

PERU - Landslide

Date: April 8, 1985

Location: The town of Colcabamba, in the Department of Huancavelica

No. Dead: 58

No. Affected: 1,400 homeless

Damage: 190 houses destroyed or damaged

The Disaster

On April 8, a massive landslide fell onto the town of Colcabamba, in the south-central highlands of Peru. The landslide buried 50 houses and damaged 140 others, leaving residents without shelter or household goods.

Action Taken by the Government of the Peru (GOP) and Local Voluntary Agencies

The Peruvian Civil Defense coordinated relief efforts, while the government food distribution organization, ONAA, and the Ministry of Health collaborated with the local organizations of Caritas, SEPAS, OFASA (Seventh Day Adventists), and the Red Cross to provide 24 MT of food, medicine, and clothing to the disaster victims. The Civil Defense requested financial assistance to purchase tents and blankets, which were available locally.

Assistance Provided by the United States Government

On April 12, 1985, U.S. Ambassador David Jordan declared that a disaster existed and contributed funds from the International Disaster Assistance account for the local purchase of supplies and equipment.

TOTAL \$9,993

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Assistance Provided by the U.S. Voluntary Agencies

None reported

Assistance Provided by the International Community

The British Embassy collaborated with the GOP and local voluntary agencies in their relief effort.