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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
Pakistan	73,276 dead	Government of Pakistan (GOP) – November 3 and U.N. Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA) – November 8 GOP – November 3 and OCHA – November 8 International Organization for Migration (IOM) – October 21
	69,260 injured	
	2.8 million homeless	
India	1,309 dead	Government of India (GOI) – October 26 GOI – October 26 GOI – October 14
	6,622 injured	
	150,000 homeless	

USAID Humanitarian and Reconstruction Assistance Pledged	\$100,000,000
USAID/OFDA Humanitarian Assistance Committed to Pakistan	\$46,437,420
Total USAID Humanitarian Assistance Committed to Pakistan	\$50,164,020
USAID/OFDA Humanitarian Assistance Committed to India.....	\$600,662
Total USG Humanitarian Assistance Committed to South Asia.....	\$50,764,682

CURRENT SITUATION

Pakistan

- The USAID/Disaster Assistance Response Team (DART) reports that women are not accessing adequate amounts of relief supplies because at certain distribution points, relief items are first distributed to men and then female-headed households receive the remaining supplies. The USAID/DART notes that individuals and communities involved in distributions will need training in order to ensure that vulnerable populations receive needed commodities. In addition, more female workers are needed to distribute relief supplies to vulnerable populations.
- According to the USAID/DART, the U.N. Children’s Fund (UNICEF) and the Ministry of Social Welfare (MoSW) have begun registering all children currently living in emergency settlements in earthquake-affected areas. In a joint effort with the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) the National Database Registration Authority (NADRA), and several other national and international non-governmental organizations (NGOs), the MoSW intends to devise a comprehensive strategy to deal with the issue of orphaned, unattended, separated, injured, and missing children.
- According to OCHA, approximately 10,000 individuals were residing in organized camps as of November 8. The GOP, with U.N. and NGO support, has established 18 camps – 7 near Mansehra, Balakot, and Batagram, 8 around Muzaffarabad, and 3 around Bagh. The 18 camps have a total capacity of 225,000 persons.
- According to the November 8 Consolidated Health Situation Bulletin, the Disease Early Warning System has reported several suspected cases of acute watery diarrhea, as well as sporadic suspected cases of measles, meningitis, and acute jaundice syndrome. To date, the U.N. World Health Organization (WHO) has registered 16 field hospitals and 44 basic health units as functioning health facilities in the affected areas. The total number of evacuated patients has reached nearly 20,000 and the daily number of air evacuations to hospitals has decreased to 80 from a high of 350 per day. To date, 144 tetanus cases including 41 deaths have been reported.
- The USAID/DART reports that the lack of female health care workers is severely limiting female patients’ access to health care. WHO and other health agencies report that more female doctors and nurses are urgently needed in the earthquake-affected areas.

¹ These figures are the best available estimates.

USG HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE

Pakistan

- 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.
- To date, USAID has provided more than \$50.1 million in humanitarian assistance to earthquake-affected communities in Pakistan. USAID identified shelter, relief supplies, health, water and sanitation, and logistics as priority sectors for immediate relief operations.
- On November 8, representatives of the USAID/DART and USAID/Pakistan, including the USAID/Pakistan Mission Director, attended the re-opening of the Narole Girls' School in Muzaffarabad. Over the past two weeks, the USAID/DART coordinated the collaborative effort among the U.S. Naval Construction Force - "Seabees," GOP military, Ministry of Education of Muzaffarabad, and UNICEF to clear the rubble and prepare for the resumption of school on the same site. The U.S. Department of Defense (DOD) provided two tents to serve as temporary classrooms at the school site.
- On November 10, USAID/OFDA provided an additional \$5 million to the U.N. World Food Program (WFP) to support humanitarian air operations. This funding brings the total USAID/OFDA contribution to WFP to \$8,914,964.
- On November 10, USAID/OFDA provided \$2,776,144 to the American Refugee Committee for shelter and livelihoods activities in Bagh District.
- From October 10 to 31, USAID completed nine airlifts of emergency relief commodities to Pakistan. The airlifts delivered a total of 45,000 blankets, 1,570 winterized tents, 6,150 rolls of plastic sheeting for approximately 30,750 families, 15,000 water containers, 17 water bladders, 2 water purification units, 10 WHO emergency health kits, and 20 concrete cutting saws. The total value of the completed airlifts, including transport, is more than \$4 million.
- In response to the U.N. Flash Appeal, USAID/OFDA has provided \$19.3 million in funding to support transitional shelter programs, food, 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/Office of Food for Peace (FFP) has responded to the WFP emergency operation for Pakistan with 2,400 MT of vegetable oil and 480 MT of wheat soy blend. The total value of this contribution is approximately \$3.4 million.
- 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.
- As of November 9, the DOD has flown 1,102 helicopter missions, delivered 2,717 tons of relief supplies, and transported 10,448 personnel (including relief workers and evacuees). The 212th Mobile Army Surgical Hospital (MASH), established October 25 in Muzaffarabad, has performed 103 surgeries and treated 1,203 non-surgical patients. To date, DOD has expended \$50.3 million on relief operations.

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 USG assistance.
- 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. As of November 1, USAID has provided more than \$600,000 to relief organizations for emergency relief supplies and shelter.
- To date, India has not requested 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 and AJK	\$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/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	NWFP: Abbottabad, Batagram, Mansehra, and Shangla	\$2,500,000
Mercy Corps	Shelter, water and sanitation, cash-for-work	NWFP: Mansehra	\$1,511,168
Save the Children/US	Shelter, emergency relief supplies, livelihoods, psychological and social assistance	NWFP: Abbotabad, Balakot, Batagram, Mansehra; AJK: Muzaffarabad, Rawalakot	\$2,499,783
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	\$8,914,964
USAID/Pakistan	Emergency relief supplies	Earthquake Affected Regions of NWFP and AJK	\$100,000
	Emergency relief supplies	Earthquake Affected Regions of NWFP and AJK	\$3,034,437
	Airlifts of emergency relief supplies		\$1,437,502
	Administrative support		\$663,914
TOTAL USAID/OFDA HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO PAKISTAN			\$46,437,420
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 Proctor and Gamble to provide safe drinking water	Affected Areas	\$300,000
TOTAL USAID/GDA			\$300,000
TOTAL USAID HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO PAKISTAN			\$50,164,020
TOTAL USG HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO PAKISTAN			\$50,164,020

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U.S. GOVERNMENT HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO INDIA

<i>Implementing Partner</i>	<i>Activity</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Amount</i>
USAID/OFDA ASSISTANCE			
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