In early 2017, Peru was hit by El Niño, which resulted in flooding, landslides, and heavy rains that severely damaged urban, rural, and road infrastructure, notably in the regions of Piura, Lambayeque, and La Libertad, where a number of important national heritage sites, intangible cultural expressions, and museums were affected. The Heritage Emergency Fund supported a mission to Peru in May 2017 to conduct an assessment of needs for the culture sector in the affected regions, in collaboration with the Peruvian authorities. Within the scope of the mission, training was provided on the Post-Disaster Needs Assessment (PDNA) methodology for the Ministry of Culture prior to the field assessment. The mission resulted in the elaboration of a report, which provided an analysis of the impacts of the disaster, including the impact on the cultural rights of communities; proposals for urgent safeguarding measures; and a strategy to recover the culture sector in the medium to long-term. The findings of the assessment, and ensuing report, were used by the Ministry of Culture to inform the national budget for the culture sector for 2018, for which 10 million USD were allocated for activities relating to disaster risk prevention.