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NATURAL DISASTER

CASE STUDY

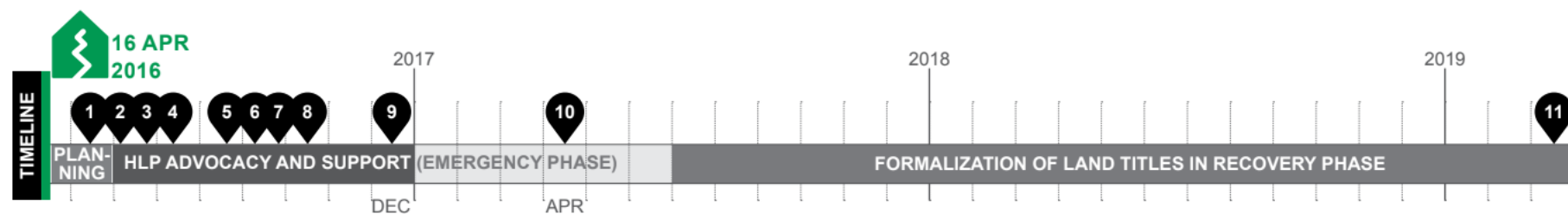
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CRISIS	Ecuador Earthquake, 16 April 2016	
TOTAL PEOPLE AFFECTED	386,985 individuals (on government register)	
TOTAL HOUSES DAMAGED	45,455 houses damaged or of restricted use	
PROJECT LOCATIONS	Across the affected provinces of Manabí and Esmeraldas, plus concentrated activities in Pedernales and Jama municipalities	
PROJECT BENEFICIARIES	<p>Over 30,000 households were able to access reconstruction grants</p> <p>Over 5,000 households who received assistance from humanitarian partners were not disqualified from government subsidies</p>	
PROJECT OUTPUTS	<p>Advocacy with the government and legal assistance to the Shelter Cluster, enabling affected people to receive shelter and housing support</p> <p>Around 420 families received land titles from the local authorities, as of March 2019</p>	

PROJECT SUMMARY

Housing Land and Property (HLP) rights were a primary area of concern during the humanitarian response to the earthquake in Ecuador in 2016. In recognition of this, the Protection and Shelter Clusters collaborated to set up an HLP Working Group in the early stages of the response. This group was able to identify potential barriers to assistance and managed to actively influence public policy in order to ensure that the humanitarian response and reconstruction process did not exclude the most vulnerable populations.



- 1 May 2016: The government releases its reconstruction plan. The HLP Working Group is set up jointly between the Shelter and Protection Clusters.
- 2 Jun 2016: First advocacy statement released.
- 3 Jun 2016: Adoption of Ministerial Agreement allowing those without legal titles to access reconstruction subsidies.

STRENGTHS

- + Wide impacts of the project which influenced government regulations.
- + Good cooperation between international and local actors.
- + Effective partnership between the Shelter and Protection Clusters.
- + Advocacy as a powerful tool in humanitarian response.