EMERGENCY INTERVENTION AFTER ECUADOR EARTHQUAKE
April 16, 2016
# Emergency Overview
**April 19, 2016**

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<th><strong>Emergency Type:</strong></th>
<th>Earthquake</th>
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<td><strong>Emergency Date:</strong></td>
<td>April 16, 2016</td>
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<td><strong>Location:</strong></td>
<td>Ecuador (Equatorial Coast Departments: Manabí, Esmeraldas, Guayas, Santo Domingo de los Tsáchilas)</td>
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<td><strong>Emergency effects:</strong></td>
<td>According to the latest figures, there are <strong>413 dead and over 2,500 injured and many others disappeared</strong>. It is estimated that about 370 buildings are destroyed, and another 151 buildings and a large number of schools have been affected. In addition, according to the United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA), more than 1 million people are affected by the earthquake.</td>
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**Affected areas**
The quake was felt nationwide. A state of national emergency was declared; however, the greatest damage was reported in the town of **Pedernales**, declared by the government as a "disaster area" because of the extensive damage to infrastructure. A state of emergency has been declared in six of Ecuador’s 24 provinces: **Esmeraldas, Manabí, Guayas, Santo Domingo, Los Ríos and Santa Elena**.

**Needs assessment**
21 Fe y Alegria Education Centres (from a total of 44 in the affected area) have had infrastructure damage from the earthquake: Manabi - 6 affected centres; Southern Region - 4 affected centres; Santo Domingo – 8 affected centres; Sierra Centro – 3 affected centres.

**Important shelter needs** for families in affected areas (main priority identified by Jesuit Province)

**First action Plan:**
1. **Emergency aid**: medicines, water, food, NFIs (clothes and hygiene kits)
2. **Education**
   a. First actions oriented to normalize education life in schools
   b. Educational reconstruction
3. **Shelter**: Building houses
A 7.8-magnitude earthquake struck northern Ecuador at 6:58 pm local time on 16 April 2016. It is the worst in the last three decades in Ecuador. The epicentre was located 27 kilometers from the coastal community of Muisne west of Esmeraldas’s province on the border with Colombia, at a depth of 20 kilometers in the Pacific Ocean.

Since Saturday, there have been more than 304 aftershocks. The government declared a state of emergency in the provinces of Santa Elena, Manabi, Esmeraldas, Guayas, Santo Domingo de los Tsáchilas and Los Rios. So far there are 413 casualties, over 2,500 injured and thousands of people reported missing. There has been extensive damage to infrastructure: 37 schools, 151 buildings, 1,000 km of roads, etc.

The work is still focused on rescue and basic emergency needs for families affected by the earthquake.
Members of the Xavier Network are working in Ecuador through local partners with whom we have a long and good relationship.

**Fe y Alegria Ecuador**

Fe y Alegria Ecuador was founded in 1954 and it is the most important educational network in the country after the formal education system. Fe y Alegria Ecuador has a presence in 14 provinces through 75 education centres which are located in rural and marginalized urban areas and which reach more than 27,000 students.

In the areas worst affected by the earthquake, Fe y Alegria has 44 schools with 13,600 students (in Santo Domingo, Manabi, Guayas and Esmeraldas). There are different types of educational services: formal education, vocational training centres for youth and centres for children with special needs.

**JRS Ecuador**

The Jesuit Refugee Service Ecuador was born in 2000 with the aim of contributing to refugees, displaced persons and migrants, to reduce their vulnerable conditions, fully exercise their rights and improve their living conditions. It has 7 offices throughout the country, one located in Esmeraldas.

Xavier Network is supporting Jesuit Refugee Service in the area of Esmeraldas in social integration of refugees and refugees and in access to education of children and adolescents in situations of human mobility in the city of Esmeraldas, Ecuador northern border. JRS has 7 offices in the country.

**Fundación Río Manta**

Fundación Centro de Promoción Social Río Manta was created in 1976 in the city of Manta. It began as a small medical clinic located on the Manta river banks in marginal urban neighborhoods of the city. Social work grew developing different programs for human development, preventive health and rights protection. Its area of work extends by Barrios Unidos, a marginal urban neighborhood surrounding the city of Manta, an area with high levels of violence, especially against women.

Members of the Xavier Network have supported the work of the Fundación Río Manta since 2012, mainly with projects defending women’s rights and the prevention violence in schools.

**Viviendas Hogar de Cristo**

Mainly it is working in social housing promotion. Since 2001 it is working also in other economic programs, microentrepreneurs, health, education, houses for SGBV victims, and other social activities.
Corporación Soljusticia

Soljusticia is a social work of the Jesuits in Ecuador with two main focuses: fundraising for social works and ongoing training of lay collaborators.

Soljusticia has become the Jesuit organization in charge of the emergency coordination: fundraising for humanitarian needs; coordination with Hogar de Cristo for housing, volunteering and collecting donations; and projects via international cooperation.

DIFFERENTS ACTIONS

Members of the Xavier Network have been in contact with different local partners in the field: Fe y Alegria Ecuador, el Servicio Jesuita a Refugiados de Ecuador, viviendas Hogar de Cristo , la Fundación Río Manta y Viviendas Hogar de Cristo, and also with Soljusticia as the Jesuit coordinating organization.

With all of them, we are working on a first needs assessment to plan emergency intervention. It is still too early to know in detail the effects of the earthquake, especially in some areas that cannot be accessed like Manta or Esmeraldas. However, we have some initial assessments of damage in Fe y Alegria schools, a health centre where Fundacion Rio Manta works and there is also a clear need for housing for many families in the area. Hogar de Cristo has already been in some of the affected areas and is doing a specific assessment of the number of houses to build.

Situation in FyA Centres:

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<th>Area</th>
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<th>Affected Centres</th>
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FIRST PLAN OF WORK

1. **Emergency aid** (medicines, water, food and other NFIs)
   This first help is being organized by Corporación Soljusticia. They are collecting water, food and other non food items in different Stock Centres in Quito, Guayaquil, Riobamba, Cuenca and Portoviejo, to be distributed by Hogar de Cristo in the different affected areas.

2. **Education**
   a. First actions oriented to normalize education life in schools
   b. Educational reconstruction

3. **Shelter.** Building emergency houses
   This action will be organized by Hogar de Cristo.