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Ecuador Earthquake

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Red Cross Supports Relief, Recovery after Powerful Quake

The powerful earthquake that shook the northwest coast of Ecuador in April 2016 took more than 650 lives and damaged or destroyed over 30,000 homes. A reported 140,000 people were left without adequate housing in the disaster's aftermath.

As aftershocks continued to rock the region, Ecuadorian Red Cross teams swiftly distributed relief supplies, helped families reconnect with missing loved ones and offered emotional support to survivors. Health teams and hospital units also deployed to affected areas.

Thanks to support from our generous donors, the American Red Cross raised more than \$2.3 million to support relief efforts in Ecuador, enabling the Ecuadorian Red Cross and the Red Cross network to reach more than 100,000 people. As of April 14, the American Red Cross has spent or committed \$2.3 million to assist earthquake survivors – supporting the immediate response, deploying disaster specialists, and helping with damage assessments, relief item distribution and coordination, emergency shelter, water treatment, psychosocial support and emergency healthcare.

As impacted residents begin the slow process of recovery, the global Red Cross network has provided ongoing support in affected communities for health and mental health; clean water and sanitation; shelter; restoring income and livelihoods; food security and nutrition. We are also working to reduce the risk posed by future disasters and enhance the response capacity of the Ecuadorian Red Cross.

Recovery support from the Red Cross has meant the world to earthquake survivors like Barón Zambrano and his family in Coaque, Ecuador. “We were left with nothing but the clothes on our backs,” said Barón. “The house collapsed with everything inside.”

After losing it all, the Zambrano family decided to start again from scratch. Then, good news came from the Red Cross: The family had been chosen as beneficiaries of a housing project. “I had resigned myself to waiting many years for rebuilding my home, but thanks to the Ecuadorian Red Cross, I will sleep soundly at night, knowing that soon my family will have a decent house to live in,” said Barón.

The Red Cross mission is to alleviate human suffering in the face of emergencies. Through nearly 64,000 disasters each year—including single-family or apartment home fires, severe weather, floods and wildfires—those in need turn to the Red Cross in their darkest hours. Your donation helps us bring comfort in the wake of disasters and helps provide the resources to guide those affected through recovery and become better prepared for future emergencies. We are grateful for your trust.

Thank you!