



## WFP Ecuador Situation Report #3

Date 22 April 2016

### In Numbers

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

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

**45,000** people assisted

### Highlights

- On 16 April 2016 at 06:58 pm local time, a magnitude 7.8 earthquake struck the northern coast of Ecuador.
- On 21 April two aftershocks of 6.1 and 5.7 magnitude were registered.
- The death toll has climbed over 580 people and 8,000 injured.
- WFP plans to assist the most vulnerable population with food assistance over three months.

### Funding Update

#### Requirements Ecuador EMOP 200665

WFP launched the operation on 22 April with confirmed contribution of USD 500,000.

While the operation has an initial one-month budget of USD 11.4, the estimated requirement to provide three-month assistance (April to July 2016) is USD 34 million.

#### Situation Update

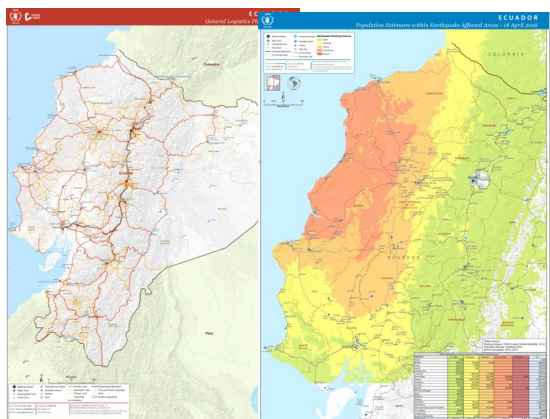
- Government reports indicate 587 people killed, 153 missing and 8,340 injured, 1125 buildings destroyed, 829 buildings and 281 schools affected. 25,400 people are in shelters.
- A state of emergency has been declared in the provinces of Esmeraldas, Santo Domingo, Manabí, Guayas, Los Ríos and Santa Elena.

### Situation Update

- The authorities immediately activated emergency protocols as well as the national Emergency Operations Center with the military and police 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.
- On 20 April, the President informed about the exceptional economic measures introduced to address the current crisis, including an increase in VAT from 12 to 14 percent.

### 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 has prepared a three-month emergency operation (EMOP) to support the Government in assisting 260,000 people in need of food assistance.
- WFP plans to immediately provide general food assistance for up to 260,000 people through vouchers and cash-based transfers (CBT) once markets are functioning.
- WFP will conduct a food security assessment in coordination with the Government and partners. Based on the findings of this assessment, WFP will review the planning assumptions for this operation and make adjustments to the targeting and response strategy accordingly.



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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.
- Food assistance has started reaching beneficiaries on in shelters and hospitals. As of 22 April, 45,000 people were reached. 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 vouchers and cash-based transfers.
- WFP staff will accompany the Government during distributions, verify beneficiary lists and monitor the provision of assistance.
- 6 staff have been deployed from the Regional Bureau and elsewhere to assist the operations.
- 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.



## Logistics

- Due to damaged roads, safe road itineraries have been identified for the transport of commodity vouchers. WFP staff will accompany CBT deliveries.
- The ministries of Economic and Social Inclusion and Public Health are collaborating with WFP in the implementation of the programme.
- UNDAC has sent 23 members for carry out assessments.
- The WFP's Logistics Center for Humanitarian Assistance is being used for incoming donations by humanitarian actors and the Government.



## Logistics Sector

- The Logistics sector response team will coordinate international flights this week in close liaison with the Ecuadorian Government.
- On 22 April, WFP launched a USD 2 million Special Operation (SO 200972) for logistics activities to complement the overall emergency response. The SO augments logistics staffing structure to increase the coordination of the emergency response, and provide regional logistics support equipment, such as mobile storage units and generators. Staff have been mobilized to augment response capacity.
- On 22 April, a plane from the UN Humanitarian Response Depot administered by WFP arrived in Quito with about 40 mt of inter-agency emergency supplies.

## Partnerships

- Under the coordination of the Humanitarian Country Team, 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

- Thus far, whilst several donors have expressed interest to support, about USD 500,000 have been confirmed against the EMOP, and needs remain largely unmet.
- An initial CERF application is being prepared with a potential allocation of USD 2 million for WFP.
- A Flash Appeal has been launched valued at USD 72.7 million, including an allocation of USD 16 million for WFP to the initial response for 45 days. This figure may be revised on the basis of further assessments. Current needs are estimated at USD 34 million for 3 months.
- WFP is grateful for the early critical support provided by donors in response to the earthquake in Ecuador including government donors and the private sector.

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## WFP Operations

	Total Requirements (in USD)	Total Received (in USD)	Net Funding Requirements (in USD)	People Reached (current distribution cycle)
<b>EMOP 200971</b>	34 m	500,000	33m ( 3 months)	
<b>Special Operation 200972</b>	2 m	0.0 m	2.0m (3 months)	
<b>Ecuador PRRO 200701</b>	19.3 m	8.3 m	2.1m (6 months)	184,000