

Meduca's three-phase plan to save the school year after the quake

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Summary

La Prensa details the Education Ministry's three-phase plan after the 9 October magnitude 7.7 earthquake: emergency contact, educational continuity and a gradual safe return to classrooms. Chiriquí schools were among those reopening from 21 October, with 327 more planteles joining on Monday 26 October.

Details (summary of the article)

According to La Prensa, Meduca has built a three-phase plan for regions hit by the magnitude 7.7 earthquake of 9 October, whose epicentre was at La Pitaloza in Azuero. The first phase focuses on emotional support: at least 227 psychologists and social workers are deployed in Herrera, Los Santos, Coclé and Veraguas, running workshops, games and home visits, and using a storybook about post-quake emotions with younger children. Professionals from Chiriquí and other regions are volunteering to help. The second phase leaves the form of continuity to each school region - reduced timetables, teacher-made guides, the prioritised curriculum and the digital platforms used during the pandemic - as only 28 days of the school calendar remain. The third phase, a gradual return to in-person classes, began on 21 October in Panamá Centro, Norte, Este, Oeste, San Miguelito, Colón, Darién, Chiriquí, Bocas del Toro and the comarcas; about 770 of the country's 3,112 official schools opened. Another 327 schools join on Monday 26 October. Herrera, Los Santos, Coclé and Veraguas are not yet on the calendar because most of their schools suffered severe damage or structural checks are unfinished; 84 schools have severe damage. Supervisors in each school region will monitor and support the reopening.

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El plan de tres fases con el que Meduca trata de sostener el año escolar tras el terremoto