



SITREP No. 7

RESPONSE TO THE EARTHQUAKE IN CHOCÓ

Reporting cut-off: [16 August 2026 – 11:00 AM]

As of this reporting cut-off, the emergency has affected 117,222 people across 448 municipalities in 15 departments, with significant impacts on the infrastructure and services of 234 health facilities, more than 2,500 educational facilities, and 3,700 community facilities. Chocó remains one of the most affected departments, both because of the scale of the impacts and the challenges associated with recovery, particularly in rural and hard-to-reach areas.

ACTION AGAINST HUNGER RESPONSE

Since 10 August, Action Against Hunger, through its direct presence in the affected area and with a team of 25 people, has been carrying out immediate response and stabilization actions aimed at addressing the priority needs of the affected population.



2,343
PEOPLE
REACHED



690
DELIVERIES

Individual and family kits, MPCA,
and community-level distributions



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MUNICIPALITIES

Quibdó – Nóvita - Tadó
Alto Baudó - Unión Panamericana -
Lloró

SECTOR / MODALITY	PEOPLE REACHED ¹	ASSISTANCE/ MAIN RESULT
SHELTER	316	95 shelter kits delivered in Quibdó and Nóvita, coordinated with institutional shelters or community accommodation sites
WASH	184	Installation of one 2,000-L water tank at the Jardín shelter in Quibdó
SAFE ENVIRONMENTS / WATER AND STORAGE	684	151 kits delivered in Tadó
FAMILY, MENSTRUAL AND BABY HYGIENE	450	Delivery of 151 kits addressing different needs according to population profiles in Nóvita, Quibdó and Unión Panamericana

¹The same person or family may receive more than one type of assistance. This overlap, identified in Nóvita and Quibdó, explains the difference of 146 people between the total number reached and the breakdown by type of assistance, as well as the 100 people in Unión Panamericana who received both food and hygiene kits.

FOOD SECURITY	586	Delivery of 152 food packages in Nóvita, Quibdó and Unión Panamericana
MPCA / MULTIPURPOSE CASH ASSISTANCE	573	Delivery of 120 cash transfers in Quibdó and 20 in Lloró, following an assessment of markets and response capacity
ASSESSMENTS / INFORMATION MANAGEMENT	6*	3 needs and capacity assessments in Nóvita, Tadó and Alto Baudó (jointly with Médicos del Mundo Colombia), 2 assessments in Quibdó (with UNICEF), and an assessment with Veolia on stabilizing access to water in Nóvita and Istmina

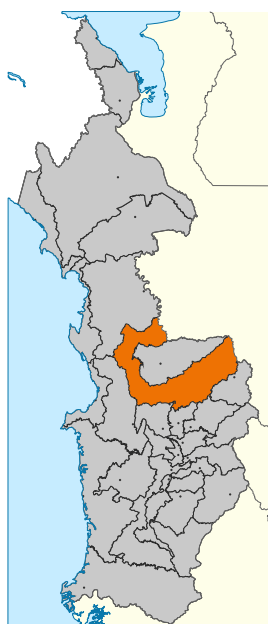


Home affected by the emergency
Chocó, Unión Panamericana — 15 August 2026.



Action Against Hunger team providing assistance.
Unión Panamericana - 15 August 2026.

RESPONSE BY MUNICIPALITY



QUIBDÓ

REACH

1,058 people

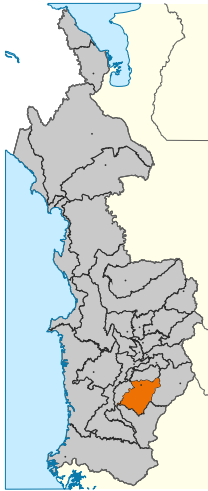
AREA OF INTERVENTION

Barrio Obrero
Coliseo Shelter
Jardín Shelter
Flores Buen Años Shelter

ASSISTANCE

72 shelter kits, 120 MPCA transfers,
10 baby hygiene kits, 1 water tank

Updates: To strengthen the localization of the response, in Quibdó Action Against Hunger is coordinating the targeting and prioritization of assistance with four local organizations and has provided logistical support for warehousing and the reception of humanitarian assistance.



NÓVITA

REACH

68 people

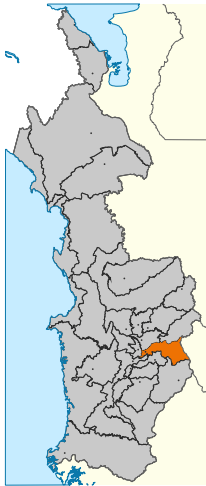
AREA OF INTERVENTION

Las Aguas, Jesús Pobre and El Rosario neighborhoods

ASSISTANCE

23 shelter kits, 20 food kits, 20 family hygiene kits, 16 menstrual hygiene kits, and 5 baby hygiene kits.

