

LOCAL NEWS

3,827 people still in shelters after the 9 October earthquake

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Summary

The government says 3,827 people remain in 55 temporary shelters across six provinces and the Ngäbe-Buglé comarca after the 9 October quake, with social, medical and psychological support continuing. Housing repairs and rebuilding have begun in Chiriquí, Veraguas, Herrera and Coclé.

Details (summary of the article)

According to La Prensa, Canal Affairs Minister and Presidential Goals Secretary José Ramón Icaza reported at a press conference that 3,827 people are still living in temporary shelters more than a week after the 9 October earthquake. The Ministry of Social Development (MIDES) is running 55 shelters spread over six provinces and the Ngäbe-Buglé comarca, where it has carried out 4,131 social-work interventions and 2,831 psychological consultations. Families receive food, hydration, medical care and social and psychological accompaniment, and the government is also monitoring patients hospitalised in Herrera, Los Santos, Veraguas and Coclé. In parallel, the Housing Ministry (MIVIOT) has started building new homes for families who lost theirs, partially rebuilding structures that can be saved, and handing out materials for repairs; this work has already begun in communities in Chiriquí, Veraguas, Herrera and Coclé. The quake struck at 12:56 p.m. on Friday 9 October with its epicentre 39 km northwest of Tonosí in Los Santos, according to the University of Panama's Institute of Geosciences. The figure is slightly higher than the 3,696 reported a few days earlier, reflecting continued assessments.

Original (es)

3,827 personas permanecen en albergues tras el terremoto del 9 de octubre

El Ministerio de Desarrollo Social mantiene la atención en 55 albergues de seis provincias y la comarca Ngäbe-Buglé, con asistencia social, psicológica y entrega de insumos básicos.