



WFP Ecuador Situation Report #2

Date 20 April 2016

In Numbers

520,000+ 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.
- On 20 April at 3:33 am local time yet another earthquake of 6.3 magnitude hit the province of Esmeraldas.
- The death toll has climbed over 500 people and 4,600 injured.
- WFP is preparing to assist 50 percent of the affected population with food assistance over three months.

Funding Update

Requirements Ecuador EMOP 200665

Early estimates:

USD 34 million (90 days: April— July 2016).

Political Situation

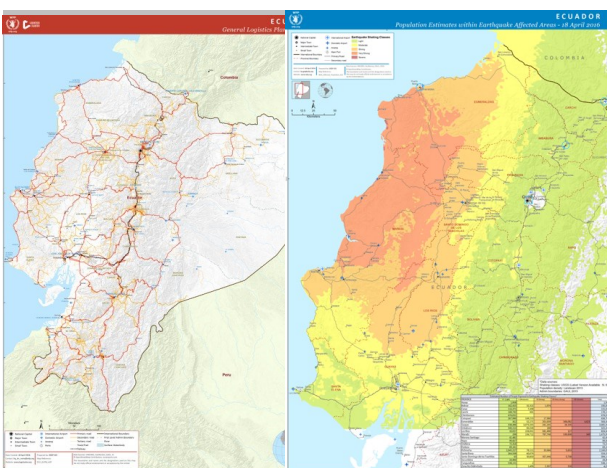
- Reconstruction costs are likely to be huge at a time when the oil-producing country is already reeling from the slump in global crude prices.
- Scarcity of food and water may result in security problems in affected area; trucks delivering assistance are now being escorted. Shops are closed in Guayaquil in fear of pilferage.
- Elections are planned in early 2017.

Situation Update

- Government reports indicate 525 people killed, 107 missing and 4,600 injured, 805 buildings destroyed, 608 buildings and 146 schools affected. 23,500 people are 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.
- Malnutrition problems subsist in Ecuador, where chronic malnutrition affects 25.3 percent of children under five, while 8.6 percent are overweight or obese.
- The complexity of the situation is also compounded by the drought and flooding conditions brought about by the El Niño phenomenon, which is also affecting the earthquake-affected Manabí and Esmeraldas provinces.

WFP Response

- On 19 April, the Government of Ecuador requested WFP to provide food assistance to 518,000 people in Manabí and Esmeraldas provinces.
- WFP is preparing a three-month emergency operation (EMOP) to assist the 50 percent of the affected population (260,000 people) in need of food assistance.
- WFP plans to immediately provide a 5-day ration of 400 g of high-energy-biscuits (HEBs) to 16,500 people and general food assistance for up to 260,000 people through vouchers and cash-based transfers (CBT) once markets are functioning.



Ecuador: Earthquake
Emergency Response



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.
- WFP's ongoing protracted relief and recovery operation (PRRO) 200701 "Integration of Refugees and Persons Affected by Conflict in Colombia" has an emergency preparedness and relief component which is being used to support the initial WFP response.
- Food assistance has started reaching beneficiaries on 20 April. In order to provide timely relief to affected populations and reach a higher number of beneficiaries, in the first days of the response, it was decided that the first cycle provides assistance for a period of three days.
- WFP is planning to respond using High Energy Biscuits, vouchers and cash-based transfers.
- WFP staff will accompany the Government during distributions, verify beneficiary lists and monitor the provision of assistance.
- On-going programmes in the PRRO targeting Colombian refugees and Ecuadorian communities will continue.



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 is collaborating with WFP in the implementation of the programme.
- UNDAC has sent 23 members for emergency operation support.

Clusters



Food Security Cluster

- The first meeting of the Food Security Cluster of the Humanitarian Country Team and Ecuadorian authorities was held.



Logistics Cluster

- The cluster will coordinate international flights this week. WFP is currently preparing a Special Operation (SO) for Logistics Cluster activities.
- The SO will aim at augmenting logistics staffing structure to augment coordination of emergency response, and regional logistics support equipment, such as wiikhalls and generators.
- The SO has an estimated budget of US\$2 million.
- Staff is being called forward to augment response capacity.

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

- An initial CERF application may be approved for up to USD 7 million.
- A Flash Appeal is being prepared in coordination with the Humanitarian Country Team and the Government of Ecuador, and is expected to be submitted in the next 72 hours. It will cover the sectors of food, health, shelter, WASH, protection, education, logistics, early recovery and coordination.
- Several other donors (US, ECHO, the Pepsi Foundation and UPS) have already committed to support the operations.

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WFP Operation

	Total Requirements (in USD)	Total Received (in USD)	Net Funding Requirements (in USD)	People Reached (current distribution cycle)
EMOP 200971	34m	0.0m	34m (3 months)	
Special Operation 200972	2m	0.0m	2.0m (3 months)	
Ecuador PRRO 200701	19.3m	8.3m	2.1m (6 months)	184,000