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GFC Awards Emergency Grants to Partners in Peru

WASHINGTON, Aug. 21, 2007 — The Global Fund for Children (GFC) today awarded \$10,000 in emergency grants to four of its grantee partners in Peru that are participating in recovery and renewal efforts in connection with last week's earthquake.

The port city of Pisco was hardest hit by the quake. More than 500 people were killed, and 70 percent of Pisco's buildings were destroyed. The quake also affected other parts of Peru, including its capital, Lima.

"We are eager to support our grantee partners in Peru in responding quickly to help children and youth recover from the earthquake," said Victoria Dunning, GFC's vice president for grantmaking. "We have always believed that our partners, being on the ground, are the best positioned to understand the community's needs, the most committed to addressing them, and often the most rapid and agile in their response."

The four GFC grantee partners, who were each given a \$2,500 emergency grant, are Asociación de Defensa de la Vida (ADEVI, Association for the Defense of Life), Asociación para la Atención Integral de Niños de la Calle (AIDENICA, Association for Comprehensive Care of Street Boys), Escuelas Deporte y Vida (Sports and Life Schools), and Yanapanakusun (Let's Help Each Other).

ADEVI suffered damage to one of its classrooms but is focusing on the broader relief effort, serving as a liaison between the community and various government bodies. It is also working to relocate four families from the community whose homes collapsed. GFC's emergency grant will cover repairs to the classroom and support ADEVI's participation in the relief effort.

AIDENICA, which runs a residential program for street boys in Lima, suffered substantial structural damage to its building. GFC's emergency grant will cover basic repairs to ensure the stability of the building and the safety of the boys and staff.

Deporte y Vida suffered minor damage to some of its buildings but reports that many of the homes in its community of Villa El Salvador, outside Lima, collapsed or were badly damaged. It is serving as one of the main coordinators of relief efforts in the community. GFC's emergency grant will cover repairs and support Deporte y Vida's participation in the relief effort.

Yanapanakusun was not directly affected by the earthquake but has mobilized a team from Cusco to go to Pisco and participate in the relief effort. GFC's emergency grant will provide food and emergency supplies to be distributed in the affected area.

Since 1997, when it made its first grants totaling \$3,100, The Global Fund for Children has given 1,421 grants valued at more than \$7.6 million to 279 community-based organizations in 65 countries.