

# PERU - FLOODS

FACT SHEET #1, FISCAL YEAR (FY) 2017

APRIL 10, 2017

## NUMBERS AT A GLANCE

**991,700**

Estimated Number of  
People Affected  
GoP – April 8, 2017

**106**

Number of Confirmed  
Fatalities  
GoP – April 8, 2017

**163,400**

Estimated Number of  
IDPs  
GoP – April 8, 2017

## HIGHLIGHTS

- Flooding has affected nearly 1 million people throughout Peru
- Substantial damage to infrastructure, including bridges and roads, continues to hinder humanitarian access to affected communities
- Eight DoD-supported flights have transported more than 96 MT of relief assistance to flood-affected communities

## HUMANITARIAN FUNDING FOR THE PERU RESPONSE IN FY 2017

USAID/OFDA <sup>1</sup>	\$517,261
DoD <sup>2</sup>	\$743,110
State/INL <sup>3</sup>	\$965,000

**\$2,225,371**

## KEY DEVELOPMENTS

- Widespread flooding and landslides resulting from heavy rains that began in December 2016 have affected nearly 1 million people, primarily in northwestern Peru, according to the Government of Peru (GoP). The GoP reports that the severe weather and related natural disasters have resulted in more than 100 deaths, up to 400 injuries, and displaced more than 163,000 people. As of April 5, the GoP had declared a state of emergency in 13 of Peru's 25 regions; the most-affected areas are the northern, coastal regions of La Libertad, Lambayeque, Piura, and Tumbes. The GoP is coordinating response efforts, including transporting and distributing humanitarian relief commodities in affected areas.
- The GoP reports that floods and subsequent landslides have damaged more than 11,000 schools and destroyed eight health facilities, as well as more than 1,200 miles of highway and nearly 290 vehicular and pedestrian bridges, as of April 5.
- In response to the flooding and landslides, USAID/OFDA deployed staff to Peru to assess the scale of humanitarian need, the extent of damages, and to coordinate the distribution of USAID/OFDA-provided humanitarian assistance. Since March 21, the U.S. Government (USG) has provided more than \$2.2 million to support GoP-led flood relief efforts. USAID/OFDA partners have distributed hygiene kits and water treatment supplies to flood-affected populations in northwestern Peru. In support of USAID/OFDA's ongoing relief efforts, DoD and State/INL continue to facilitate the air transport of humanitarian assistance and personnel to isolated regions in Peru. As of April 9, eight flights have carried approximately 96 metric tons (MT) of relief supplies to Piura Region and Chiclayo City, Lambayeque region.
- On April 10, the UN launched a flash appeal for \$38.3 million to assist flood-affected communities along the northern, coastal areas of Peru.

<sup>1</sup> USAID's Office of U.S. Foreign Disaster Assistance (USAID/OFDA)

<sup>2</sup> U.S. Department of Defense (DoD)

<sup>3</sup> U.S. Department of State Bureau of International Narcotics and Law Enforcement Affairs (State/INL)

## HUMANITARIAN ACCESS AND DISPLACEMENT

- As of April 8, heavy rainfall and subsequent flooding had affected nearly 1 million people, resulted in more than 100 deaths, and prompted the displacement of more than 164,000 people, according to the GoP's National Civil Defense Institute (INDECI). Floodwaters and landslides also damaged or destroyed approximately 35,800 houses, damaged nearly 290 bridges, and rendered roadways in affected areas impassable, INDECI reported on April 5. While rainfall began to subside in early April, allowing some standing floodwater to drain, some communities remain accessible only by aircraft in northwestern, coastal Peru. The GoP is progressing with infrastructure repairs and rehabilitations in the wake of the flooding. INDECI reports that Piura is the most severely affected region, where nearly 290,000 people—or approximately 29 percent—of the flood-affected population resides.
- Of the 35,800 houses damaged or destroyed, USAID/OFDA partners report that many houses retained mud and debris; following clean-up efforts, residents are likely to return to their homes. The UN reports that the majority of flood-displaced households are sheltering in host communities; approximately 47,000 internally displaced persons (IDPs) are sheltering in more than 200 temporary camps and collective shelters, according to INDECI. The majority of the shelters are located in the La Libertad, Lambayeque, Lima, and Piura regions.

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## FOOD SECURITY

- Through a preliminary assessment of flood-related damages, the UN World Food Program (WFP) identified food insecurity in 59 percent of assessed communities, including approximately 9 percent of respondents that WFP identified as severely food insecure.
- The GoP is responding to meet the food needs of those communities affected by the flooding, and many communities have organized community kitchens in order to prioritize the limited supply of food commodities and cooking facilities. As of March 30, the GoP had mobilized nearly 400 MT of food commodities from storage facilities in the Ancash, Lambayeque, La Libertad, and Piura regions, and recently announced plans to provide approximately 600,000 daily personal rations to flood-affected communities to meet needs during the coming weeks.
- The GoP reports that floodwaters adversely affected nearly 40,000 hectares of crops, including 13,500 destroyed hectares. Approximately 7,000 agricultural producers—80 percent of which are small farmers—lost their crops. In response, the GoP Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation (MINAGRI) has announced plans to register flood-affected farmers for assistance. In coordination with Agrobanco, a private financial institution that services small- and medium-sized farms in Peru, MINAGRI announced programs to support affected farmers with debt extensions and refinancing options. Additionally, MINAGRI, in collaboration with the Peruvian Armed Forces and the Regional Government of Piura, has taken steps to drain submerged agricultural land.

