFP participated in the first meeting of the Logistics Cluster on Monday 18 April.

Partnerships

- Under the coordination of the Humanitarian Country Team, all agencies present in Ecuador will collaborate in the response: IOM, FAO, UNDP, UNICEF, WHO-PAHO, UNHCR, UNESCO, UN Women and WFP, Red Cross and NGO partners.
- WFP works in close coordination with the Ecuadorian Government.

Resourcing Update

- Emergency Relief Coordinator Stephen O'Brien, who leads the UN Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA), has travelled to Ecuador and with the country team is discussing a Flash appeal and CERF allocations.
- Several other government and private sector donors have shown a strong interest to support.

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WFP Operation				
	Total Requirements (in USD)	Total Received (in USD)	Net Funding Requirements (in USD)	People Reached (current distribution cycle)
CR EMOP	20.0m	0.0m	20.m (3 months)	260,000
Ecuador PRRO 200701	19.3m	8.3m	2.1m (6 months)	184,000