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South Asia – Earthquake

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BACKGROUND

Immediately following the magnitude 7.6 earthquake that struck Pakistan, India, and Afghanistan on October 8, 2005, USAID deployed a Disaster Assistance Response Team (USAID/DART) to Pakistan. According to the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS), the earthquake’s epicenter was located near Muzaffarabad, the capital of Azad Jammu and Kashmir (AJK) in Pakistan, approximately 60 miles north-northeast of Islamabad. The USAID/DART arrived on October 10 and has been working with government and local authorities, U.N. clusters, and non-governmental organizations (NGOs) to assess humanitarian needs, provide technical support, and assist with targeting and coordination of U.S. government (USG) assistance in conjunction with USAID/Pakistan. Although mountainous terrain, cold weather, and damaged or destroyed infrastructure slowed the initial delivery of humanitarian assistance, ongoing humanitarian interventions in AJK and North West Frontier Province (NWFP) and extensive preparation for the onset of winter weather by relief organizations are minimizing the negative impact of snow and rainfall.

NUMBERS AT A GLANCE ¹		SOURCE
Pakistan	73,338 dead	Government of Pakistan (GOP) – February 10
	69,412 injured	GOP – February 10
	2.8 million homeless	International Organization for Migration (IOM) – October 21
India	1,309 dead	Government of India (GOI) – October 26
	6,622 injured	GOI – October 26
	150,000 homeless	GOI – October 14

USG Humanitarian and Reconstruction Assistance Pledged²	\$510,000,000
USAID/OFDA Humanitarian Assistance Committed to Pakistan	\$60,431,807
Total USAID Humanitarian Assistance Committed to Pakistan	\$67,431,807
USAID/OFDA Humanitarian Assistance Committed to India	\$600,662
Total USG Humanitarian Assistance Committed to South Asia	\$84,132,469

CURRENT SITUATION

- On January 31, the USAID/DART Shelter and Settlement Advisors (SSAs) performed a site visit of the Muzaffarabad municipality to gain a better understanding of transitional needs in the coming months. Information obtained during the visit, combined with subsequent analysis, suggests that critical transitional activities in Muzaffarabad are rubble removal, recycling, and disposal. The USAID/DART anticipates that rubble removal activities will generate significant employment and will enable the rebuilding of critically needed transitional shelter and other structures.
- To address gaps in information about ongoing relief needs and to increase the amount of quantitative information available on the humanitarian situation in AJK, the USAID/DART is performing field assessments and site visits through the province. The USAID/DART Geographic Information Systems Officer is also encouraging implementing partners to provide standardized, quantitative data to the clusters. From recent site visits and field assessments, the USAID/DART has gathered additional information that will help better target relief and transition activities.
- The USAID/DART Field Officer (FO) in Muzaffarabad reports that although most residents of official camps have access to necessary humanitarian relief supplies and services, some residents of unofficial camps lack access to vital services or choose to live in camps where vital services are not provided. The USAID/DART FO continues to assess conditions in camps in and around Muzaffarabad so that current relief programs and future transition programs can best target needed resources. The rebuilding of infrastructure, provision of basic services, and promotion of livelihoods of earthquake-affected populations from rural areas will facilitate the return of people from camps to areas of origin.
- On February 6, the USAID/DART attended a conference on GOP’s plan for rural housing reconstruction with key partner organizations, local and provincial government officials, donors, and other interested parties. The USAID/DART SSAs continue to work with and provide technical and other advice to organizations implementing transitional shelter programs and planning for reconstruction.

¹ These figures are the best available estimates.

² This pledge includes \$300 million in economic assistance from the USG, \$110 million in U.S. military in-kind support for relief operations, and at least \$100 million anticipated from U.S. private contributions.

