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Peru – Earthquake

Fact Sheet #5, Fiscal Year (FY) 2007

September 14, 2007

Note: The last fact sheet was dated September 5, 2007.

KEY DEVELOPMENTS

- Between September 11 and 13, USAID/OFDA airlifted an additional 800 rolls of plastic sheeting from the USAID/OFDA warehouse in Miami to help meet continuing shelter needs. The total value of the plastic sheeting, including transport, is \$337,690.
- With funding from USAID/OFDA, CARE, Caritas, and World Vision will provide temporary shelter solutions to a combined total of 3,000 to 4,500 families in Cañete, Chincha, Ica, and Yauyos provinces. The plastic sheeting airlifted by USAID/OFDA will be used as part of this shelter program. The Peruvian Corps of Voluntary Firefighters, with which USAID/OFDA has had a long-term technical assistance and training relationship, will provide support to the non-government organizations for program implementation.

NUMBERS AT A GLANCE*	SOURCE	
Total Affected Population	519 killed, 1,844 injured	INDECI ¹ , September 11, 2007
Houses Destroyed	52,891 houses	INDECI, September 11, 2007
Houses Damaged	22,939 houses	INDECI, September 11, 2007

*Based on current estimates. Assessments to determine precise damage and affected population figures are ongoing.

FY 2007 HUMANITARIAN FUNDING PROVIDED TO DATE

USAID/OFDA Assistance to Peru	\$2,551,910
Total USAID Humanitarian Assistance to Peru	\$2,551,910
Total Department of Defense (DOD) Humanitarian Assistance to Peru	\$600,000
Total USG Humanitarian Assistance to Peru	\$3,151,910

CURRENT SITUATION

- The USAID assessment team reported that the center of the emergency response is shifting from Pisco Province to other affected areas, including Ica, Chincha, and Cañete provinces. As local authorities play a larger leadership role in the response, INDECI is strengthening local Emergency Operations Centers and is working closely with authorities to validate information and numbers of affected persons, as well as provide relief assistance.
- The U.N. Development Program has begun coordinating the U.N. Emergency Team, following the departure of the U.N. Disaster Assessment and Coordination (UNDAC) team.
- Between September 4 and 7, the USAID team conducted assessments of earthquake-affected districts in Chincha, Canete, and Ica provinces. In Chincha Province, the team visited the districts of Pueblo Nuevo, Grocio Prado, Sunampe, and Chincha. The USAID team also visited the municipality of Guadalupe in Salas District, Ica Province. The USAID team found severe damage in the areas visited in Chincha and Guadalupe, with nearly all adobe brick structures having collapsed. While cleanup efforts are ongoing, there are still large quantities of rubble to be removed in both areas. The USAID team concluded that the main need in Chincha is heavy machinery for rubble removal.

Emergency Needs

- According to the USAID team, the main emergency needs in the earthquake-affected areas are rubble removal, water and sanitation, and camp management. The large quantities of rubble in all affected areas are delaying efforts in shelter activities, as well as in the recovery and reconstruction phases.

Shelter

- The Government of Peru (GOP) has revised its shelter strategy for the affected areas to focus on people staying or returning to their house lots, rather than continuing to live in displaced persons camps.
- USAID supports the GOP's new strategy and will expand the USAID/OFDA-funded temporary shelter program to include the cleanup of house lots and the rehabilitation of water and sanitation systems. Through this program, CARE, Caritas, and World Vision will provide temporary shelter solutions to a combined total of 3,000 to 4,500

¹ Peruvian National Institute of Civil Defense (INDECI)

families in Cañete, Chíncha, Ica, and Yauyos provinces. As part of the program, USAID/OFDA partners are distributing 1,100 rolls of plastic sheeting as materials for temporary shelters.

- On September 3, the International Organization for Migration (IOM) received the first shipment of 5,000 winterized tents for distribution in earthquake-affected areas. IOM plans to distribute 3,500 tents in Pisco Province, 1,000 tents in Chíncha Province, and 500 tents in Ica Province.

