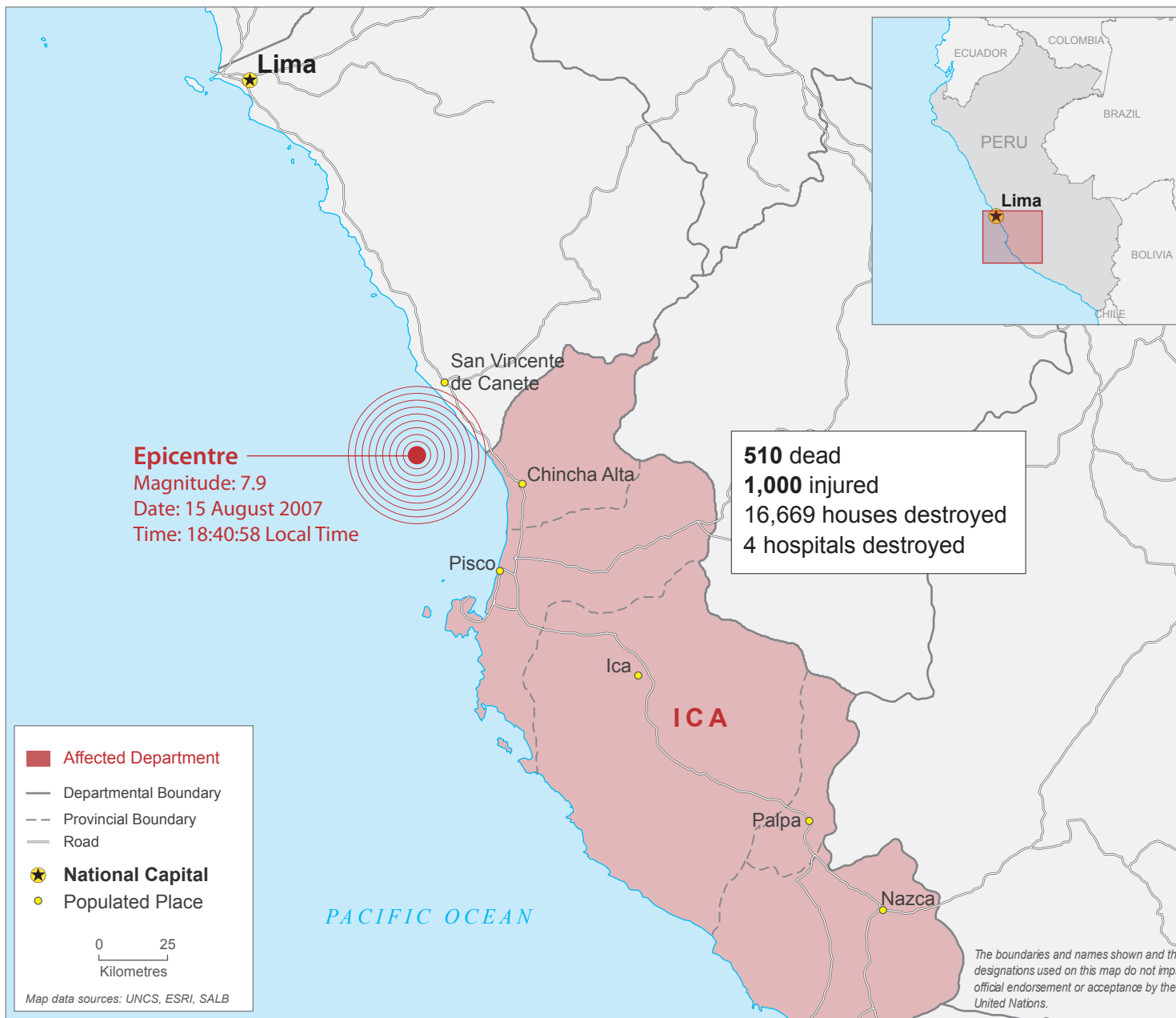




Peru: Earthquake

More than 510 killed and 1000 injured as a result of the strong earthquake that hit Peru. The Government of Peru, the UN Country Team and the international community are assessing the most urgent needs. The Government has requested relief items in shelter, tools and medicines.

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SITUATION

- At 11:40:58 PM UTC/GMT 6:40:58 PM local time, earthquake of 7.9 degrees in Richter scale struck in Department of Ica
- Effects also strongly felt in Lima capital
- Local and national authorities taking necessary arrangements to provide assistance but resources limited
- Cañete, Chincha and Pisco are cities most damaged
- Situation remains unknown in other parts of province, like Nazca and Palpa, which have so far been inaccessible
- Seriously injured being evacuated to Lima

ACTION

- Government of Peru declared state of emergency in Department of Ica
- Government sent 29 tons of relief aid including shelter, food, kitchen kits, blankets, and medicines
- Resident Coordinator activated Emergency Operations Centre on a 24 hours basis
- International organisations and NGOs have offered immediate provision of relief items
- Brazil, Colombia, Spain, Chile and United States have offered assistance

LINKS

- OCHA Situation Report No.2
- Latest updates for Peru: Earthquake
- Related maps

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