

Earthquake aid: food bags and shelters across the country

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Summary

La Prensa reports that in the first seven days after the 9 October quake the IMA handed out 26,985 food bags in 556 communities, while 55 shelters still housed 3,827 people as of 17 October.

Details (summary of the article)

La Prensa examines how post-earthquake relief has been spread across Veraguas, Los Santos, Herrera, Coclé and the Ngäbe-Buglé comarca. According to Sinaproce figures, the Agricultural Marketing Institute (IMA) distributed 26,985 food bags in 556 communities during the first week, reaching a population of about 110,525 people; 91% went out through community operations and the rest through institutions. Los Santos received the most bags (8,681 in 60 communities, about 40% coverage), followed by Veraguas (7,299) and Herrera (4,789); Coclé reached the most communities (207) but got only 3,292 bags, and the Ngäbe-Buglé comarca received 500 bags in 13 communities. A Mides/COE report dated 17 October counted 55 active shelters holding 3,827 people, with Veraguas accounting for nearly 70% of them; shelters remain open in Chiriquí and other provinces. Meduca inspected 721 schools as part of the post-quake assessment. Residents such as Edith Rodríguez in Hicaco say they do not know when the next food delivery will come, so families are rationing what they receive.

Original (es)

La ayuda tras el terremoto: entre las bolsas de alimentos y los refugios

En el mapa de la asistencia, Los Santos registra la mayor cantidad de bolsas distribuidas: 8,681 en 60 comunidades.