- Since 15 August, feasibility assessments have been initiated to implement water access solutions in the municipalities of NÓvita and Istmina, in coordination with Veolia.



TADÓ

REACH

684 people

AREA OF INTERVENTION

El Tabor rural area

ASSISTANCE

151 safe-environment kits and water-quality sampling.



UNIÓN PANAMERICANA

REACH

450 people

AREA OF INTERVENTION

San Rafael El Dos area

ASSISTANCE

100 food kits and 100 family hygiene kits.

LLORÓ

REACH

83 people

AREA OF INTERVENTION

Urban area

ASSISTANCE

20 multipurpose cash transfers

3. OPERATIONAL PROGRESS, PARTNERSHIPS AND COORDINATION

- A localization approach to the response has been implemented, complementing the capacities of four local organizations in Quibdó: Fundación Semilla Oportunidades, Fundación Andamios, Fundación te Abrazo Colombia, and the local team of Aldeas Infantiles, through support for the reception, sorting, storage, and organization of 16 tons of food, facilitating its redistribution to the most affected areas.
- Coordination was carried out with the Municipality of San José del Palmar, agreeing on the delivery of food packages to the communities of Albania, Cruces, San Juanito de Corcobado, La Selva, and the municipal center, as well as shelter kits for families who lost their homes.
- In Nóvita, coordination took place with the Municipality and the Government Secretariat to deploy a specialized Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH) team together with Veolia, to assess response options and potential water-access solutions in the municipality.
- In Istmina, coordination with the Health Secretariat is planned to assess the possible delivery of water storage tanks in affected health facilities.

4. EMERGENCY CONTEXT UPDATE

CHOCÓ

PEOPLE AFFECTED	FAMILIES	HOMES AFFECTED	WATER SUPPLY SYSTEMS AFFECTED	HEALTH FACILITIES AFFECTED
26,806	5,028	11,622	8	44

Source: [Chocó Governor's Office. Departmental Situation Report, 13 August]

Latest departmental updates

- In its post-earthquake health report, the Chocó Governor's Office reported 309 injured people. A total of 101 people have been treated at San Francisco de Asís Hospital, and 72 people have been referred to Medellín to ease pressure on the Departmental Hospital.
- In Chocó, the response focused on the arrival of additional humanitarian assistance and the restoration of essential services. On 15 August, the 12 aid trucks announced by the Presidency began to be mobilized, while the Colombian Aerospace Force transported an additional 22 metric tons to the department.
- The Superintendence of Public Utilities reports that nearly 11,000 users remain without electricity in a highly vulnerable system, as the network operates radially and depends on a single line that is currently damaged. Equipment, materials, and crews from companies in different regions were mobilized to the affected areas, prioritizing hospitals, water supply systems, airports, and communications towers. Restoration work remained ongoing in Lloró, Yuto, Paimadó, Managrú, Tutunendo, Río Quito, and Indigenous and rural hard-to-reach areas.

- UNGRD has enabled Starlink internet connection points in Atrato, Unión Panamericana, Nóvita, Medio San Juan, Istmina, San José del Plamar, and Tadó at locations such as municipal offices, fire stations, and Justice Houses.

NATIONAL LEVEL

Decisions and changes in the national response

- Financial relief for the affected population. Through External Circular 102, the Superintendence of the Solidarity Economy extended deadlines for entities in affected areas and enabled adjustments to loan repayment conditions. It also allows affected borrowers to request the suspension, for up to six months, of certain legal proceedings associated with credit obligations.
- Although more than 95% of electricity service has reportedly been restored nationwide, the Ministry of Mines and Energy warned that difficulties persist in Non-Interconnected Zones and hard-to-reach rural areas, including Santa Genoveva de Docordó, Mochadó, Pizarro, Piliza, Bellavista, Villa Luz, and San José de Quera in Chocó.
- The Government requested a temporary suspension of tariffs from the United States, a measure that has not yet been approved. The United States increased its support to US\$26.5 million and offered disaster-management experts, although part of this support was still being coordinated.
- Preventive environmental measure during the emergency. The Ministry of Environment requested the suspension or avoidance of controlled agricultural burning and other practices that could trigger wildfires, to prevent firefighters, security forces, and emergency capacities from being diverted from the earthquake response, particularly in Chocó, Valle del Cauca, and the Coffee Region.
- Recovery and financing: the national disaster declaration remains in force for 12 months. Decree 1171 assigns UNGRD responsibility for the Specific Action Plan for Recovery and allocates FNGRD resources, including the creation of the SISMO 2026 Subaccount, for response, rehabilitation, and reconstruction.