

Human Impact of the January 2022 Oil Spill in Peru

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There is an ongoing need to help those affected and lack of support from Repsol.

“We would be delighted to receive any help: monetary, psychological, or otherwise. Maybe they can help us organize long-term sustainable projects for our businesses.”

10%

have not received any help, particularly the fishermen

38%

have not received compensation or support from Repsol

The spill and its aftermath have worsened the physical and mental health of the affected communities.

“There is a lot of concern. We had plans for the future but now my daughter is sick, and we don't know how to cover the expenses. We are bad emotionally. Now we could also face a serious illness; we are vulnerable.”



report their general well-being is struggling



say the health of their families worsened



had to reduce family food intake

The impact on businesses and livelihoods has been severe. Income and the ability to cover household expenses has fallen, while stress has increased.

“We need the beach to be cleaned so we can go back to work. We cannot pay electricity, water, or the debts with food stamps. With the beach cleaning, we will be able to work and pay for our families' needs.”

88% mention their income level has decreased significantly

56% say ability to cover expenses has decreased significantly

55% report finance-related stress has increased significantly

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Those with loans have suffered the worst financial impact and see their debt repayment as a burden.

“This is worse than COVID-19. We thought we could invest for the summer, but this misfortune came and many colleagues who used to sell on beaches are now in debt. They barely have enough to eat.”

44% people had taken a loan out before the oil spill

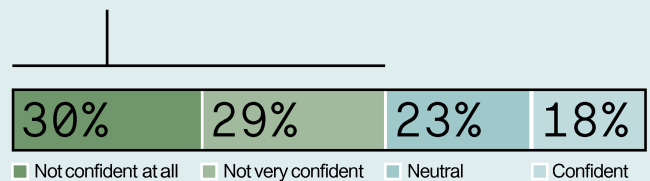


68% of them consider the loan repayment a ‘heavy burden’

Most of those affected are not confident in recovering their businesses or jobs. Recovery will take time.

“We fishermen are very worried because we cannot work and we do not know how long this situation will last. Repsol says that the sea will be clean soon but we see that this is not the case”.

59% are not confident that their job or business will recover



26% expect recovery to take more than five years

Additional Information

60 Decibels partnered with Social Solutions to understand the impact the oil spill has had on affected communities. The respondents were contacts collected by SOA Peru and ConCiencia Marina, organizations that are helping these affected communities. 60 Decibels used its own Lean Data methodology to learn directly from fishermen and merchants in a fast and effective way.

Methodology

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| Method | Telephone |
| Dates | April – June 2022 |
| Interviews | 239 (172 fishemarn + 67 merchants) |
| Duration | 16 minutes on average |