

Update from Santiago Paz, Commercial Manager NORANDINO

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"Still standing, never on my knees," I was able to read this on one of the banners of the flood victims in Cura Mori... and I couldn't have agreed more.

The time has come to stop waiting for "government charity" (as our officials seem to consider it), and to demand that the public works now deferred for decades be executed in an immediate and professional way. If our government had spent their funds on repair and maintenance of dikes and bridges and roads, instead of all these years of corruption and mismanaged funds -- we might be in a very different place today.



And to add insult to injury, the citizen of communities such as Narihualá, La Campiña, Pedregal Chico, Pedregal Grande, Molino Azúl and Catacaos have also denounced that there was no warning of the pending floods or evacuation support that might have allowed them to save some of their belongings or livestock. And to this date, little has been done to shore-up the weakened riverbanks and canals

in the floodplains. Instead, the real work has been left up to the people themselves and their local organizations to do the best they can to aid those most in need and to repair infrastructure in the interim.

THE PEOPLE CONTINUE WORKING FOR THE PEOPLE

Thanks to the many young people organized in working brigades, who have joined us -- neighborhood leaders as well as staff and leadership from Cooperativa Agraria NORANDINO, PROGRESO and AVSF (Agronomists and Veterinarians Without Borders) – in our on-going clean-up work since the beginning of this extended emergency. Together we have been able to bring immediate relief to flood victims, and clean-up our main streets, our neighborhoods and communities. This work would not be possible without the support and commitment of each one of them.



An example of a day's work: Tomorrow we leave at 6:00am with a clean-up crew to Pozo de los Ramos. We will also be bringing food to the cacao families of Malingas, Platanal, Palo Blanco, and Chililique. On Saturday we will be in Narihualá, assisting in cleaning and bringing basic necessities to the victims.

We send our most sincere thanks to the support of our commercial allies, funders and friends from all over the world we are developing a great campaign of solidarity, bringing help to those who need it most. If you would like to join our work brigades, just contact sp.

Piura united for a PROSPEROUS REGION!