

Government: 3,696 people in shelters after the earthquake

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Summary

On 15 October the government reported 46 shelters housing 3,696 people after the magnitude 7.5 earthquake, with 15,139 people assisted; the San Félix hospital in Chiriquí has partly resumed operations and school reopenings will be gradual.

Details (summary of the article)

La Prensa reports that at a press conference on Thursday 15 October the government gave an update on earthquake recovery. Goals Secretary José Ramón Icaza said 46 shelters are open with 3,696 people, most of them in Veraguas, and that 15,139 people and 4,485 families have been assisted. About 90% of Ministry of Health facilities suffered only light damage, but at least five health centres in Herrera and Veraguas will have to be rebuilt. The hospitals of San Félix (Chiriquí), Cecilio Castillero (Herrera), Aquilino Tejeira (Coclé) and Joaquín Franco Sayas (Los Santos) have partially resumed operations, and tents used as temporary facilities are being replaced by sturdier air-conditioned structures. The Ministry of Education has inspected 500 schools and is still assessing which can return to in-person classes; the return will be progressive and announced by Meduca. More than 2,300 homes have been assessed and house building has begun in Las Tablas, Soná and Penonomé, while road repairs continue in Los Santos and Veraguas.

Original (es)

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Las autoridades coordinan las acciones para trasladar ayuda a las regiones afectadas, al tiempo que se trabaja en la reparación de vías y puentes.