Lockheed Martin Provides Indago 4 UAS For Peru's El Niño Emergency Response

LIMA, Peru, Nov. 20, 2026 — Lockheed Martin announced that it will provide an Indago 4 (I4) unmanned aircraft system (UAS), including the aircraft and ground control system, to assist the Government of Peru's response to the ongoing 2026–27 El Niño disaster. As part of this support, Lockheed Martin will deliver the system and train Peruvian personnel in its use, so that teams can put it to work.

Peru is currently experiencing significant humanitarian impacts from extreme weather conditions, including widespread flooding, infrastructure disruption, and urgent community aid needs. Under Peru's state of emergency declaration, national disaster response authorities have mobilized emergency resources and requested rapid aerial assessment and communications support.

"Lockheed Martin's provision of the Indago 4 system is a unique opportunity that reflects our corporate responsibility commitment and enduring partnership with Peru," said Kristen Leroux, vice president and regional executive, Lockheed Martin Canada and Latin America. "We stand with Peru during this period of extraordinary humanitarian need, and we will continue to collaborate on long-term national resilience, security, and industrial development."

The Indago 4 system is configured to support two critical mission needs identified by Peruvian authorities:

- **ISR post-disaster assessment & predictive risk analysis:** Enables rapid aerial imagery of high-risk areas, including land dams, flood zones and compromised infrastructure, to help prevent further catastrophe.
- **Tethered communications relay**: A tether kit can supply sustained power and a data connection, extending the Indago 4's normal endurance limit. When fitted with a communications payload instead of the camera, the system can serve as a persistent, elevated node to support local Wi-Fi and cellular communications for response teams.

"This initiative represents more than the delivery of an advanced unmanned aircraft system; it reflects Lockheed Martin's commitment to standing alongside Peru in addressing its most pressing national challenges," said Dan Valenti, program director, UAVs and Attritables, Lockheed Martin. "By combining advanced technology with hands-on training and knowledge transfer, Lockheed Martin is helping strengthen Peru's sovereign operational capabilities, improve disaster preparedness and build a foundation for greater national resilience. This partnership demonstrates how innovation, collaboration, and mission-focused technology can deliver meaningful impact for the people and communities we serve."

Indago 4 is well suited to these humanitarian missions: it is a lightweight unmanned aircraft system that can be deployed quickly, and its compact size and flexible configurations allow it to adapt to conditions on the ground, supporting emergency teams with rapid hazard assessment and restored communications.

These capabilities will supplement Peru's pilot teams by expanding their ability to conduct first-pass hazard assessments and re-establish vital communication links in impacted communities.

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