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13 schools to be repaired as part of quake-risk program

Thirteen of 30 schools qualified as vulnerable to low intensity earthquakes have been included in the National Risks Mitigation Program developed by the Civil Defense.

Angel Rodríguez, director of Civil Defense Operation, told The Associated Press that the buildings are on a list of schools that will be repaired to reduce the risk.

Rodríguez said the Authority of Public Buildings "succeeding in matching 50 percent of the funds assigned by federal agencies to repair schools identified as vulnerable to earthquakes."

Several days ago, three classrooms at an intermediate school in Boquerón were closed when an earthquake measuring 4.1 on the Richter scale struck the area.

Rodríguez said he hopes the remaining 17 schools around the island will be in the next round of repairs.