BOLIVIA, ECUADOR AND PERU
IFRC Country Cluster Office

PROGRAMME OVERVIEW

This multi-country programme aims to support the Bolivian Red Cross (BRC), Ecuadorian Red Cross (ERC) and Peruvian Red Cross (PRC) to implement humanitarian actions with the following Areas of Focus: Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR); Livelihoods and basic needs; Health; Water, Sanitation and Hygiene Promotion; Protection, Gender and Inclusion; and Migration.

While all three are part of the Andean sub-region, the characteristics of each country, as well as within one country, immensely vary. According to 2017 figures, Bolivia has a total population of 11,051,600 people (69.1% urban and 30.9% rural); Ecuador's population is 16,624,858 people (63.7% urban and 36.3% rural); and Peru's population is registered at 32,165,485 people (77.7% urban and 22.3% rural). According to the World Bank, life expectancy is 69.5 years in Bolivia, 76.6 years in Ecuador and 75.2 years in Peru. Bolivia has an infant mortality rate of 28 per 1,000 live births with this figure being 12.5 in Ecuador and 11.6 in Peru. HIV prevalence in the population between 15 and 49 years is 0.3 in Bolivia, Ecuador and Peru (UNDP, 2017). The GINI coefficient in Bolivia is 56.7 and 52.2 in Ecuador and 50.5 in Peru (2006 figures).

All three countries are classified as multi-risk. Bolivia is vulnerable to droughts, floods and earthquakes. Ecuador is prone to earthquakes, volcanic eruptions and avalanches. Peru faces similar geological and hydro-meteorological risks. Forecasts for 2019 indicate that the El Niño Southern Oscillation (ENSO) could occur in Northern Peru and Ecuador.

The population movement from Venezuela is predicted to continue unabated and the humanitarian needs generated by this situation will likely intensify. According to UNHCR and IOM, as of September 2018, there were 215,000 Venezuelans in Ecuador and 414,000 Venezuelans in Peru.

This plan complements work by other Movement partners. The International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) delegation in Lima supports all three National Societies (NS) in areas such as Restoring Family Links (RFL), security access, communication, water and habitability (WATHAB), protection and migration. Red Cross partners are present in all three countries, supporting disaster risk reduction, health and migration. They include the Swiss Red Cross in Bolivia and Peru, the Spanish Red Cross in Ecuador and Peru, and the German Red Cross in Peru.
The population movement from Venezuela is predicted to continue unabated and the humanitarian needs generated by this situation will likely intensify. As of August 2018, there were 500,000 Venezuelans in Ecuador and 410,000 Venezuelans in Peru. To date, Bolivia has not reported a large influx of Venezuelan nationals.

Part of the humanitarian response involves supporting the National Societies’ capacities and skills. This plan aims to support work in six thematic areas.

**STATISTICS**

- 38.6% Of Bolivians live below the poverty line.
- 59% Of deaths in Bolivia are due to non-communicable diseases.
- >50% Of women in Peru report physical or emotional abuse.
- 29% Of Ecuadorians live within 30kms of an active volcano.

**AREAS OF FOCUS**

**DISASTER RISK REDUCTION**

CHF 280,000 required

IFRC will support National Societies to strengthen community preparedness for disasters, strengthen their auxiliary role and build on the standards in DRR.

- 1,000 people will be reached by DRR and community resilience programmes.

**LIVELIHOODS AND BASIC NEEDS**

CHF 32,000 required

IFRC will support the expansion of the Livelihoods Regional Strategy and will evaluate the impact of the Livelihoods recovery component of the Ecuador Earthquake Emergency Appeal.

**SHELTER**

CHF 9,000 required

Following up on the work conducted in shelter during the Emergency Appeal for the 2016 Earthquake, the IFRC will work with the Ecuadorian Red Cross to train its volunteers in preparedness and risk reduction activities (PASSA and PASSA Youth).

**HEALTH**

CHF 248,792 required

IFRC will support Bolivia on Maternal-Child health and Ecuador with their health strategy and volunteer training in Community-based Health and First Aid (CBHFA) and psychosocial support.

- Volunteers in Peru will be trained in sexual and reproductive health in emergencies and a project will be rolled out on non-communicable disease (NCD) prevention. The initiative will be expanded to Bolivia and Ecuador.
- 3,000 people will be reached with services to reduce health risk factors.

**WATER, SANITATION AND HYGIENE**

CHF 32,000 required

In Ecuador, there will be continued support for construction of water systems and an impact study in this area will evaluate the actions implemented through the Emergency Appeal operation for the 2016 earthquake. A community-based hygiene promotion project will be launched in Peru.

- PRC promotes positive hygiene practices at the community and institutional levels.
- ERC improves access to safe water and increases knowledge and good practice on treatment and reuse of wastewater.

**PROTECTION, GENDER AND INCLUSION**

CHF 3,000 required

IFRC will support Ecuador and Peru to develop protection work, particularly in relation to the population movement in the subregion, including gender and diversity training. Advocacy and networking with relevant institutions will be strengthened.

- Strengthen NS capacities to respond to sexual and gender-based violence.

**MIGRATION**

CHF 170,000 required

IFRC will support National Societies to assist people on the move in health, coordination with public institutions and local actors, and actions to reduce vulnerability, stigma and discrimination, and xenophobia. Mobile health services will be rolled out in large urban centres where migrants have settled and direct assistance will be extended to migrants in transit in border regions. National Societies will be trained in key aspects of migration including RFL.

**STATISTICS FOR IMPLEMENTATION**

**STRENGTHEN NATIONAL SOCIETY CAPACITIES**

CHF 890,000 required

IFRC support will focus on capacity building and organizational development with the three National Societies to ensure the necessary legal, ethical and financial foundations, systems, structures, competences and capacities. IFRC will promote uptake of the Learning Platform by Red Cross volunteers.

- 100 Red Cross personnel will be trained in leadership.
- 10,500 volunteers will be insured.
- Support youth engagement strategies and youth participation in Governance.
- Support Peru with development of new Statutes.

**EFFECTIVE INTERNATIONAL DISASTER RESPONSE**

CHF 75,000 required

IFRC, with the ICRC, will create international disaster tripartite agreements with all three National Societies.

**INFLUENCE OTHERS AS STRATEGIC PARTNERS**

CHF 570,000 required

IFRC will continue providing technical support and training to the National Societies to strengthen their auxiliary role on Disaster Law, Legislative Advocacy and Humanitarian Diplomacy, using the new Legislative Advocacy Toolkit.

- Support Bolivia on DRR law; Ecuador with technical assistance on disaster law to the government; and Peru on climate change law and regulation for disaster management.
- Support the adoption of a Disaster Law Resolution by the Andean Community of Nations (CAN) and foster partnerships with academic institutions on disaster law.

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