



# SITUATION REPORT

## PERU FLOODING



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The El Niño coastal phenomenon, triggered by the increase in sea surface temperature, caused major rain storms in northern Peru between February and March 2017. The UN reported that nearly two million people were affected by the flooding that followed, almost 300,000 of those were severely impacted.

In Piura, which is in the northwest region of Peru and one of the hardest hit areas, about 336,000 people were impacted. The UN also reported that about 75,000 homes were impacted and 8,600 of those were either destroyed or uninhabitable. Displaced persons were had to go to shelters or tents.



### RESPONSE

Lutheran Disaster Response, in partnership with La Iglesia Luterana del Perú (The Lutheran Church in Peru or IL-P), accompanied the communities of Piura, Chiclayo, Trujillo.

With support from LDR, IL-P implemented a project that addressed some of the extreme housing needs of vulnerable individuals and families by providing construction materials for families to self repair damaged homes. The support went for items such as; adobes, roofing sheets, battens, cement, sand, gravel, stone, and other supplies.



### ONE MORE THING...

Shortly after Hurricane Harvey struck in late August 2017, The Presiding Pastor/ President of IL-P reached out to their companion Synod, TX-LA Gulf Coast Synod to share these words:

Dear Bishop Michael Rinehart:

"Our solidarity and prayer with individuals, families and communities affected by Hurricane Harvey."

The Lutheran Church of Peru expresses its dismay and joins in the grief of the thousands of families who, since last week, have suffered the damage caused by the path that Hurricane Harvey took in Houston, Texas.

We know that this phenomenon is unprecedented, and the entirety of its impact is still unknown. As a church that has experienced similar tragedies at the beginning of this year, we express, dear Bishop, our closeness, affection and prayer as a show of solidarity at a time like this to individuals, families and communities in the affected areas, who have lost their homes and property in this disaster, and especially to their loved ones, who we entrust to the compassionate love of God, that they might be embraced in God's presence. We are also praying for those who are called to serve and help in the tasks of relief work among the population.

United in prayer and security of the God of Life who sustains our protection with the most vulnerable, in the name of the Lutheran Church of Peru we express our feelings of solidarity to our sister Synod.

Soli Deo Gloria!

Rev. Pedro Bullón  
Presiding Pastor  
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