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## WASH

- Access to safe drinking water and sanitation are primary concerns for vulnerable populations, according to humanitarian actors operating in affected regions. As of April 5, approximately 567,000 flood-affected people lacked access to safe drinking water and sanitation infrastructure, such as latrines and showers, the UN reported. Field reports from USAID/OFDA note that damage to water systems exacerbates health concerns, placing up to three million people at risk of diarrhea, respiratory illness, and vector-borne diseases, such as chikungunya, dengue, leptospirosis, and zika. The GoP reports that emergency medical teams are providing health services and relief organizations are fumigating to control the insect populations in flood-affected areas; however, health actors caution that increased disease surveillance is required.
- USAID/OFDA partner the Pan American Health Organization (PAHO) is providing water, sanitation, and hygiene (WASH) assistance and health care program support in affected areas, including assistance with epidemiological surveillance. USAID/OFDA provided \$200,000 to PAHO to conduct life-saving WASH, health, and humanitarian coordination activities in the La Libertad, Lambayeque, Piura, and Tumbes regions.

- USAID/OFDA partner CARE has distributed 320 hygiene kits that include insect repellent, soap, towels, water containers, and water treatment tablets to flood-affected households in Piura's San Pablo 1 and 2 camps since April 2. On April 4, CARE distributed cleaning supplies and personal hygiene kits in a temporary shelter site located in Piura's town of San Pablo 2; outstanding needs observed in the shelter site included latrines, safe drinking water, and improved management of the shelter complex.
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## **LOGISTICS SUPPORT AND RELIEF COMMODITIES**

- In response to the widespread flooding, the GoP had distributed more than 6,100 MT of relief supplies to vulnerable populations as of April 5, and is working to improve road access throughout Peru to facilitate the distribution of food, medical supplies, and safe drinking water in the coming weeks, according to INDECI.
  - At the request of the GoP, the DoD and State/INL are providing logistics support to USAID/OFDA-led relief efforts, including aircraft to transport humanitarian assistance and personnel to severely affected and hard-to-reach areas of northern Peru. DoD also funded the construction of 13 regional emergency operation centers utilized during flood relief efforts.
  - USAID/OFDA staff in Peru continues to coordinate with GoP authorities for the daily transport of priority humanitarian commodities from the capital city of Lima to the city of Piura via two DoD-provided aircraft. As of April 9, eight flights have carried approximately 96 MT of relief supplies to Piura and Chiclayo City, Lambayeque region.
  - The GoP Ministry of Foreign Affairs reports that the governments of Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, and Ecuador jointly provided three airplanes and five helicopters early on in the response to assist with the rescue and evacuation of flood-affected populations.
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## **OTHER HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE**

- As of April 1, the international community had contributed more than \$7.5 million to support flood response efforts in Peru, including nearly \$2 million from the European Union and \$1.5 million from the Government of the People's Republic of China. As of April 2, the governments of Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Ecuador, Japan, Panama, Paraguay, and Venezuela had delivered approximately 150 MT of relief supplies to Peru, according to INDECI.
  - On April 10, the UN launched a flash appeal for \$38.3 million to meet the humanitarian needs of 320,000 people in flood-affected communities along the northern, coastal areas of Peru between April and October.
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## **CONTEXT**

- Months of heavy rains have resulted in widespread flooding and landslides throughout Peru, affecting nearly 1 million people. In response, USAID/OFDA provided an initial \$100,000 for the local procurement and distribution of emergency relief commodities, such as hygiene kits, to flood-affected populations. USAID/OFDA has since provided more than \$500,000 to respond to the Peru floods.
- USAID/OFDA deployed humanitarian staff to Peru on March 21 to meet with local government agencies and partner organizations, assess flood-affected areas, and support coordination of response activities. USAID/OFDA staff in Washington, D.C., and San José, Costa Rica, continue to monitor the situation in coordination with the U.S. Embassy in Lima.

**USG HUMANITARIAN FUNDING FOR THE PERU RESPONSE IN FY 2017<sup>1</sup>**

IMPLEMENTING PARTNER	ACTIVITY	LOCATION	AMOUNT
<b>USAID/OFDA</b>			
ADRA	WASH	La Libertad, Lambayeque	\$100,000
CARE	WASH	Piura	\$150,000
PAHO	WASH, Health, Humanitarian Coordination and Information Management	La Libertad, Lambayeque, Piura, Tumbes	\$200,000
SC/US	WASH	Lambayeque	\$50,000
Program Support Costs			\$17,261
<b>TOTAL USAID/OFDA FUNDING</b>			<b>\$517,261</b>
<b>DoD</b>			
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<b>TOTAL USG HUMANITARIAN FUNDING FOR THE PERU RESPONSE IN FY 2017</b>			<b>\$2,225,371</b>

<sup>1</sup> Year of funding indicates the date of commitment or obligation, not appropriation, of funds.

**PUBLIC DONATION INFORMATION**

- The most effective way people can assist relief efforts is by making cash contributions to humanitarian organizations that are conducting relief operations. A list of humanitarian organizations that are accepting cash donations for disaster responses around the world can be found at [www.interaction.org](http://www.interaction.org).
- USAID encourages cash donations because they allow aid professionals to procure the exact items needed (often in the affected region); reduce the burden on scarce resources (such as transportation routes, staff time, and warehouse space); can be transferred very quickly and without transportation costs; support the economy of the disaster-stricken region; and ensure culturally, dietary, and environmentally appropriate assistance.
- More information can be found at:
  - USAID Center for International Disaster Information: [www.cidi.org](http://www.cidi.org) or +1.202.821.1999.
  - Information on relief activities of the humanitarian community can be found at [www.reliefweb.int](http://www.reliefweb.int).

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