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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	73,320 dead	Government of Pakistan (GOP) – November 15
	69,392 injured	GOP – November 15
	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

USAID Humanitarian and Reconstruction Assistance Pledged.....	\$100,000,000
USAID/OFDA Humanitarian Assistance Committed to Pakistan.....	\$51,122,942
Total USAID Humanitarian Assistance Committed to Pakistan	\$54,849,542
USAID/OFDA Humanitarian Assistance Committed to India	\$600,662
Total USG Humanitarian Assistance Committed to South Asia.....	\$55,450,204

CURRENT SITUATION

Pakistan

- Direct and indirect losses to crops, livestock, and irrigation infrastructure as a result of the earthquake total more than \$440 million, according to the findings of a U.N. Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) assessment released on November 16. In addition, 200,000 livestock have died as a result of the earthquake.
- According to the U.N. High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) in Mansehra, people are continuing to descend from higher elevations to the valleys. However, some people have expressed a reluctance to settle in organized camps stating that movement may be more restricted in camps managed by the GOP, whereas spontaneous camps allow more freedom and displaced persons can also keep their livestock with them.
- The USAID/Disaster Assistance Response Team (DART) reports that the Pakistani military has assumed a great deal of responsibility in the relief efforts and performed well under difficult circumstances. The Pakistani military has also been keen to learn from the humanitarian community regarding best practices in addressing technical issues such as camp management, relief commodity distribution, and water and sanitation interventions.
- On November 15, the U.N. released the Early Recovery Framework (ERF), a complement to the assessment conducted by the Asian Development Bank and the World Bank. The ERF includes specific program interventions and estimated costs for each sector for the next 12 to 18 months. The U.N.'s preliminary cost estimate for early recovery activities is \$398 million.
- According to the U.N. Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA), a U.N. inter-agency needs assessment traveled to Lipa Valley, below Neelum Valley in Azad Jammu Kashmir. Despite sustaining less physical destruction than some other areas, OCHA notes that the population of the Lipa Valley is particularly vulnerable due to extreme poverty, an underdeveloped health system, and difficult access.
- OCHA reports that shelter cluster members are currently determining how to complement the 200,000 sheets of corrugated galvanized iron planned for distribution by the Pakistani military in order to provide a complete shelter kit for repair and reconstruction of homes.
- On November 16, the GOI and the GOP opened the fifth crossing point on the Line of Control between India and Pakistan for the delivery of relief items. The five points are: Nauseri-Tithwal, Chakoti-Uri, Hajjipir-Uri, Rawalakot-Poonch and Tattapani-Mendhar.

¹ These figures are the best available estimates.

USG HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE

Pakistan

- On November 17, USAID Administrator Andrew Natsios arrived in Islamabad in order to lead the U.S. delegation for the November 19 International Donor Conference. While in Pakistan, the Administrator will meet with U.S. and Pakistani government officials, tour affected areas, and represent the USG at the conference.
- 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.
- On November 17, USAID provided an additional \$4,088,945 to Save the Children/US to reach 13,000 more families with shelter repair and household survival kits, as well as cash-for-work programs. With this additional funding, the total USAID contribution to Save the Children/US for earthquake recovery programs in Pakistan is \$6,588,728.
- On November 17, USAID completed the airlift of 138 shelters donated by Alaska Shelters, including a mobile hospital, outpatient facility, and family living units. USAID consigned the shelters to the American Refugee Committee. The total cost of the airlift was \$371,700.
- To date, USAID has provided more than \$54.8 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.
- To date, USAID has provided more than \$4.6 million in emergency relief commodities, including transport costs, for earthquake-affected populations in Pakistan. USAID has completed 19 flights carrying 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, 20 concrete cutting saws, and 138 shelters donated by Alaska Shelters.
- In response to the U.N. Flash Appeal, USAID 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 16, the U.S. Department of Defense (DOD) has flown 1,676 helicopter missions, delivered 3,884 short tons of humanitarian relief supplies, evacuated 3,559 casualties, and transported 9,928 passengers for humanitarian missions. The 212th Mobile Army Surgical Hospital (MASH), established October 25 in Muzaffarabad, has performed 184 surgeries and treated 2,029 non-surgical patients. Medical elements of the III Marine Expeditionary Force have established a second medical facility in Shinkiari which is now at full operating capacity. Engineering teams (approximately 125 personnel from a Naval Mobile Construction Battalion) are operating with 73 pieces of equipment to clear school and university sites, construct airport berms, and build latrines and tent sites. To date, DOD has expended \$81.3 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: Abbottabad, Balakot, Batagram, Mansehra; AJK: Muzaffarabad, Rawalakot	\$6,588,728
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	\$3,128,051
	Transport of emergency relief supplies		\$1,737,502
	Administrative support		\$866,877
TOTAL USAID/OFDA HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO PAKISTAN			\$51,122,942
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			\$54,849,542
TOTAL USG HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO PAKISTAN			\$54,849,542

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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