

# Ecuador needs your help

## *Solidarity rebuilds lives*

Dear fellow students, professors and friends,

James Cook University has been the home of several ecuadorian students over the last few years. With pride, as students we promoted our country as one of a kind, with impetuous mountains, pristine forests and peaceful beaches.

Currently, our precious home is living with the consequences of a devastating natural disaster. On the night of the 16<sup>th</sup> of April, a magnitude 7.8 earthquake struck coastal Ecuador. It is one of the strongest earthquakes to hit Ecuador in decades.

To date, the death toll has soared to 500 and more than 3000 people have been injured. The poorest were the most affected, families are broken and have lost all of their belongings. More than 150 000 children are affected and damages are estimated to be up to 3000 million US dollars. We, as Ecuadorians, are all somehow related to the victims of this natural disaster and have the moral responsibility to assist our people.

The Ecuadorian JCU Alumni kindly asks you to work together as the diverse and united international community that identifies us. We appeal to your kindness and solidarity to make a donation. We have listed several organisations that are assisting in Ecuador, please donate according to your preference:

UNICEF <http://www.unicef.org.uk/landing-pages/donate-ecuador/>  
<https://www.unicef.org.ec/>



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### ECUADORIAN RED CROSS:

**Bank:** Banco del Pichincha  
**Account number:** FONDO DE EMERGENCIA 3462520104  
**Entity:** Cruz Roja Ecuatoriana  
**RUC/ID:** 1791241746001  
**Swift code:** PICHICEQ



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**"UN TECHO PARA MI PAÍS - ECUADOR"** (*Local NGO that builds houses in small and remote communities*)

**Bank:** Produbanco  
**Account number:** FUNDACION UN TECHO PARA MI PAIS ECUADOR 02005150694

**Entity:** UN TECHO PARA MI PAIS ECUADOR  
**RUC/ID:** 1792143586001  
**Swift code:** PICHICEQ  
**Website:** <https://www.techo.org/haz-tu-donacion/>



Our deepest thanks and appreciation,

**The Ecuadorian JCU Alumni**

