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South Asia – Earthquake

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BACKGROUND

- A magnitude 7.6 earthquake struck Pakistan, India, and Afghanistan, on October 8, 2005, at 8:50 a.m. local time, according to the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS). The epicenter of the earthquake was located near Muzaffarabad, the capital of Pakistani-administered Kashmir, and approximately 60 miles north-northeast of Islamabad.
- Aftershocks continue in the affected areas. The delivery of humanitarian assistance is constricted by the mountainous area, cold weather, and damaged or collapsed infrastructure. The most affected areas are the North West Frontier Province (NWFP), Northern Punjab, and Pakistani-administered Kashmir in Pakistan, and Indian-administered Kashmir in India.

| NUMBERS AT A GLANCE ¹ | | SOURCE |
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| Pakistan | 53,000 dead* | Government of Pakistan (GOP) – October 24 |
| | 75,000 injured | GOP – October 24 |
| | 2.8 million homeless | International Organization for Migration (IOM) – October 21 |
| India | 1,308 dead | Government of India (GOI) – October 24 |
| | 6,622 injured | GOI – October 24 |
| | 150,000 homeless | GOI – October 14 |

* Local officials in Pakistani-administered Kashmir continue to report a higher, unconfirmed death toll.

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| U.S. Government (USG) Humanitarian Assistance Pledged | up to \$50,000,000 |
| USAID/OFDA Humanitarian Assistance Committed to Pakistan | \$35,560,992 |
| Total USAID Humanitarian Assistance Committed to Pakistan | \$39,287,592 |
| USAID/OFDA Humanitarian Assistance Committed to India..... | \$604,216 |
| Total USG Humanitarian Assistance Committed to South Asia..... | \$39,891,808 |

CURRENT SITUATION

Pakistan

- On October 26, the U.N. Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA) released a revised flash appeal of more than \$549 million for continued relief operations for up to six months. OCHA indicated that the increase of required funding—from \$311.8 million to \$549.5 million—is primarily due to the extraordinary logistical requirements imposed by the difficult terrain in the affected areas.
- According to OCHA, the international community and GOP have delivered 122,000 winterized tents to date. An additional 194,000 are currently in the pipeline. Shelter remains a priority need in the affected areas, particularly due to the approaching winter climate.
- From October 22 to 23, a USAID/Pakistan team conducted damage and needs assessments in Muzaffarabad city, Shaeed Gali, Hasan Gali, Jabbi Haider Shah, Lamian Battian, and Gari Habibullah. The team reported that tents or temporary shelter was a key concern among residents. In addition, the team noted that almost 80 percent of schools suffered significant damage and required debris removal. The USAID Disaster Assistance Response Team (DART) and USAID/Pakistan are working to re-establish school activities using tents provided by the U.S. Department of Defense (DOD).
- On October 24, the USAID/DART conducted a rapid water and sanitation survey in Muzaffarabad and observed residents obtaining water from public water taps. The team tested a sample from the piped water system, which indicated chlorine treatment.
- The emergency airlift operation of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) and U.N. High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) added a Boeing 747 cargo jet to the joint NATO-UNHCR airlift operation in Pakistan. The Boeing 747 is able to carry approximately eight times the tonnage of the military C-130s that have been delivering supplies to the country since October 19. The first Boeing 747 flight, carrying nearly 80 tons of UNHCR relief supplies, arrived in Islamabad on October 26.

India

- To date, India has not requested international assistance.

¹ These figures are the best available estimates.

