



# Mexico

## Humanitarian Situation Report No.5

### Earthquakes Central & South Mexico

UNICEF staff deliver 100 School in a Box kits in Puebla with Good Will Ambassador Cesar Costa. @UNICEFMexico

## Highlights.

- Search and rescue activities are now concluded. Government efforts are focused on reconstruction and continued response to the affected populations.
- Final data reports 369 deaths, including 10 foreigners. Out of 228 deaths in Mexico City, 29 were children. (Source: Protección Civil. Oct.4)
- 4 million students from 10 affected states will be temporary re-located in other schools. (Source: SEP).
- Families in Mexico City will be able to access credits to buy or repair their houses for up to US\$111,000 to be paid in 20 years at a 9% annual rate. (Source: Presidencia).
- UNICEF has made a public appeal for putting children at the centre of the private and public recovery and reconstruction plans.
- UNICEF's response plan on child protection and education has started implementation in Oaxaca (11 child friendly spaces to date), Puebla (100 School in a Box kits delivered) and Chiapas (45 teachers trained). Chiapas and Morelos will start next week with the installation of child friendly spaces.
- Storm *Ramón* is now hitting Mexico, affecting 15 states and causing heavy rains in Oaxaca and Chiapas.
- Child Protection: 11 child friendly spaces established in Oaxaca with an average of 600 children attending weekly; 51 CFS facilitators trained: 31 in Puebla; 20 in Mexico City.
- WASH: 3,930 hygiene kits integrated with in kind donations.
- Education: 100 school-in-a-box kits delivered in Puebla; 45 teachers trained in psychosocial support in Chiapas.

6 October 2017

7 million

estimated number of children living in states affected by the earthquakes (Oaxaca, Chiapas, Mexico City, Morelos and Puebla).

US\$4.6 million

required by UNICEF Mexico for immediate and complementary response to the needs of children and adolescents in earthquake affected areas in both Central and Southern Mexico.



## Situation Overview & Humanitarian Needs

### Chiapas

- Ten schools collapsed in the region of Istmo Costa, affecting 1,872 students. To address the learning needs of these children, the Ministry of Education in Chiapas expressed the need for 74 temporary learning spaces, along with School-in-a-Box and ECD kits.
- In Tonalá, Chiapas, there is only one shelter left open, which receives 44 children on a daily basis. World Vision has installed 3 child friendly spaces in this municipality, attending to an average of 110 children per day. UNICEF coordinated with World Vision and the Chiapas Ministry of Education for the training of facilitators and teachers on psycho-social support.

### Oaxaca

- Political tensions among different parties in Juchitan and neighboring municipalities is very evident, to the point of suspending a UN mission for security reasons. Aid coordination is an important issue, and the military has been asked to organize some of the larger shelters (called "mega-albergues"). UNICEF staff on mission in Oaxaca this week report a lack of sanitation facilities in the shelters and that the population in these shelters will soon increase as demolitions begin.
- On the education sector, the ongoing tension between the Oaxaca Ministry of Education and the Teachers' Union has stalled the reopening of schools. In Oaxaca, 367 temporary learning spaces are being built to attend to 133, 000 students. (Source: El Universal). There is still no clarity on when the schools will finally open.

## **Mexico City, Puebla y Morelos**

- 5,287 schools have been certified as safe and are operating normally in Mexico City. This represents 57% of all schools in the city: 4,000 schools remain closed. Restrictions to return to school are maintained in Tlahuac and specific neighbourhoods of Iztapalapa and Xochimilco. (Source: SEP).
- UNICEF staff visited 15 shelters in 4 municipalities to determine where to install child friendly spaces. Most of the shelters are only used during the day, receiving children at lunch time or in the afternoons to play or participate in activities organized by volunteers.
- Morelos reports 200 schools that are severely damaged, while Puebla reports 7,278 schools that are still closed, with 62 schools requiring complete reconstruction. To date 956,000 children are still out of school.
- During the week of 9 September, 11 child friendly spaces will be opened in Puebla and 5 others will be opened in Morales.

