



Temporary learning spaces installed in Puebla by UNICEF. October 23, 2017. @UNICEFMexico

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Earthquakes Central & South Mexico

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7 million

estimated number of children living in 5 states affected by the two 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.



Highlights.

- The Ministry of Education, through the National Institute for School Infrastructure, created a Technical Advisory Group for the Reconstruction of Educational Institutions. Its functions are: 1) Collaboration and advice in the design and supervision of projects; 2) Presentation of at least six prototype proposals for structural rehabilitation of damaged buildings; 3) Curricular design of a training course for both construction companies and supervision companies, making it compulsory to participate in the execution and monitoring of educational works; and 4) Verification that the structures are of a still higher level of security and taking into account the type of soil and the seismic coefficient. (Source: SEP. Comunicado No. 326. 25 October 2017).
- Repairs have started in 11,000 schools to which US\$30 million has been designated to fix windows, doors and other minor repairs. These resources come from the Educational Reform Programme. (Source: SEP Comunicado No. 324. 24 October 2017).
- Return to school percentages are as follows: 94% of schools in Chiapas; 88% in Oaxaca; 96% in Puebla; 50% in Morelos; and, 75% in Mexico City. (Source: SEP).
- UNICEF's response plan continues its implementation. 31 out of 38 planned Child Friendly Spaces (CFS) have been installed: 15 in Oaxaca, 10 in Puebla (also, 100 school-in-a-box kits and 50 tents for temporary learning spaces were delivered), 2 in Chiapas and 4 in Mexico City.

Situation Overview & Humanitarian Needs

- In **Oaxaca**, federal agencies and the military which had responded and had presence, including at shelters since the earthquake, have now left. It is likely that shelters will be now managed by the local Social Welfare Agency (DIF). This will present a challenge since they do not have enough human resources to address current needs.
- On 20 October, demolition began on the General Hospital in Juchitan, Oaxaca; the hospital was damaged in the 7 September earthquake.
- Last reports from **Chiapas** indicate that 141 churches, 16,796 houses and 113 schools were totally damaged in the earthquake. There are 8 shelters still operating. (Source: Protección Civil Chiapas). UNICEF staff in Chiapas report that partial damages in 2,173 schools were previous to the earthquake. The lack of adequate maintenance in schools has made them even more vulnerable to earthquakes. Additionally, the teacher's union is preventing teachers from demanding resources for school improvements as part of its fight with the Federal Government.
- The Federal Government has started distributing support in **Chiapas** for house reconstruction, milk and food subsidized services and other economic activation programs. (Source: Presidencia de la República. 30 October).

Humanitarian Strategy and Response

The following response actions were implemented between 16-27 October 2017.

Child Protection

- In total, 31 child friendly spaces (CFS) out of 38 planned have been installed: 10 in Puebla, 15 in Oaxaca, 4 in Mexico City and 2 in Chiapas.
- On average, each space caters to 50 children daily. In total, 1,450 children participate on a daily basis in the 29 child friendly spaces.
- 5 child friendly space tents in Oaxaca were blown away by very strong winds (a phenomenon called ventosa). Actions are underway to reinforce installation of all CFS in this state to prevent future problems. UNICEF staff are also exploring alternatives.
- UNICEF staff visited Morelos and Oaxaca together with implementing partner, FutbolMás Foundation, to determine where to install spaces for activities with adolescents.

Education

- 50 temporary learning spaces were installed in 6 municipalities in Puebla. Another 50 will be installed this week: 22 in Puebla and 28 in Morelos.
- Another 380 tents for temporary learning spaces are expected to arrive by the end of November. An agreement has been reached with CAAAREM Foundation for free transportation and storage.
- 200 school-in-a-box kits will be sent to Morelos, Chiapas, Oaxaca and Guerrero.
- During November, 2,566 school directors in Chiapas will be trained in psycho-social skills. This is part of the original training replication process. From the first group of 40 teachers who were trained in September, replication training has been done with 274 teachers, reaching 11,571 children.

WASH

- The Civil Protection authority has requested 10,000 tarpaulins for Oaxaca. Supply colleagues are exploring purchase options.
- Actions with implementing partner, Cantaro Azul, have started to coordinate the design and implementation of a comprehensive WASH strategy in 6 temporary educational spaces in 4 of the most affected states: Chiapas, Oaxaca, Morelos and Puebla. Also, a comprehensive diagnosis of the WASH situation in the most vulnerable municipalities will be developed to prepare an informed response in the short and long term, together with hygiene kits distribution. Selected municipalities are: Arriaga in Chiapas; Santa Isabel Cholula, San Pedro Atlixco and Metepec in Puebla; Tlaquiltenango in Morelos and Xochimilco in Mexico City.

Humanitarian Coordination

- The United Nations Emergency Team sectoral working groups have maintained their coordinated meeting and activities in response to the emergency. A meeting of the leaders of each working group took place on 26 October to share information on current response activities. An intranet page has been created to share information among the groups and plan meetings among group leaders. UNICEF is the lead of the education and WASH sectors.

Media and External Communication

- On 25 October, UNICEF Mexico held a press event to report on UNICEF's emergency response which was attended by 12 key media outlets, including Notimex and all major newspapers. The event generated widespread national media coverage, thus helping maintain UNICEF's strong public presence around this emergency.
- Two new videos were produced and released through digital channels: a general "reporting back" video; and, one on the establishment of temporary schools.

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.
- Fundraising from all channels, per response sector is as follows:

Sector	Appeal US\$	Funds received US\$	Funding gap	
			\$	%
Education	2,000,000.00	870,000.00	1,130,000.00	56%

Child Protection	1,800,000.00	364,464.42	1,435,535.58	80%
Sanitation & Hygiene	600,000.00	300,000.00	300,000.00	50%
Communication		22,500.00		
Nutrition	200,000.00	-	200,000.00	100%
Total	4,600,000.00	1,556,964.42	3,043,035.58	66%

Humanitarian Performance Monitoring

Sector	Indicators	Target	Advances 31 October
WASH	# of families that receive complimentary hygiene kits	2,000	900
	# of children that attend Child friendly spaces and have access to sanitation and handwashing facilities.	5,700	No data yet
Protection	# of children with access to Child friendly spaces	5,700	In average, 1,450 children per week attend the 31 CFS
	% of cases of abuse, exploitation and violence received by local Child Protection Attorneys	70%	No data yet
Nutrition	# of pregnant and lactating women informed on breastfeeding	10,000*	2,400
Education	# of children that attend the temporary learning spaces	20,000	No data yet
	# of children that benefit from School in a box (SiB)	20,000	4000
	# of teachers receiving training on psychosocial Support and emergency curriculum	1,200	162 (initial training) 274 (first replica in Chiapas)
ECD	# of children under 5 that benefit from ECD kits in pre-school temporary learning spaces	1,500	230

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