USG HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE

Pakistan

- To date, USAID has provided more than \$67.4 million in humanitarian assistance to earthquake-affected communities in Pakistan. USAID identified shelter, relief supplies, logistics, health, water and sanitation, and livelihoods support as priority sectors for relief operations. In addition to headquarters in Islamabad, the USAID/DART has established forward bases of operations in Muzaffarabad and Mansehra.
- To date, USAID has provided nearly \$6.4 million in emergency relief commodities, including transport costs, for earthquake-affected populations in Pakistan. USAID has completed 25 flights of emergency relief commodities to Pakistan. The flights delivered a total of 97,725 blankets, 1,570 winterized tents, 8,050 rolls of plastic sheeting for approximately 36,672 families, 15,000 water containers, 17 water bladders, 2 water purification units, 10 U.N. World Health Organization (WHO) emergency health kits, 20 concrete cutting saws, and 136 shelters donated by Alaska Shelters.
- In response to the U.N. South Asia Earthquake Flash Appeal, USAID has provided more than \$22.6 million in funding to support transitional shelter programs, food, health, water and sanitation, humanitarian air service, logistical coordination, and the transport of supplies to affected populations and movement of those populations to safe areas.
- On January 21, the U.S. Government (USG) signed a four-year \$200 million grant agreement with the GOP to assist in the reconstruction of schools and hospitals destroyed by the earthquake and the rehabilitation of livelihoods and education and health care systems. The grant agreement is part of the overall U.S. commitment of \$510 million pledged at the Donors Conference on Rehabilitation and Reconstruction of Earthquake Affected Areas in Islamabad on November 19.
- On October 27, President George W. Bush, together with five private-sector chief executive officers (CEOs) launched the South Asia Earthquake Relief Fund (SAERF) to spearhead private fundraising efforts for relief and reconstruction in the aftermath of the South Asia earthquake. To date, the SAERF has received more than \$18 million in cash and pledges. The SAERF has allocated \$4.5 million to five NGOs focused on relief efforts and will provide remaining funds for reconstruction efforts.
- In addition to the provision of sheets of tarpaulin, blankets, and winterized and non-winterized tents in support of the overall shelter strategy, USAID funded nine NGO partners to provide shelter assistance to approximately 75,500 households.
- To date, USAID's Office of Food for Peace (FFP) has responded to the U.N. World Food Program (WFP) emergency operation for Pakistan with 4,990 MT of vegetable oil and 480 MT of wheat soy blend. The total value of this contribution is approximately \$6.7 million.
- As of February 9, the U.S. Department of State's Bureau for Population, Refugees, and Migration (State/PRM) has contributed \$4 million to the Office of the U.N. High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) to support activities identified in the 2005 U.N. South Asia Earthquake Flash Appeal. Specific activities include the establishment and management of camps and spontaneous settlements for earthquake-affected populations and the provision of essential relief supplies such as tents, blankets, and stoves to camp residents. State/PRM also has contributed \$100,000 to the International Organization for Migration (IOM) to conduct prevention and assistance activities for populations vulnerable to traffickers in the aftermath of the earthquake.
- To date, the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) has provided 46,000 MT of wheat, valued at \$12 million, to the GOP. This wheat will be distributed to food-insecure families lacking the financial means to purchase food.
- 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 to more than 50,000 households for 3 months.
- As of February 9, the U.S. Department of Defense (DOD) has flown 4,323 helicopter missions, delivered 11,740 short tons of humanitarian relief supplies, evacuated 3,742 casualties, and transported 14,865 humanitarian relief workers and other passengers. The 212th Mobile Army Surgical Hospital (MASH), established on October 25 in Muzaffarabad, and a 3rd Marine Expeditionary Force medical element, established on November 16 in Shinkiari, have performed more than 485 surgeries and treated more than 31,873 non-surgical patients. U.S. forces are conducting handover procedures and training GOP authorities in the use of medical and engineering equipment that will be left behind with the GOP when American forces depart. To date, DOD has obligated \$106.6 million for relief operations.

India

- On October 10, U.S. Ambassador to India David C. Mulford issued a disaster declaration due to the effects of the October 8 earthquake in northern India. From October 11 to 17, a USAID/OFDA Regional Advisor traveled to India to assist USAID/India with damage and needs assessments and make recommendations for USG assistance. The USAID/OFDA Regional Advisor and a representative from USAID/India conducted a post-earthquake visit to Srinagar in Jammu and Kashmir on November 15 and 16 in order to monitor program progress of USAID/OFDA-funded partners.
- USAID has provided more than \$600,000 to relief organizations in India for emergency relief supplies and shelter. The Government of India did not request international assistance.

