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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 <sup>1</sup>		SOURCE
<b>Pakistan</b>	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
<b>India</b>	1,400 dead	Government of India (GOI) – October 19
	7,500 injured	U.N. Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA) – October 17
	150,000 homeless	GOI – October 14

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

<b>U.S. Government (USG) Humanitarian Assistance Pledged .....</b>	<b>up to \$50,000,000</b>
<b>USAID/OFDA Humanitarian Assistance Committed to Pakistan .....</b>	<b>\$24,482,252</b>
<b>Total USAID Humanitarian Assistance Committed to Pakistan .....</b>	<b>\$28,208,852</b>
<b>USAID/OFDA Humanitarian Assistance Committed to India.....</b>	<b>\$504,216</b>
<b>Total USG Humanitarian Assistance Committed to South Asia.....</b>	<b>\$28,713,068</b>

### CURRENT SITUATION

#### Pakistan

- OCHA reported on October 24 that there is a three-week window to deliver assistance to mountainous areas in Pakistan before the first snowfall. Local authorities forecast that severe weather will hit the affected area this week.
- The U.N. has established operational hubs in Mansehra, Muzaffarabad, and Bagh.
- *Shelter:* According to OCHA, the international community has delivered 62,000 winterized tents to date, and 200,000 additional tents are in the pipeline. Due to the urgency for shelter materials and the shortfall of available tents, the GOP and humanitarian agencies are calling for creative shelter solutions. In Bagh, the Pakistani military is providing shelter repair/construction kits to allow people to rebuild their homes.
- *Food:* According to the USAID Disaster Assistance Response Team (USAID/DART), there is no acute food security crisis in the affected areas. Of the 1 million people reportedly in need of emergency food assistance, nearly 500,000 have received U.N. World Food Program (WFP) high-energy food rations to date. According to OCHA, food supplies are now reaching the main operational hubs, from where they are moved on to remote locations by mule or on foot.
- *Health:* According to the U.N. World Health Organization (WHO), the medical evacuation system is fully functional, and WHO field offices are operational in five of the most affected locations: Bagh, Balakot, Mansehra, Muzaffarabad, and Rawalakot. WHO reports that mental health activities have begun in Muzaffarabad and Mansehra. No outbreaks of disease have been reported to date.
- *Water and Sanitation:* According to the water and sanitation cluster group, lead by the U.N. Children's Fund (UNICEF), although water issues are being successfully addressed as relief organizations gain access to affected populations, more focus is needed on sanitation-related interventions. According to the cluster group, safe water interventions without corresponding sanitation interventions will place the affected populations at high risk of gastrointestinal disease outbreaks.
- According to UNICEF, there is a shortage of prefabricated latrine slabs. OXFAM is supplying 1,000 plastic slabs, and UNICEF has contracted for the construction of 1,000 metal latrine slabs at a production rate of 100 slabs per day.

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

*India*

- According to international media reports, the GOI has reported that it has provided more than 15,000 tents to the affected region and that 1,898 more will arrive by October 23. GOI officials have stated that an estimated 35,000 tents are required to house the earthquake-affected population.
- To date, India has not requested international assistance.

*U.N. Flash Appeal*

- As of October 23, OCHA reports that \$90 million has been committed and pledged towards the U.N. Flash Appeal. This represents 29 percent of the \$312 million requested. The U.N. will convene a donor meeting in Geneva on October 26 to mobilize additional financial support for the earthquake response.

**USG HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE**

*Pakistan*

- USAID has provided more than \$28 million in humanitarian assistance, including seven completed airlifts of relief supplies, to Pakistan to date. 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 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.
- 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. These commodities are currently being stored in Pakistan warehouses, and 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.
- On October 13, USAID/OFDA provided \$500,000 to the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) to support the distribution of emergency relief supplies.
- On October 24, the first of six flights carrying USAID plastic sheeting is scheduled to arrive in Pakistan. In total, USAID will provide an additional 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.
- To date, USAID has delivered emergency relief commodities to Pakistan in seven airlifts.
  - 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 \$64,617. 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. 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 approximately \$170,000.
- 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 9, the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC) issued a Preliminary Emergency Appeal for \$8.4 million. USAID/OFDA has provided \$2 million through the American Red Cross to support relief efforts identified in the appeal.
- 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, the U.S. Department of Defense (DOD) has transported 886 tons of relief commodities including food, medicines, tents, water, blankets, and clothes to Pakistan. In addition, the U.S. military has evacuated 4,511 injured people from the affected area. As of October 22, the DOD has completed 390 airlift missions.

#### *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. In addition, USAID/OFDA has provided more than \$400,000 to non-governmental organizations (NGOs) for emergency relief supplies and shelter.

#### **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)

**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>			
American Red Cross	IFRC preliminary emergency appeal	Earthquake Affected Regions of NWFP and AJK	\$2,000,000
CRS	Livelihoods, water and sanitation, shelter	NWFP/AJK: Mansehra, Balakot, Muzaffarabad	\$2,470,000
GOAL	Shelter, livelihoods	AJK: Bagh	\$2,000,000
ICRC	Delivery of relief supplies	Earthquake Affected Regions of NWFP and AJK	\$500,000
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
Save the Children/US	Shelter, emergency relief supplies, livelihoods, psychological & 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	Joint Logistics Center	Earthquake Affected Regions of NWFP and AJK	\$300,000
WFP	Humanitarian air operations	Earthquake Affected Regions of NWFP and AJK	\$3,500,000
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		\$1,001,912
	Administrative support		\$330,498
<b>TOTAL USAID/OFDA HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO PAKISTAN</b>			<b>\$24,482,252</b>
<b>USAID/FFP ASSISTANCE</b>			
WFP	2,880 MT of P.L. 480 Title II Emergency Food Assistance	Affected Areas	\$3,426,600
<b>TOTAL USAID/FFP</b>			<b>\$3,426,600</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>\$28,208,852</b>

<sup>1</sup> USAID/OFDA funding represents anticipated or actual obligated amounts as of October 24, 2005.

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

<i>Implementing Partner</i>	<i>Activity</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Amount</i>
<b>USAID/OFDA ASSISTANCE</b>			
Prime Minister's Relief Fund	Emergency relief activities	Affected Areas	\$50,000
USAID/India	Emergency relief activities	Affected Areas	\$50,000
World Vision	Emergency relief supplies, shelter	Affected Areas	\$99,938
Save the Children/UK	Emergency relief supplies, shelter	Jammu	\$134,278
CRS	Emergency relief supplies, shelter	Affected Areas	\$170,000
<b>TOTAL USAID/OFDA HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO INDIA</b>			<b>\$504,216</b>

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