

ChildFund Humanitarian Situation Report (Sitrep) Format (To be completed within 24 hours)

***Instructions:** This Situation Report should be compiled in case the overall social, political, military or humanitarian situation changes in your country.*

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1. Overall description of the significant change in the situation at the national level

A 7.2 earthquake hit the country on Friday, Feb. 16th at 17:39 local time. The epicenter was located in the southern State of Oaxaca, near the city of Pinotepa Nacional. It was felt strongly in Mexico City - where the early warning system alerted the population 80 seconds before the first movements were perceived – and in the whole southern part of the country.

UPDATE – February 19th:

The National Seismological Service reported that until 07:00 hours today there were 2140 aftershocks recorded. The strongest replica took place early this morning at 00:56 hours, and triggered the early warning system as it was of 6.0 degrees.

2. Description of the current humanitarian situation in ChildFund operational areas (including name of the program areas and number of sponsored/enrolled children and families affected)

Country office: All staff members were already out of the office at that time, and have reported to the direct manager. Everybody is well. The building's administrator checked it and didn't report any damage.

In Mexico City: In some parts of the city the electricity service failed for a couple of hours but as for now (Saturday 17th at 2:00 pm) there are only few areas that remain without electricity.

No damages were reports besides small cracks and a building's façade collapsing in the Condesa neighborhood (one of the vicinities that was more affected by September 19th's earthquake)

Our Local Partners: for the moment we haven't received worrying information. We talked prioritarily with the LPs located in the States of Puebla and Oaxaca, the closest from the epicenter. We have instructed all LPs to report immediately any damages or affectations and we will update the report if necessary. Outside of Mexico City, some minor damages were reported mainly in the southern part of Oaxaca State (close to the epicenter) – especially because this area was strongly hit by both September earthquakes. However, until now the only reported victims are people traveling in a helicopter of the Mexican Air Force, which collapsed on an inspection flight in Oaxaca (between 3 and 12 death depending on the information sources)

UPDATE:

After today's replica, the Government has declared state of emergency in 33 municipalities in the southern part of Oaxaca State, and activated DN-III-E plan to involve the army to carry out debris removal work and surveys in those areas most affected by the earthquake.

3. Description of actual or possible impact on ChildFund programs and operations

None for the moment. We will update if we receive damages reports from our LPs.

4. Description of planned, desired or ongoing ChildFund response

None for the moment.

5. Coordination mechanisms set up by the government and/or United Nations that ChildFund has participated in:

None for the moment.