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Strengthening Risk Management in the Face of Natural Hazards

Disaster Context

Ecuador has been seriously affected by the El Niño phenomenon and faces a multitude of natural disasters, including flooding, droughts, landslides, earthquakes and volcanic eruptions. Billions of dollars in annual losses are inflicted nationwide in the productive, farming, industrial, housing, and infrastructure sectors. The effects of natural hazards or disasters can be reduced through the application of risk-reduction measures built into planning processes, where local institutions and communities are the principle actors.

Project Title

Strengthening Risk Management in the Face of Natural Hazards in Ecuador

Sectors

- Humanitarian assistance
- Disaster management and prevention

Funding

The International Development Bank contributed \$3,634,787.

Partnerships

- Coordinating Unit of the Emergency Program for the El Niño Phenomenon (COPEFEN)
- Civil defence

Programme Activities

- Support national institutions in strengthening their capacity to identify vulnerabilities and develop risk management strategies to deal with natural threats
- Implement monitoring, vigilance, and early warning system of hydro-meteorological and oceanic effects

- Maintain an opportune flood alert service by acquiring specialized equipment that improves current information about the effects of the El Niño cycle

The direct recipients of the project were:

- The Ecuadorian population, in particular those who live in high-risk zones
- Estudio Regional del Fenómeno El Niño , Instituto Nacional de Oceanografico de la Armada del Ecuador, Instituto Nacional de Pesca, Instituto Nacional de Meteorología e Hidrologia and COPEFEN.