

LOCAL NEWS

MICI surveying 401 small businesses hit by the earthquake, 89 in Chiriqui and Bocas

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Summary

Panama's Ministry of Commerce and Industries is assessing 401 micro, small and medium enterprises in six provinces for damage from the 9 October magnitude 7.5 earthquake; 89 of them are in Chiriqui and Bocas del Toro.

Details (summary of the article)

According to La Prensa, the Ministry of Commerce and Industries (MICI) has begun a diagnostic survey of 401 micro, small and medium-sized businesses located in areas affected by the magnitude 7.5 earthquake of 9 October. Minister Julio Moltó said 312 of them are in the hardest-hit central provinces of Coclé, Herrera, Los Santos and Veraguas, while the remaining 89 are in Chiriqui and Bocas del Toro. The firms are already enrolled in MICI programmes such as Mujer Exporta, Agroindustria Competitiva and Pymexport, and are mapped using the European Copernicus satellite programme to prioritise follow-up. MICI's industry and export directorates have started phoning the companies to check damage to premises and operations and to identify what they need to keep operating and protect jobs. Moltó said that alongside humanitarian relief the government wants to understand the situation of small firms and how to support them. The first phase focuses on the worst-affected zones; the results will feed a preliminary report to size the damage, set priorities and shape a support plan drawn up with UNDP.

Original (es)

MICI evalúa posibles afectaciones por el terremoto en 401 mipymes

El Ministerio de Comercio e Industrias inició un diagnóstico para determinar las afectaciones y necesidades de las empresas ubicadas en las zonas impactadas por el sismo.