

Relief Activity Report No. 2 Peru: Earthquake

21 August 2007

1. Overall Situation



Today, the Government of Peru announced the delivery of 600 tons of humanitarian aid (food, clothes, and medicine). The total humanitarian aid sent so far by the government is 1,585 tons. The Government of Peru continues with the air bridge to Pisco, in order to deliver humanitarian supplies and facilitate the deployment of international relief aid and aid workers. In Ica, the Government of Peru has re-established water services to 75 percent of the population, while the other 25 percent are supplied with tankers. There are no reports of any serious security problem and

traveling in the area is free and safe. In coordination with the National Authorities, the UNDAC team has set up its Operations Center in Pisco Airport.

(Source: UN Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs)

The last official report issued by the National Institute of Civil Defense (INDECI) informed about the situation up to 20 August 2007 (according to Peruvian Government preliminary assessments):

Deaths already officially certified:	503
Wounded:	1,039
Houses destroyed:	35,214
Houses affected:	4,053
Hospitals destroyed:	4
Hospitals affected:	16

The state of emergency in the Department of Ica and province of Cañete in the Department of Lima is still in effect. The emergency situation has been extended to the provinces of Castrovirreina and Huaytará and the district of Acobambilla (Department of Huancavelica, central-east of Lima), and to Huañec and Tupe in the province of Yauyos (Lima). - For further information, please see www.reliefweb.int.

2. Activities of the Peruvian Association of the Order of Malta

The voluntary relief service of the Peruvian Association and the Peruvian Association of the Order of Malta have immediately started a collection of the most needed items for the victims. All relief activities on behalf of the Peruvian Association at present are coordinated by Prelate Dr. Helmut Zielinski, a German member of the Order working in the diocese of Lima. The Peruvian Malteser volunteers will bring the relief goods to the disaster area and distribute them to the families in need in cooperation with the local parishes. In addition, three doctors and two paramedics of the Peruvian Association provide first aid for the earthquake victims.

The President of the Peruvian Association, H.E. Fernando de Trazegnies y Granda, Marqués de Torrebermeja, sent out a special appeal to help the children. Hereupon, Faber Castell Peru among others donated coloured crayons and pens for the children of the victims. The volunteers of the Malteser relief service and the Peruvian Association are now organising a “show infantil”, a party for the children. “Life must go on after the catastrophe. And it is important for us to give the children a possibility to relax and enjoy their lives – despite the severe disaster”, H.E. Fernando de Trazegnies y Granda said.

3. Malteser International activities

Malteser International is in close contact with H.E. Fernando de Trazegnies y Granda and with Prelate Dr. Helmut Zielinski.

The Grand Magistry of the Sovereign Order of Malta (please see enclosure) urgently appeals for donations and encourages all associations to collect money in order to enable Malteser International to support the efforts of the Peruvian Association and its voluntary service. Your financial contribution to the benefit of the victims of the earthquake will be highly appreciated since it will allow us to give a reliable assistance even after the first emergency relief.

In order to plan our assistance thoroughly and even develop a rehabilitation programme, we would be most grateful if you could announce your possible contribution by mail, phone or fax. Please do not hesitate to contact us at any time in case you need further information.

In order to avoid “fundraising confusion” and high bank fees, we would kindly ask all associations first to use their own internal system for collecting donations and just afterwards transfer donations to the following Malteser International bank account:



People receive food in Chincha some 190 km south of Lima.

(Source: Reuters/Alertnet)

Bank für Sozialwirtschaft

Sort Code 370 205 00

Account N° 120 120 120

IBAN: DE 49 3702 0500 0001 0258 01

BIC BFSWDE33XXX

Reference: Peru

We shall keep you informed about all further developments.

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Yours sincerely



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Enclosure

Appeal for Peru (August 2007)