## **Humanitarian Strategy and Response**

The following response actions were implemented during the week of 2-6 October 2017.

### **Child Protection**

- 11 child friendly spaces (CFS) for psychosocial support have been installed in 4 municipalities of Oaxaca, 3 of them in partnership with Save the Children and 2 with World Vision. The first child friendly space in Mexico City will be opened on 11 October with the City Governor.
- 51 CFS facilitators were trained this week: 31 in Puebla and 20 in Mexico City. They will provide psychosocial support in 15 child friendly spaces in the two states, to benefit at least 5,000 children in the next three months.
- Guidelines for shelter standards, underlining protective measures for children and with emphasis on children's rights to access adequate water and sanitation facilities, protection, nutrition and health, were developed and submitted to various Government ministries. A roundtable discussion and validation of these guidelines will be held on 11 October and will be implemented in all earthquake-affected states.
- Work with the Special Attorneys for Child Protection is ongoing, and some cases of child rights violations have been reported and referred to the Special Attorneys in Oaxaca State.

### **Education**

- This week, 45 teachers (training of trainers) were trained on psychosocial support in education in Chiapas.
- 100 School-in-a-Box kits were delivered to the Ministry of Education in Puebla, by UNICEF together with UNICEF Mexico Goodwill Ambassador Cesar Costa.
- 100 tents for temporary learning spaces have been ordered from Supply Division. 74 temporary learning spaces are needed for Chiapas.
- The first draft of a radio and social media campaign on "Back to School" has been designed.

### **WASH**

- 3,930 hygiene kits were integrated with in kind donations. 600 of them will be sent to two child friendly spaces in San Mateo del Mar in Oaxaca on 10 October. World Vision is supporting UNICEF with a warehouse. UNICEF's implementing partner, Cantaro Azul, will implement hygiene promotion activities with families in those spaces on 11-12 October.

### **C4D**

- An intersectoral plan on key messages on nutrition, protection and education using diverse channels of communication has been developed.
- UNICEF Mexico will launch U-Report to approach adolescents for inputs on the situation of children and on response needs on 9 October.

### **Nutrition**

- A campaign to promote breastfeeding in shelters is being designed and information and communication materials for shelters have been developed with Government counterparts.

## **Humanitarian Coordination**

- The United Nations Emergency Team has organized sectoral working groups in response to the emergency. UNICEF is leading Education and WASH, and participating in 4 others (Protection, Health, Early Recovery and Communications).
- The UNCT met with the Mexico City Governor on 4 Oct; UNICEF offered immediate response actions and medium term interventions for recovery and rehabilitation.

## **Media and External Communication**

- In the period of 8 September-2 October, UNICEF Mexico had 910 mentions in national and international news. Mentions in major local newspapers have reached more than 6 million people nationwide.
- UNICEF Mexico currently has 28,000 followers on Twitter, 145,400 on Facebook and 10,700 on Instagram; the number of followers having increased greatly because of the earthquakes.

## Funding

- UNICEF Mexico requires US\$4.6 million to attend to the immediate needs of children and adolescents in terms of WASH, child protection, and education, in the five affected states. US\$700,000 has been received from Lego Foundation.
- The local fundraising campaign continued through all existing channels. To date, approximately US\$240,000 have been raised locally. Fundraising from all channels, per sector is as follows:

Sector	Appeal USD	Funds received USD	Funding gap	
			\$	%
Education	\$ 2,000,000.00	\$ 700,000.00	\$ 1,300,000.00	65%
Child Protection	\$ 1,800,000.00	\$ 300,000.00	\$ 1,500,000.00	83%
Sanitation & Hygiene	\$ 600,000.00	\$ 100,419.06	\$ 499,580.94	83%
Nutrition	\$ 200,000.00	\$ -	\$ 200,000.00	100%
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 4,600,000.00</b>	<b>\$ 1,100,419.06</b>	<b>\$ 3,499,580.94</b>	<b>76%</b>

## Next SitRep:

- 13 October 2017

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