



SITUATION REPORT

Mexico Earthquake



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MEXICO

SITUATION

On September 7, an 8.1-magnitude earthquake struck off the Pacific coast of Mexico (54 miles southwest of Pijijiapan) resulting in over 90 deaths in the states of Chiapas, Oaxaca and Tabasco. Over 2 million people were affected by the strong tremors and thousands of homes were reportedly damaged.

On September 19, less than two weeks after, another earthquake struck the country with 7.1 magnitude resulting in over 225 deaths, 45 collapsed buildings, and major damages in Mexico City, Puebla and the state of Morelos. The response from the Government of Mexico is ongoing, with the Secretary of Defense and the Marines activated to lead the response. Mexico City is under a state of emergency.



RESPONSE

ELCA has provided an initial financial contribution (\$15,000) to Amextra, a local organization based in Mexico City, to provide immediate relief to families in Chiapas, which include provisions of food, water and personal hygiene kits. Amextra is also conducting an immediate assessment of the affected communities in the states of Chiapas and Morelos, specifically looking at reconstruction, livelihood recovery, psycho-social support, and disaster risk management.

ELCA is also in coordination with other ecumenical partners for immediate relief and long-term recovery.

ONE MORE THING...

ELCA and Amextra have a long-standing partnership with providing health, education and economic support through World Hunger to the most vulnerable and marginalized communities in rural Mexico. This includes building capacity for community leaders, implementing health/nutrition workshops, family gardens, reforestation, nonviolence workshops, child development workshops for parents, green technologies and fertilizers, and savings and loan groups.



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