



# WFP Ecuador Situation Report #4

Date 29 April 2016

## In Numbers

**520,000** people heavily affected in Esmeraldas and Manabí provinces

**260,000** targeted for WFP food assistance

**65,710** people assisted thus far

## Highlights

- On 16 April 2016 at 06:58 pm local time, a magnitude 7.8 earthquake struck the northern coast of Ecuador.
- The death toll has climbed to 660 people.
- Due to daily aftershocks, people are afraid of returning to their homes.
- WFP plans to assist 260,000 vulnerable earthquake-affected people with food assistance over three months.

## Funding Update

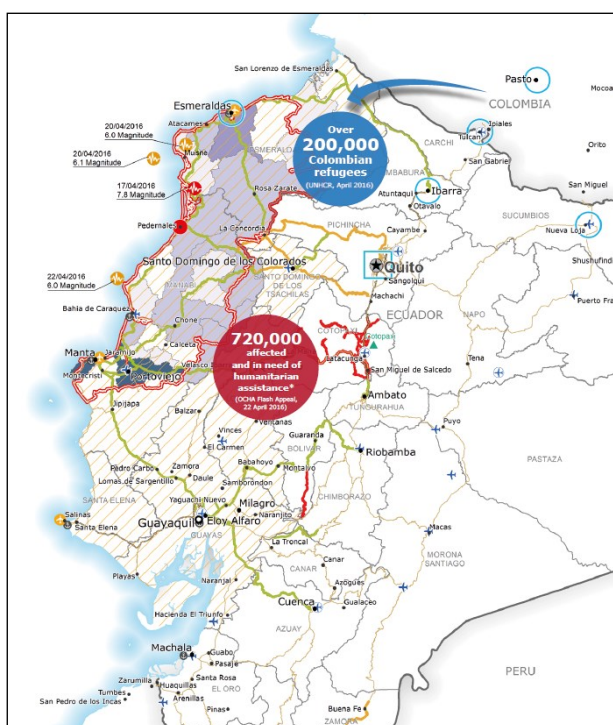
### Requirements Ecuador EMOP 200665

WFP launched the operation on 22 April with an initial one-month requirement of USD 11.4 million. The estimated requirement to provide three months of assistance (April to July 2016) is USD 34 million.

## Situation Update

- Government reports indicate 660 people killed, 42 missing, 30,000 injured and 560 schools affected. 29,000 people are in shelters.

- A state of emergency was declared in the provinces of Esmeraldas, Santo Domingo, Manabí, Guayas, Los Ríos and Santa Elena. Pedernales town in the Manabi province is declared "disaster zone", while a state of exception was declared nationwide to preserve security.
- The authorities immediately activated emergency protocols and the national Emergency Operations Center. The military and police have been deployed to assist in the response.
- Government efforts in the affected area include health services and the distribution of food and non-food items.
- The government appealed for United Nations assistance. On 19 April, the Government of Ecuador requested WFP to provide food assistance to 520,000 people in the earthquake-affected provinces of Manabí and Esmeraldas.
- The government declared 8 days of national mourning and introduced exceptional economic measures to address the emergency situation.



Ecuador: Earthquake Emergency Response

## WFP Response

- WFP prepared a three-month emergency operation (EMOP) to support the government in assisting 50 percent (260,000 people) of the affected population in need of food assistance.
- WFP is providing general food assistance through commodity vouchers and cash-based transfers (CBT) where markets are functioning.
- WFP is conducting a food security assessment in coordination with government and partners. Based on assessment findings, the beneficiary targeting and response strategy will be reviewed and adjusted as needed.
- WFP has established two new field offices, in Pedernales and Manta, and assigned a team to Portoviejo. WFP's existing field office in Esmeraldas also supports the emergency response.



## Food Assistance

- As part of its emergency preparedness and response procedures, WFP and the government had agreed on a list of products to be provided as relief assistance. A supermarket chain had been selected for the provision of assistance and a contractual agreement was signed. All processes to provide cash-based transfers were ready in preparation for El Niño related emergencies.
- Food assistance has already reached beneficiaries in shelters and hospitals. As of 29 April, 65,710 people have received WFP assistance.
- During the second cycle of assistance, WFP is planning to provide cash-based transfers in form of electronic vouchers to 109,000 earthquake-affected people.
- WFP staff will accompany government partners during distributions, verify beneficiary lists and monitor the provision of assistance.
- WFP collaborates with the Ministry of Social and Economic Inclusion, the Coordinating Ministry of Social Development, and the Ministry of the Interior to introduce cash-based transfers in Manta. This pilot programme will inform the planned expansion of this transfer modality.
- 15 WFP staff members have been deployed from the Regional Bureau and other WFP offices to assist the emergency response.
- 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 that is being used to support WFP's initial response.



## Logistics

- Heavy rains are affecting overland transportation from Quito to the province of Manabí.
- WFP's Logistics Center for Humanitarian Assistance is being used to store incoming donations for humanitarian actors and the government.
- On 22 April, WFP launched a USD 2 million Special Operation (SO 200972) for logistics activities to complement the overall emergency response in the country.

- WFP, the government and other humanitarian actors held a logistics sector meeting this week where gaps in information management, coordination, mapping and warehousing were identified.
- As the leader of the logistics sector, WFP will establish two warehouses in Pedernales and Manta, to be used by the government and humanitarian actors.
- Following the first WFP-organized airlift to support the emergency response, WFP's partner UPS is supporting two airlifts of 73 tons of operational equipment, urgently required shelter items and other humanitarian cargo.

## Partnerships

- WFP is working in close coordination with the Government of Ecuador.
- Under the coordination of the Humanitarian Country Team, IOM, FAO, UNDP, UNICEF, WHO-PAHO, UNHCR, UNESCO, UN Women, WFP, Red Cross and NGO partners are participating in the emergency response.

## Resourcing Update

- Thus far, less than USD 800,000 have been secured from the private sector to support the EMOP. This represents only 2% of the requirements. No funds have been confirmed against the SO.
- Almost 2 weeks after the earthquake, the EMOP and SO remain critically underfunded.
- More than USD 8 million were allocated to the EMOP from WFP's internal financing mechanisms as well as USD 1 million to the SO. While this has allowed the Country Office to respond in a timely manner, these funds will need to be revolved.
- If no further donor support is secured immediately, WFP will have to significantly reduce the planned number of relief beneficiaries.

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## WFP Operation

	Total Requirements (in USD)	Total Received * (in USD)	Net Funding Requirements (in USD)	People Reached (current distribution cycle)
<b>EMOP 200665</b>	34 m	782,500	33 m ( 3 months)	65,710
<b>Special Operation 200972</b>	2.0 m	0.0 m	2.0 m (3 months)	N/A
<b>Ecuador PRRO 200701</b>	19.3 m	8.2 m	2.1 m (6 months)	184,000

\*This table does not include funds allocated from WFP's internal financing mechanisms

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