

Government keeps up quake relief five days on

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Summary

Five days after the 9 October earthquake, national authorities continue humanitarian aid, damage assessment and rescue in hard-to-reach communities, SINAPROC reports. Reconstruction orders have been issued for contractors in Veraguas, Herrera, Los Santos and Coclé.

Details (summary of the article)

SINAPROC reports that five days after the earthquake the government is still running relief, damage assessment and rescue operations in remote communities. Speaking from the collection centre at the "Papá Francisco" bilingual training centre in Chitré, Government Minister Dinoska Montalvo, Deputy Housing Minister Fernando Méndez Peralta and Herrera governor Elías Corro Cano gave an update. Teams were heading to Bahía Honda in Soná district, Veraguas, after bad weather and high tides blocked access the previous day; aid has been going in by boat, and evacuations are being discussed with people sheltering on Isla Cañas. Montalvo said the main damage in the affected provinces is structural, though people are also psychologically affected, and that the Public Works Ministry must open roads so deliveries can move faster, with some aid going by air and sea. Many families are sleeping in improvised tents outside their homes for fear of collapse or to guard their belongings, and are being supplied directly and through communal cooking points. The deputy housing minister said formal orders to proceed have been given to contractors in Veraguas (Soná), Herrera, Los Santos and Coclé for debris removal and rebuilding homes on the same plots once soil stability is checked, with construction materials supplied and local labour hired. A press conference from the Azuero region was planned for that afternoon with a damage balance and a recovery roadmap. Chiriquí is not among the provinces named for reconstruction contracts in this update.

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Gobierno mantiene asistencia humanitaria y labores de recuperación en comunidades afectadas por el terremoto Panamá, 14 de octubre de 2026.- A cinco días del terremoto, las autoridades del Gobierno Nacional continúan atendiendo las labores de asistencia humanitaria, evaluación de daños y rescate en comunidades que están en áreas de difícil acceso en algunas zonas del país. Desde el centro de acopio, instalado en el Centro de Formación Integral Bilingüe [...] The post Gobierno mantiene asistencia humanitaria y labores de recuperación en comunidades afectadas por el terremoto first appeared on Sinaproc .