USG HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE

Pakistan

- On October 26, USAID Administrator Andrew Natsios announced a second USG pledged of \$50 million to respond to emergency needs and reconstruction. In addition, the U.S. military has committed approximately \$56 million in aid, bringing the total USG commitment to over \$156 million. The announcement was made at a U.N.-sponsored South Asia Earthquake Relief Pledging Conference in Geneva, Switzerland.
- To date, USAID has provided more than \$39 million in humanitarian assistance, including eight completed airlifts of relief supplies, to Pakistan. USAID has provided shelter materials for 67,500 people and blankets for 15,000 people. USAID has distributed medical supplies for 100,000 people for 3 months to treat injuries and disease. To meet critical water needs, USAID has provided water treatment units that supply safe drinking water to 20,000 people per day, water containers for 15,000 families, and water storage capacity for 8 communities.
- A USAID/DART has been on the ground in Pakistan since October 10. The mission of the USAID/DART is to assess humanitarian needs, assist with targeting and coordination of USG assistance in conjunction with USAID/Pakistan, and provide technical assistance as required. Headquartered in Islamabad, the USAID/DART has also established bases of operations in Muzaffarabad and Mansehra, where it is conducting follow-up assessments and coordinating relief activities.
- On October 26, USAID/OFDA provided \$4.5 million to the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) for continued relief activities in earthquake-affected areas, including the distribution of emergency relief supplies. In total, USAID/OFDA has provided \$5 million to ICRC for emergency operations in Pakistan.
- USAID/FFP has responded to WFP's emergency operation for Pakistan with 2,400 metric tons (MT) of vegetable oil and 480 MT of wheat soy blend. The total value of this contribution is approximately \$3.4 million.
- In response to the U.N. Flash Appeal, USAID/OFDA has provided \$10.8 million in funding to support transitional shelter programs, health, water and sanitation, humanitarian air service, logistical coordination, and the movement of supplies to affected populations and movement of those populations to safe areas.
- To date, USAID has delivered emergency relief commodities to Pakistan in eight airlifts.
 - On October 24 and 25, two of six flights carrying USAID plastic sheeting arrived in Pakistan. Two additional flights are expected to arrive this week. In total, the six flights will deliver 5,000 rolls of plastic sheeting to support alternative shelters in earthquake-affected areas. The total value of this airlift, including transport, is more than \$2.3 million.
 - On October 18, two USAID airlifts of relief commodities arrived in Pakistan. One airlift carried 650 rolls of plastic sheeting, 5,000 blankets, and 5,000 water containers. The total value of this assistance, including transport, is \$301,750. The relief commodities were provided to Catholic Relief Services (CRS) and were delivered to Bisham, Kohistan, and Mansehra. The second airlift contained 20 concrete cutting saws. The value of assistance, including transport, is more than \$64,000. The saws were given to Pakistani Civil Defense.
 - On October 16 and 17, two flights containing tents airlifted by USAID arrived in Islamabad. A third flight containing the remainder of the 1,570 tents arrived on October 18. The tents were provided to Mercy Corps for distribution in the Mansehra region. The total value of this airlift, including transport, is approximately \$471,000.
 - On October 15, a USAID airlift of 10 WHO emergency health kits arrived in Islamabad. The 10 kits contain sufficient medical supplies to treat 100,000 people for 3 months. The total value of the health kits, including transport, is more than \$122,000. On October 16, WHO transported USAID's 10 health kits to Muzaffarabad and Mansehra for distribution.
 - On October 14, a USAID airlift of relief commodities arrived in Islamabad, carrying 250 rolls of plastic sheeting—sufficient for approximately 2,500 families—5,000 blankets, 5,000 water containers, and 8 water bladders. In addition, a flight containing two mobile water purification units arrived on October 15. The total value of these commodities, including transport, is approximately \$266,000. On October 16, UNICEF transported the two mobile water treatment units and three water bladders to Muzaffarabad.
 - On October 10, a USAID airlift of relief commodities arrived in Islamabad, carrying 250 rolls of plastic sheeting, 5,000 blankets, and 5,000 water containers. The commodities are consigned through USAID/Pakistan to Save the Children for distribution to affected populations in Mansehra and Batagram Districts. The total value of the commodities, including transport, is more than \$168,000.
- On October 20, USAID and Procter & Gamble announced a \$600,000 public-private alliance to provide safe drinking water for those affected by the earthquake. Through this partnership, USAID and Procter & Gamble are supplying a point-of-use water purification product that significantly reduces diarrheal illnesses. Through the Global Development Alliance (GDA), USAID contributed \$300,000 toward this partnership, which provides safe drinking water for more than 50,000 households for 3 months.
- On October 8, 2005, U.S. Ambassador to Pakistan Ryan C. Crocker declared a disaster due to the magnitude of damage caused by the earthquake. On October 8, USAID/OFDA provided an immediate \$100,000 through USAID/Pakistan for emergency relief supplies to meet the immediate needs of those affected by the earthquake.

- To date, DOD has transported 1,111 tons of relief commodities, including food, medicines, tents, water, blankets, and clothing. In addition, the U.S. military has completed 545 sorties and has evacuated 5,735 injured people from the affected area. The 212th Mobile Army Surgical Hospital (MASH) opened October 25 with 12 intensive care unit (ICU), 36 medical-surgical (Level 3), 20 intermediate care, and 40 minimal care beds. The MASH is also performing surgery utilizing four operating room tables.

India

- From October 11 to October 17, a USAID/OFDA Regional Advisor was in India assisting USAID/India with damage and needs assessments and making recommendations regarding any additional USG assistance. Preliminary findings of a rapid needs assessment indicate that access is the main constraint to providing critical relief and shelter is of utmost priority, with tents in short supply.
- On October 10, U.S. Ambassador to India David C. Mulford issued a disaster declaration due to the effects of the October 8 earthquake across northern India. In response, USAID/OFDA is providing \$100,000 through USAID/India to help meet the immediate humanitarian needs of the earthquake victims, \$50,000 of which will be provided to the Indian Prime Minister's Relief Fund and \$50,000 to support emergency relief activities.
- On October 26, USAID/OFDA provided \$100,000 to CARE for emergency relief efforts, including shelter and relief supplies, in earthquake-affected areas of India.
- To date, USAID has provided more than \$600,000 to non-governmental organization (NGOs) for emergency relief supplies and shelter.