U.S. GOVERNMENT HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO PAKISTAN

<i>Implementing Partner</i>	<i>Activity</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Amount</i>
USAID/OFDA ASSISTANCE¹			
ACTED	Relief supplies, shelter, water and sanitation, cash-for-work	NWFP: Balakot	\$2,351,232
Action Against Hunger	Shelter, relief supplies	Earthquake Affected Regions of NWFP	\$2,180,000
American Red Cross	IFRC preliminary emergency appeal	Earthquake Affected Regions of NWFP and AJK	\$1,998,276
American Refugee Committee	Shelter, livelihoods	AJK: Bagh	\$2,776,144
CRS	Livelihoods, water and sanitation, shelter	NWFP: Mansehra, Shangla, Kohistan; AJK: Muzaffarabad	\$4,960,730
GOAL	Shelter, livelihoods, cash-for work, water and sanitation	AJK: Bagh	\$3,750,000
ICRC	Emergency relief supplies, shelter	Earthquake Affected Regions of NWFP and AJK	\$5,000,000
IMC	Water and sanitation	Earthquake Affected Regions of NWFP	\$1,900,000
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	NWFP: Abbottabad, Batagram, Mansehra, Shangla	\$2,483,041
Mercy Corps	Shelter, water and sanitation, cash-for-work	NWFP: Mansehra; AJK: Muzaffarabad	\$2,420,348
Save the Children/US	Shelter, emergency relief supplies, livelihoods, psychological and social assistance	NWFP: Abbottabad, Balakot, Batagram, Mansehra	\$6,588,728
UNDP	Coordination of Transition Activities	Earthquake Affected Regions of NWFP and AJK	\$196,219
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	\$8,917,459
USAID/Pakistan	Emergency relief supplies	Earthquake Affected Regions of NWFP and AJK	\$100,000
	Emergency relief supplies	Earthquake Affected Regions of NWFP and AJK	\$4,173,217
	Transport of emergency relief supplies		\$2,218,225
	Administrative support		\$1,418,188
TOTAL USAID/OFDA HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO PAKISTAN			\$60,431,807

¹ USAID/OFDA funding represents anticipated or actual obligated amounts as of February 10, 2006.

USAID/FFP ASSISTANCE			
WFP	5,470 MT of P.L. 480 Title II Emergency Food Assistance	Affected Areas	\$6,700,000
TOTAL USAID/FFP			\$6,700,000
USAID/GDA ASSISTANCE			
	Partnership with Proctor and Gamble to provide safe drinking water	Affected Areas	\$300,000
TOTAL USAID/GDA			\$300,000
TOTAL USAID HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO PAKISTAN			\$67,431,807
STATE/PRM ASSISTANCE			
UNHCR	In support of activities identified in the 2005 U.N. South Asia Earthquake Flash Appeal	Affected Areas	\$4,000,000
IOM	Prevention and assistance for populations vulnerable to traffickers	Affected Areas	\$100,000
TOTAL STATE/PRM			\$4,100,000
USDA ASSISTANCE			
GOP	46,000 MT of Title I wheat	Affected Areas	\$12,000,000
TOTAL USDA ASSISTANCE TO PAKISTAN			\$12,000,000
TOTAL USG HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO PAKISTAN			\$83,531,807

U.S. GOVERNMENT HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO INDIA

<i>Implementing Partner</i>	<i>Activity</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Amount</i>
USAID/OFDA ASSISTANCE²			
CARE	Emergency relief supplies, shelter	Baramulla and Kupwara districts	\$100,000
CRS	Emergency relief supplies, shelter	Baramulla district	\$170,000
Prime Minister's Relief Fund	Emergency relief activities	Affected Areas	\$50,000
Save the Children/UK	Emergency relief supplies, shelter	Baramulla, Kupwara, Poonch districts	\$130,724
USAID/India	Emergency relief activities	Affected Areas	\$50,000
World Vision	Emergency relief supplies, shelter	Baramulla, Kupwara districts	\$99,938
TOTAL USAID/OFDA HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO INDIA			\$600,662

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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
 - American corporate leaders have established a fund to gather donations and the website is <https://www.southasiaearthquakerelief.org>

USAID/OFDA bulletins appear on the USAID web site at http://www.usaid.gov/our_work/humanitarian_assistance/disaster_assistance/.