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## South Asia – Earthquake

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Note: The last fact sheet was dated February 17, 2006.

### 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 the Government of Pakistan (GOP) 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. 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 <sup>1</sup>		SOURCE
Pakistan	73,338 dead	GOP – December 14
	69,412 injured	GOP – December 14
	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

<b>USG Humanitarian and Reconstruction Assistance Pledged<sup>2</sup></b> .....	<b>\$510,000,000</b>
<b>USAID/OFDA Humanitarian Assistance Committed to Pakistan</b> .....	<b>\$60,691,552</b>
<b>Total USAID Humanitarian Assistance Committed to Pakistan</b> .....	<b>\$69,972,752</b>
<b>USAID/OFDA Humanitarian Assistance Committed to India</b> .....	<b>\$600,662</b>
<b>Total USG Humanitarian Assistance Committed to South Asia</b> .....	<b>\$86,673,414</b>

### CURRENT SITUATION

- The USAID/DART Field Officer (FO) in Mansehra continues to report a significant need for transitional shelters as a practical precursor to more permanent earthquake-resistant houses. According to the GOP Earthquake Reconstruction and Rehabilitation Authority (ERRA), many rural residents will require transitional shelter for up to three years. According to the USAID/DART, urban residents in NWFP may require transitional shelter for five or more years. The USAID/DART continues to work with partners implementing transitional shelter programs.
- According to the USAID/DART FO in Mansehra, GOP officials, relief organizations, and others providing humanitarian assistance plan to facilitate the return of affected populations to areas of origin. The USAID/DART FO reports that the humanitarian community in NWFP is placing considerable emphasis on developing a return strategy. According to the USAID/DART, three categories of returnees have been identified: individuals who remain in camps past March 2006; individuals en route to home villages; and individuals who have already returned to areas of origin.
- On February 17, the U.N. Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA) reported that the cluster leads have created a Sustainable Returns Taskforce (SRT) to advise field clusters on the development and implementation of a comprehensive strategy on the sustainable return, resettlement, and reintegration of earthquake-affected populations. According to the USAID/DART, programs managed by USAID partners are contributing to the return process by drawing populations back to home villages where services are being provided.
- According to the U.N. Joint Logistics Center (UNJLC), the majority of roads that were accessible prior to the earthquake are currently open. Once roads are fully accessible, the majority of relief commodities currently being transported by air will be moved on a routine basis via ground transport.
- From February 7 to 15, the USAID/DART Geographic Information Systems Officer, together with representatives from the U.K. Department for International Development (DFID) and the European Community Humanitarian Organization (ECHO), participated in a joint review of information management systems operating during the earthquake response. The

<sup>1</sup> These figures are the best available estimates.

<sup>2</sup> 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.

findings of the review team will improve the flow of information between clusters and coordination among responding agencies in future disasters.

## **USG HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE**

### *Pakistan*

- To date, USAID has provided nearly \$70 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. To assist the GOP prepare for and reduce the impact of subsequent earthquake hazards, USAID/OFDA is committing more than \$240,000 to create a network of seismograph stations in and around earthquake-prone cities in the country and to develop training strategies for reconstructing earthquake-resistant structures in affected areas.
- 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 tarpaulin sheets, 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.
- USAID's Office of Food for Peace (FFP) has responded to the U.N. World Food Program (WFP) emergency and follow-on recovery operation for Pakistan with 7,270 metric tons (MT) of P.L. 480 Title II emergency food assistance, comprising 6,790 MT of vegetable oil and 480 MT of wheat soy blend. The total value of this contribution is nearly \$9 million.
- As of February 24, 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 is assisting 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 15, the U.S. Department of Defense (DOD) has flown 4,480 helicopter missions, delivered 12,392 short tons of humanitarian relief supplies, evacuated 3,745 casualties, and transported 15,196 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 493 surgeries and treated more than 33,521 non-surgical patients. On February 16, U.S. forces turned over the 212th MASH to the Pakistan Military 67th Medical Battalion. 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>
<b>USAID/OFDA ASSISTANCE<sup>1</sup></b>			
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
NSET	Seismic hazard prevention and earthquake resistant housing technology	Earthquake Affected Regions of NWFP and AJK	\$168,182
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
USGS	Seismic hazard prevention and establishment of Pakistan National Seismic Network	Countrywide	\$66,263
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		\$1,443,488
<b>TOTAL USAID/OFDA HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO PAKISTAN</b>			<b>\$60,691,552</b>

<sup>1</sup> USAID/OFDA funding represents anticipated or actual obligated amounts as of February 24, 2006.

<b>USAID/FFP ASSISTANCE</b>			
WFP	7,270 MT of P.L. 480 Title II Emergency Food Assistance	Affected Areas	\$8,981,200
<b>TOTAL USAID/FFP</b>			<b>\$8,981,200</b>
<b>USAID/GDA ASSISTANCE</b>			
	Partnership with Proctor and Gamble to provide safe drinking water	Affected Areas	\$300,000
<b>TOTAL USAID/GDA</b>			<b>\$300,000</b>
<b>TOTAL USAID HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO PAKISTAN</b>			<b>\$69,972,752</b>
<b>STATE/PRM ASSISTANCE</b>			
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
<b>TOTAL STATE/PRM</b>			<b>\$4,100,000</b>
<b>USDA ASSISTANCE</b>			
GOP	46,000 MT of Title I wheat	Affected Areas	\$12,000,000
<b>TOTAL USDA ASSISTANCE TO PAKISTAN</b>			<b>\$12,000,000</b>
<b>TOTAL USG HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO PAKISTAN</b>			<b>\$86,072,752</b>

#### U.S. GOVERNMENT HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO INDIA

<i>Implementing Partner</i>	<i>Activity</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Amount</i>
<b>USAID/OFDA ASSISTANCE<sup>2</sup></b>			
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
<b>TOTAL USAID/OFDA HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO INDIA</b>			<b>\$600,662</b>

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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](http://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](http://www.usaid.gov) – Keyword: Donations
  - The Center for International Disaster Information: [www.cidi.org](http://www.cidi.org) or (703) 276-1914
  - Information on relief activities of the humanitarian community can be found at [www.reliefweb.int](http://www.reliefweb.int)
  - American corporate leaders have established a fund to gather donations and the website is <https://www.southasiaearthquakerelief.org>

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