



AMERICA/GUATEMALA - Earthquake in Guatemala : 52 victims, the plan of aid and solidarity has begun

San Marcos (Agenzia Fides) – 52 people have died due to the earthquake on November 7, while 22 people are still considered missing, according to the report of Caritas Guatemala, sent to Fides Agency. Official figures show a terrible situation: 5,251 displaced, 150 wounded and 2,263 houses seriously damaged. The most affected are mainly very poor people. Even the damage to the infrastructure in the area is severe: 3 bridges destroyed, 10 schools and 26 hospitals damaged.

Caritas Guatemala has begun the collection of detailed information to be able to create a clear picture in order to provide targeted support to the victims in the affected areas: San Marcos, Quetzaltenango and Sololá. The Archdiocese of Guatemala has opened two centers for the collection of food and blankets, while a truck with medical supplies and drinking water has already left the capital. (CE) (Agenzia Fides 10/11/2012)