



# CANADIAN HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE FUND EMERGENCY RESPONSE TO EARTHQUAKE AFFECTED COMMUNITIES IN MANABÍ, ECUADOR

**HUMANITARIAN  
COALITION** 



**PEOPLE ASSISTED:** 16,916  **FUNDS PROVIDED:** 350,000 \$

**ASSISTANCE PROVIDED:** Hygiene kit and hygiene promotion: 2,800 households, 11,200 beneficiaries (about 4 family members per household).  
Shelter: 400 households or 1,600 beneficiaries will receive tents.



  Saturday 16 April, 2016 at 18h58

## BACKGROUND

A 7.8 magnitude earthquake struck northern Ecuador in April, resulting in more than 650 deaths and 12,000 injured. More than 700 aftershocks have been registered to date, with the strongest aftershock, a magnitude of 6.3, occurring on Wednesday, April 20.

Although the epicenter of the earthquake was situated in a remote rural area, several towns of coastal provinces were affected further south in Manabí, due to dense populations particularly in the cities of Portoviejo, Manta and Pedernales.





## OUTLINE OF NEEDS

Key needs identified include non-food items, food assistance, child protection, water and sanitation, education and early childhood care and development. In the first phase of the emergency response, Plan International is prioritizing the distribution of food as well as shelter and hygiene kits coupled with hygiene promotion activities.

## ORGANIZATIONAL CAPACITY

Plan International has worked in Ecuador for more than 50 years, implementing programmes on education, health, child protection, disaster risk management and water and sanitation (WASH). Plan has previous experience in Ecuador in emergency response.



## PROPOSED RESPONSE

### Objective

Children and families have essential hygiene items, are better protected from the natural elements and are aware of how to maintain good hygiene and dignity during a crisis.

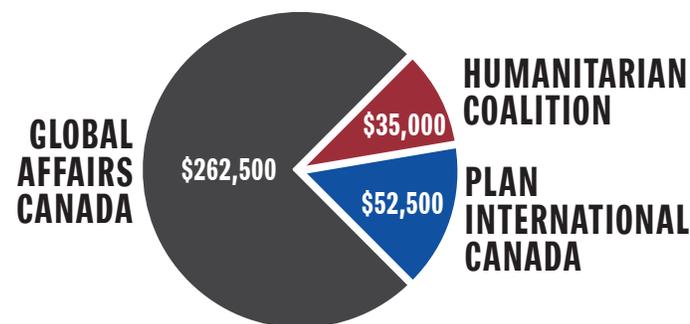
### Activities

Distribute hygiene kits to 2,800 vulnerable households reaching 11,200 beneficiaries. Additionally, affected women and girls will have access to menstrual hygiene management materials to maintain dignity.

Distribute tents to the most vulnerable families (400 households), whose homes have been destroyed or are partially damaged causing them to not be safe staying inside.

Provide hygiene education and training to community volunteers during the distribution of hygiene kits at the distribution centers to enable them to then educate the wider affected population.

## DISTRIBUTION OF FUNDS



Our interventions in response to localized disasters are supported by Global Affairs Canada (75%), the member agencies of the Humanitarian Coalition (15%) and the Humanitarian Coalition (10%). The CHAF was created in 2014 to ensure timely funding is available to fund lifesaving responses to smaller-scale disasters.