This report is based on information received from official sources in Chile and was issued by the OCHA Regional Office for Latin America and the Caribbean (ROLAC). This is the last situation report on the Chile Earthquake issued by OCHA ROLAC. Future updates on the situation will be shared by the Resident Coordinator’s RC Office in Santiago as and when they arise.

HIGHLIGHTS/KEY PRIORITIES

- On 22 March, the new Government announced the end of the emergency phase and beginning of the reconstruction/recovery period.
- Latest Government figures confirm that over 1.8 million people have been affected in the four regions most devastated by the earthquake and/or the tsunami; 65% of these people are in the Region of Biobio.
- Priority needs indicated by the new Government remain temporary shelter, education and WASH.

I. Situation Overview

- According to a Government report, estimated reconstruction costs following the earthquake/tsunami are as follows:
  - Housing: US$4 billion, given that at least 160,000 houses are damaged beyond repair.
  - Education: US$3 billion, with 4,013 schools damaged to various degree.
  - Health: US$2.8 billion, with 79 hospitals damaged and some of them not yet operational.
  - Agriculture and fisheries: US$39 million for economic loss in agriculture; the fisheries sector reports the same loss, with 26,923 small-scale fishermen having suffered material losses and more than 4,200 boats destroyed.
  - Transport: almost US$1 billion.
- Two aftershocks with a magnitude of 4.8 and 4.9, respectively, on the Richter scale have been recorded on 26 March in the Region of Maule; and one aftershock with a magnitude of 5.9 between the Regions of Antofagasta and O’Higgins. Another aftershock of 6.1 hit the south of the country on 28 March.

II. Humanitarian Needs and Response

Emergency Shelter and Non-Food Items:

Needs
- Total numbers of people in need of shelter are still being assessed. At least 160,000 houses have been confirmed to be damaged beyond repair. Another 93,000 houses require damage assessments.
- According to the International Federation of the Red Cross/Crescent (IFRC), approximately 19,000 people live in 90 shelter camps in the Regions of O’Higgins, Maule and Biobio. Another 25,000 people are staying in improvised temporary shelters (e.g. schools) and an additional 50,000 people are in urgent need of shelter as they are living in makeshift camps.

Response
- The Government announced that it will build 20,000 "mediaguas" (simple wood cabin type shelters) and distribute 25,000 tents. It will also provide subsidies/in-kind support to 20,000 families staying with hosts. With the NGO "Un Techo para Chile" building an additional 20,000 "mediaguas", the Government estimates that it will be able to provide shelter support to some 85,000 families by mid-June.
- To date, the NGO ‘Un techo para Chile’ has built 1,644 temporary shelters. Over 5,000 volunteers have been participating in the NGO’s activities.
As of 21 March, IFCR had distributed 300 family tents in Talca and another 200 in Concepción. Ten Chilean Red Cross volunteers have set up 100 tents in Arauco (Region of Biobío).

The NGO Shelter Box has delivered tents and life-saving supplies for up to 10,000 people.

**Water and Sanitation:**

*Needs*

- Approximately 155,000 people in rural areas still do not have access to water and sanitation services.
- As of 26 March, according to the Superintendent’s Office of Sanitary Services, 100% of the urban population in the area affected by the earthquake had access to drinking water. Of these, 99.6% (11.2 million people) are obtaining water through internal distribution networks with sporadic cuts, while 0.4% (43,000 people in the Region of Biobío) are supplied by water tankers. The quality of the water supplied by rehabilitated services still needs to be assessed.
- Sanitation solutions for waste disposal at the household and community levels are required.

*Response*

- UNICEF continues to be the focal point for the WASH sector.
- IFRC has implemented water, sanitation and hygiene activities in the communities of Tibul, Lota and Tumbes (Region of Biobío), analyzing the chlorine, PH and turbidity levels in the three tanks in these communities. IFCR has also carried out fumigation around latrines and waste deposits of the Tubul camp for plague control.
- The Ministry of Public Works will invest 3,000 million Chilean pesos (approximately US$ 5.7 million) in the reconstruction of 58 rural potable water systems in the Region of Araucanía to benefit 6,000 people.

**Health:**

*Response*

- According to IFRC as of 22 March, five tents of the field hospital in Pitrufquén (Region of Araucanía) had been installed and equipped. This hospital has a 50-bed capacity, surgery services, intensive care, anesthesia, mother-child care, pharmacy, equipment sterilization and ambulatory services.
- On 23 March, USAID/OFDA provided four additional large, heavy-duty tents to expand the patient and post-operative care capacity of the U.S. Air Force Expeditionary Medical Support field hospital in Angol (Region of Araucanía).
- Since 27 February, more than 1,700 Chilean Red Cross volunteers have conducted damage assessments and distributed 770 metric tons of food and relief supplies in the affected regions. In addition, the Chilean Red Cross maintains two operational bases in Biobío and Maule Regions, in the cities of Concepción and Talca.
- Fourteen specialists of the Spanish Red Cross have provided psycho-social support to more than 1,500 people in the area of Concepción.
- PAHO/WHO is strengthening their Chilean Office with regional experts in the areas of coordination, communication, water and sanitation, and administration.

**Education:**

*Needs*

- Some 590,000 students are still unable to attend school (80% of students in the Region of Maule and 75% of students in the Region of Biobío).

*Response*

- On 24 March, the Minister of Education informed that 250,000 students had resumed classes during the prior week.
- According to national media, the network of 122 kindergartens in the Region of Biobío is not operational, leaving 6,598 infants at home. Approximately 30% of the 647 institutions in the Regions of Valparaiso, O’Higgins, Maule and Biobío have been damaged.

**Early Recovery:**

*Response*

- The NGO Malteser International is supporting 15 small-scale enterprises in the reconstruction of buildings and workshops in Chépica (Region of O’Higgins) for 140,000 inhabitants. In Tubul (Region of Biobío), the NGO is supporting fishermen and sea shell divers who lost their boats and equipment.

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The Ministry of Agriculture has re-assigned 4,800 million Chilean pesos (approximately US$ 9 million) to repair irrigation infrastructure damaged by the earthquake.

The Institute for Farming Development, INDAP, has allocated 1,875 million Chilean pesos (approximately US$ 3.5 million) for emergency response activities, including agricultural bonuses, minor irrigation works and irrigation experts as well as fuel. Some 7,628 people will benefit from these measures.

The National Agricultural Society (SNA) has presented a package of measures to support the agricultural sector, including rehabilitation of electrical services, fuel supply, transport connectivity and water irrigation systems, tax alleviation and working capital support.

IV. Coordination

- On 24 March, UNETT carried out a three-day mission to identify the municipalities where CERF projects will be implemented and to set up the political, technical and administrative bases for their implementation.

- UNICEF is the agency focal point for water and sanitation and protection, and continues to meet with Government focal points and partners.

- UNICEF and UNESCO are the focal points for the education sector and continue to meet with Government representatives and partners.

- PAHO/WHO is the agency focal point for health and continues to work with the Ministry of Health on projects aimed at mitigating the health impact of the earthquake in affected communities and populations.

- IFCR cluster lead representatives are supporting agencies and Government focal points in the shelter sector.

V. International Funding and Assistance

- Current tracking of contributions indicate over US$ 120 million in resources pledged or committed, including US$10 million from the CERF, and US$6.4 million in uncommitted pledges.

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