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WFP NEWS VIDEO: ECUADOR EARTHQUAKE

Location: Manta, Ecuador /Panama

Shot: 20-21 April 2016

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:00-:29

Shot:21 April 2016

Manta old colonial centre, destruction /distribution of water being given out to affected victims in the centre of Manta

:29-:41

Shot:21 April 2016

Manta, Ecuador

Jackeline Loayza, WFP monitor, talks to earthquake survivors to assess the level of damage in the area

:41-:51

Shot:21 April 2016

Manta, Ecuador

People queuing to receive assistance

:51-:01:11

Shot:21 April 2016

Manta, Ecuador

SOT (Spanish) Mariana Mendez, earthquake survivor:

“There is no water, no electricity, no food supplies, everything is damaged, there are no cars available to travel, the kids have no milk, nor clothes, almost all the houses have collapsed”

01:11-01:22

Shot:21 April 2016

Manta, Ecuador

Makeshift hospital on the streets of Manta

Woman feeding a baby girl on the hospital bed

01:22 -01:44

Shot:21 April 2016

Manta, Ecuador

Indoor arena

SOT (Eng) Alejandro Chicheri, WFP spokesperson

“We are today in Manta, the epicentre of the disaster, where the government of Ecuador together with Ecuadorian army and the World Food Programme, we are trying to assist the most vulnerable areas, we are focusing now mainly in shelters and hospitals and we expect to reach hundreds of thousands of people in the following weeks, there is still so much to do”

01:44-01:57

Shot:21 April 2016

Manta, Ecuador

Sports arena

Various shots of Ecuadorian army helping move relief items

01:57-02:10

Shot:20 April 2016

UN Humanitarian Response Depot (UNHRD) Panama

Staff loading humanitarian relief items:

cooking sets, water tanks, and prefabs on behalf of aid organizations including Action Against Hunger, the White Helmets, UNICEF and WFP.

02:10-02:22

Shot:21 April 2016

Panama airport

WFP staff loading the plane with the humanitarian relief from the UNHRD depot.

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- **At the request of the government, WFP is coordinating the distribution of food assistance to people in the worst-hit areas.**
- **The Ecuadorian Government has asked WFP to cover increased needs and scale up its operation to reach people in need of food in the most affected areas. WFP is scaling up to provide support to 260,000 people as part of a 3-month emergency operation and will continue to assess needs.**
- **The first WFP food assistance was distributed within 72 hours of the quake. The first delivery of emergency food assistance to support 12**

hospitals in the badly hit province of Manabí arrived in Manta on April 21.

- **People in need will be assisted with food kits, commodity vouchers, and -- where markets are functioning -- with cash-based transfers.**

BACKGROUND ON ECUADOR

- On 16 April, a 7.8-magnitude earthquake hit Ecuador leaving more than 570 people dead, 7,000 injured and more than 500,000 in need of humanitarian assistance, mostly on the Pacific coast.
- The Government of Ecuador declared a state of emergency in six provinces – Esmeraldas, Santo Domingo, Manabí, Guayas, Los Ríos and Santa Elena. The government declared Pedernales, a coastal town in the Manabí province, in a state of disaster.
- WFP has been supporting and helping the Government’s capacities in Emergency Preparedness and Response by coordinating actions with the Secretariat for Risk Management and the Ministry for Social and Economic Inclusion.

WFP RESPONSE IN ECUADOR:

- The Ecuadorian Government has asked WFP to contribute food assistance to the worst-affected families and to hospitals. The first delivery of emergency food assistance to support 12 hospitals in Manabí Province arrived in Manta on April 21.
- On April 21, the WFP-managed UN Humanitarian Response Depot (UNHRD) in Panama, sent a planeload of relief item including latrines, cooking sets, water tanks, and prefabs on behalf of aid organizations including Action Against Hunger, the White Helmets, UNICEF and WFP.
- On April 19, a WFP convoy of food including tuna, powdered milk, rice, quinoa, pasta, flour, sardines, cooking oil and lentils arrived safely at the town of Portoviejo in Manabí province and was received by the authorities. This is being distributed as

emergency food assistance kits designed to feed a family of four. WFP staff accompany Government distributions.

- The emergency food assistance kits were swiftly produced since they were already in preparation as part of disaster preparedness measures taken for the impact of El Niño. The Emergency Preparedness and Response project was supported by the Australian government.
- WFP has launched a fundraising appeal, using the online emergencies URL: wfp.org/emergency

ADDITIONAL INFO ON ECUADOR

- Ecuador is an upper-middle-income country with a population of around 14.5 million people, 63 percent of whom live in urban areas. The country's capital, Quito, is in the highlands or Sierra area. The earthquake has mainly affected the coastal area. There is no damage reported in the Amazon region.
- El Niño phenomenon severely impacted food security in 2016, especially in the Manabí and Esmeraldas provinces, with floods in coastal areas and droughts in the Central Sierra region.
- Ecuador receives the highest number of refugees in Latin America and the Caribbean. Ninety-five percent are Colombians fleeing conflict, poor, socially fractured, and with limited access to safety nets.
- Over 70 percent of asylum seekers who cross the border are in need of food assistance, unable to meet their basic food needs or establish new livelihoods. Many of them are living in the earthquake-affected Esmeraldas Province.

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