Water and Sanitation

- The USAID team noted that current water and sanitation facilities are not sufficient in displaced persons camps. On September 6, the U.N. Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs also reported that sanitation remains an issue in displaced persons camps.
- In Cañete Province, Lima Region, the USAID team visited the rural district of Lunahuaná on September 4 to assess the ongoing emergency response. The USAID team indicated that Lunahuaná's main challenge is to repair the water system, which is intermittently functioning with service provided on a rotating basis to different sectors of the district. District authorities reported that water service in the outlying towns has yet to be restored, and the district provides water to these areas via a tanker truck.
- As part of the USAID/OFDA-supported shelter assistance program, CARE, Caritas, and World Vision are providing water, sanitation, and hygiene support to affected areas in Cañete, Chíncha, Ica, and Yauyos provinces.

USG HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE

- Following the August 16 U.S. Ambassador's disaster declaration for Peru, more than 50 personnel from the Department of State, USAID/Peru, USAID/OFDA, and the DOD's Military Assistance Advisory Group (MAAG) were in the affected areas, conducting assessments, coordinating with the GOP, providing emergency medical treatment and relief supplies, and assisting American citizens.
- USAID/OFDA has provided \$1.5 million through USAID/Peru to implementing partners, including the Peruvian Red Cross, CARE, Caritas, and World Vision to support relief efforts.
- In addition to financial assistance, USAID/OFDA has delivered emergency relief commodities via six airlifts to Peru. The commodities included four 10,000-liter water bladders, 7,800 ten-liter water containers, 500 body bags, 1,100 rolls of plastic sheeting, and 15,000 blankets. USAID/OFDA has also provided an office support module for the UNDAC team.
- Beginning August 16, a USAID assessment team comprising representatives from USAID/OFDA and USAID/Peru assessed damages, identified needs, and delivered emergency assistance, in collaboration with the U.S. Embassy, and MAAG.
- To date, DOD has provided approximately \$600,000 in technical and financial assistance in response to the earthquake. DOD medical teams provided critical health services in the affected areas as well as supplies and air support.

USG HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO PERU

<i>Implementing Partner</i>	<i>Activity</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Amount</i>
USAID/OFDA ASSISTANCE¹			
USAID/Peru	Emergency Relief Activities through NGOs	Affected Areas	\$315,000
Peruvian Red Cross	Local Procurement of Emergency Relief Supplies	Pisco Province	\$100,000
CARE	Shelter, Emergency Relief Supplies, Rubble Removal, Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene	Chincha Province	\$367,500
Caritas	Shelter, Emergency Relief Supplies, Rubble Removal, Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene	Cañete and Yauyos provinces	\$317,500
World Vision	Shelter, Emergency Relief Supplies, Rubble Removal, Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene	Ica Province	\$400,000
CARE, Caritas, Samaritan's Purse, UNDAC, World Vision	Emergency Relief Supplies from USAID/OFDA's Miami Warehouse, including transport to Lima	Affected Areas	\$1,051,910
TOTAL USAID/OFDA			\$2,551,910
TOTAL USAID HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO PERU IN FY 2007			\$2,551,910
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE ASSISTANCE			
U.S. medical team of eight doctors and ten medical students from the Naval Medical Research Center Detachment (NMRCDD) with a portable laboratory			
Local procurement of medical and other relief supplies through NMRCDD			
27-member Field Surgical Team			
13-person Medical Readiness Exercise Team and supplies			
Surgical operating room package and medical supplies and a C-130 plane to transport relief supplies and affected residents			
TOTAL DOD			\$600,000
TOTAL DOD HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO PERU IN FY 2007			\$600,000
TOTAL USG HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO PERU IN FY 2007			\$3,151,910

¹ USAID/OFDA funding represents anticipated or actual obligated amounts as of September 14, 2007

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 their earthquake response efforts in Peru can be found in the "How Can I Help" section of http://www.usaid.gov/locations/latin_america_caribbean/perueq/ or by calling the Center for International Disaster Information (CIDI) at 703-276-1914. 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, warehouse space, etc); can be transferred very quickly and without transportation costs; support the economy of the disaster-stricken region; ensure culturally, dietary, and environmentally appropriate assistance.
- More information on making donations and volunteering services can be found at:
 - USAID: www.usaid.gov – Keyword: Peru
 - The Center for International Disaster Information: www.cidi.org or (703) 276-1914
 - InterAction: www.interaction.org → "Guide to Appropriate Giving"
 - Information on relief activities of the humanitarian community can be found at www.reliefweb.int

USAID/OFDA bulletins appear on the USAID web site at http://www.usaid.gov/our_work/humanitarian_assistance/disaster_assistance/