U.S. GOVERNMENT HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO PAKISTAN

| USAID/OFDA ASSISTANCE ¹ | | | |
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| ACTED | Relief supplies, shelter, water and sanitation, cash-for-work | Earthquake Affected Regions of NWFP and AJK | \$2,351,232 |
| American Red Cross | IFRC preliminary emergency appeal | Earthquake Affected Regions of NWFP and AJK | \$1,998,276 |
| CRS | Livelihoods, water and sanitation, shelter | NWFP/AJK: Mansehra, Balakot, Muzaffarabad | \$2,470,000 |
| GOAL | Shelter, livelihoods | AJK: Bagh | \$2,000,000 |
| ICRC | Emergency relief supplies, shelter | Earthquake Affected Regions of NWFP and AJK | \$5,000,000 |
| IOM | Delivery of relief supplies (surface transport), transport of displaced populations to safe areas, transitional shelter | Earthquake Affected Regions of NWFP and AJK | \$3,000,000 |
| IRC | Shelter, emergency relief supplies, child protection | Abbottabad, Batagram, Mansehra, and Shangla | \$2,500,000 |
| Mercy Corps | Shelter, water and sanitation, cash-for-work | Earthquake Affected Regions of NWFP and AJK | \$1,511,168 |
| Save the Children/US | Shelter, emergency relief supplies, livelihoods, psychological and social assistance | NWFP: Muzaffarabad, Mansehra, Balakot, Batagram, Abbottabad, Rawlakot | \$2,500,000 |
| UNICEF | Water and sanitation | Earthquake Affected Regions of NWFP and AJK | \$2,000,000 |
| WHO | Health | Earthquake Affected Regions of NWFP and AJK | \$2,000,000 |
| WFP | Humanitarian air operations, Joint Logistics Center, Administrative Support | Earthquake Affected Regions of NWFP and AJK | \$3,914,964 |
| USAID/Pakistan | Emergency relief supplies | Earthquake Affected Regions of NWFP and AJK | \$100,000 |
| | Emergency relief supplies | Earthquake Affected Regions of NWFP and AJK | \$2,779,842 |
| | Airlifts of emergency relief supplies | | \$1,061,912 |
| | Administrative support | | \$373,598 |
| TOTAL USAID/OFDA HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO PAKISTAN | | | \$35,560,992 |
| USAID/FFP ASSISTANCE | | | |
| WFP | 2,880 MT of P.L. 480 Title II Emergency Food Assistance | Affected Areas | \$3,426,600 |
| TOTAL USAID/FFP | | | \$3,426,600 |
| USAID/GDA ASSISTANCE | | | |
| | Partnership with Procter and Gamble to provide safe drinking water | Affected Areas | \$300,000 |
| TOTAL USAID/GDA | | | \$300,000 |
| TOTAL USAID HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO PAKISTAN | | | \$39,287,592 |
| TOTAL USG HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO PAKISTAN | | | \$39,287,592 |

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U.S. GOVERNMENT HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO INDIA

| USAID/OFDA ASSISTANCE | | | |
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| CARE | Emergency relief supplies, shelter | Affected Areas | \$100,000 |
| CRS | Emergency relief supplies, shelter | Affected Areas | \$170,000 |
| Prime Minister’s Relief Fund | Emergency relief activities | Affected Areas | \$50,000 |
| Save the Children/UK | Emergency relief supplies, shelter | Jammu | \$134,278 |
| USAID/India | Emergency relief activities | Affected Areas | \$50,000 |
| World Vision | Emergency relief supplies, shelter | Affected Areas | \$99,938 |
| TOTAL USAID/OFDA HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO INDIA | | | \$604,216 |

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PUBLIC DONATION INFORMATION

- The most effective way people can assist relief efforts is by making cash contributions to humanitarian organizations that are conducting relief operations. Information on identifying such organizations is available in the “How Can I Help” section of www.usaid.gov – Keyword: South Asia Earthquake, or by calling The Center for International Disaster Information (CIDI) at 703-276-1914.
- USAID encourages cash donations because they: allow aid professionals to procure the exact items needed (often in the affected region); reduce the burden on scarce resources (such as transportation routes, staff time, warehouse space, etc); can be transferred very quickly and without transportation costs; support the economy of the disaster-stricken region; ensure culturally, dietary, and environmentally appropriate assistance.
- More information can be found at:
 - USAID: www.usaid.gov – Keyword: Donations
 - The Center for International Disaster Information: www.cidi.org or (703) 276-1914
 - Information on relief activities of the humanitarian community can be found at www.reliefweb.int