



Displaced women and children in a sports centre turned temporary shelter in Chiapas.

Mexico

Humanitarian Situation Report No.1

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Highlights

- On 7 September at 11:49 pm an earthquake with a magnitude of 8.1 on the Richter scale struck at the coast of Chiapas, which heavily affected neighbouring state Oaxaca and slightly affected other parts of the country, including Mexico City.
- Based on the latest census of Chiapas and Oaxaca, an estimated 2,133,238 children, out of which 584,060 are under 5, live in the areas affected by the earthquake.
- 122 municipalities in Chiapas and 41 others in Oaxaca have been declared under a state of emergency.
- UNICEF Mexico has been in contact with the National Civil Protection Authority to offer assistance in terms of child protection and WASH and three teams will be deployed on 9 September to the affected areas of Chiapas and Oaxaca for a rapid assessment of the needs of women and children.

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required by UNICEF Mexico for immediate and complementary response to the needs of children and adolescents in earthquake affected areas, and possibly in areas to be affected by simultaneously incoming hurricanes.

Situation Overview & Humanitarian Needs

- The number of casualties as of writing is still very low, with 7 recorded in Chiapas, 23 in Oaxaca and 2 in Tabasco.
- The Ministry of Education declared that all schools are closed in the capital and in the affected areas.
- Hospitals in Chiapas and Oaxaca have been severely affected and according to the Ministry of Health patients were evacuated and the Children's Hospital and Regional Hospital of Chiapas were closed. At least 8 hospitals in total were damaged in Chiapas.
- Meanwhile, at least 21 municipalities in northern Oaxaca are under a state of emergency due to floods brought about by Hurricane Katia; 11 municipalities are already under a state of emergency in the nearby state of Veracruz.
- Children are found in shelters with their parents after evacuation especially from tsunami-risk areas; no reports yet of missing or separated children.

Humanitarian Strategy

UNICEF Mexico is in close coordination with the National Civil Protection Authority at the federal and state levels, as well as with Social Welfare Offices and other government institutions at the state level. The Country Office is sending three teams on 9 September to two severely affected sites in Chiapas and one in Oaxaca to conduct a rapid assessment of the needs of women and children and to estimate supply needs.

Security

The area is relatively safe but road access may be an issue to some of the heavily affected municipalities.

Funding

UNICEF Mexico requires US\$1.2 million to attend to the immediate needs of children and adolescents in terms of water, sanitation and hygiene, child protection, health and education.

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