



CANADIAN HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE FUND 2017 PERU FLOODS

**HUMANITARIAN
COALITION** 

 Save the Children

PEOPLE ASSISTED: 7,500 

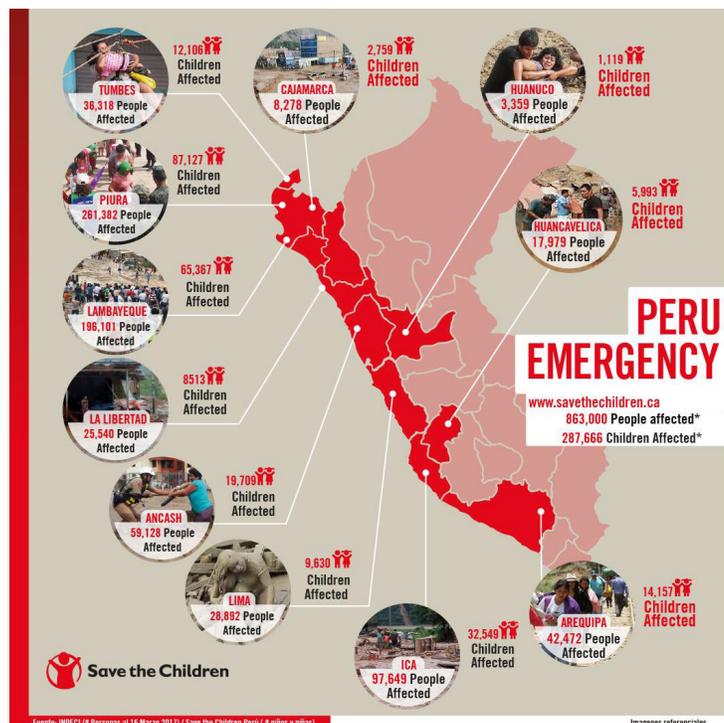
FUNDS PROVIDED: \$ 350,000 

ASSISTANCE PROVIDED: hygiene, shelter materials, household items,    
protection of children

March 2017

BACKGROUND

Peru has been experiencing heavy rain since December 2016, the result of the natural phenomenon El Nino Costero. The rains have caused extensive flooding across the country, killing close to 100 and affecting more than 750,000 people, with approximately 810 towns and cities in a state of emergency. Because of the magnitude of the disaster, aid has yet reached all of the people in need.



OUTLINE OF NEEDS

The amplitude of the disaster and the limited resources in place have resulted in response gaps, in particular the prevention of communicable diseases, meeting specific needs of women and children, and ensuring protection mechanisms are in place for children affected by the disaster. The above-mentioned gaps have continued to grow since the start of the disaster, putting the wellbeing of over 450,000 children and 170,000 women at risk. More than 100,000 people are reported to be in need of immediate humanitarian aid.

ORGANIZATIONAL CAPACITY

Save the Children has been responding to the emergency since January 2017, and has observed some needs are not being met. Save the Children, which has been responding to emergencies in Peru for the past 20 years, is a member of the Red Humanitaria, a network created to act in the case of emergencies in the country. Save the Children has been an active participant in all coordination meetings since the start of the flooding and the activation of the network.

PROPOSED RESPONSE

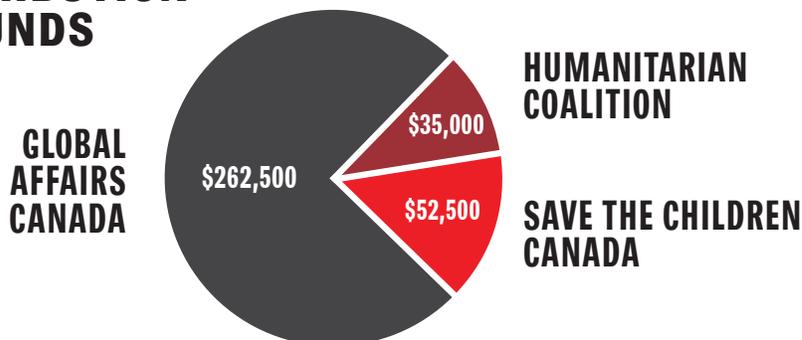
Objectives

Reduce vulnerability of crisis-affected people, especially women and children, and improve their ability to meet their basic needs

Activities

- Organize community engagement activities to identify most vulnerable households and sensitize community members on key gender equality messages and promote women's empowerment.
- Distribute hygiene kits to residents, in particular women and children in high-occupancy shelters, who are at greatest risk of the threat of communicable disease.
- Support activities aimed at preventing the spread of diseases transmitted by insect bites, such as malaria, dengue and yellow fever.
- Distribute household kits (comprising of items such as a gas stove, pots, pans and utensils) to affected families.
- Train community leaders on best practices to run communal shelters.
- Set up Child Friendly Spaces to provide support to girls and boys affected by the emergency, ensuring they have a safe place to recover and develop. This includes providing recreational and learning activities as well as psychosocial support.

DISTRIBUTION OF FUNDS



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