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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

USG Humanitarian and Reconstruction Assistance Pledged.....	\$510,000,000
USAID Humanitarian and Reconstruction Assistance Pledged.....	\$300,000,000
USAID/OFDA Humanitarian Assistance Committed to Pakistan.....	\$51,127,073
Total USAID Humanitarian Assistance Committed to Pakistan.....	\$54,853,673
USAID/OFDA Humanitarian Assistance Committed to India.....	\$600,662
Total USG Humanitarian Assistance Committed to South Asia.....	\$55,454,335

CURRENT SITUATION

Pakistan

- The U.N. Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA) reports that winterization of tents remains a challenge, as it is difficult to track the type and locations of tents that have been distributed. The USAID/Disaster Assistance Response Team (DART) estimates that approximately 90 percent of the distributed tents were not winterized.
- The USAID/DART notes that due to a lack of security in many of the camps, men are unwilling to leave the camps for work because they do not want to leave their families unprotected.
- The U.N. High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) reports that as of November 18, the Pakistan army estimates that a total of 75,000 people – 55,000 from the Allai Valley and 20,000 from the Kaghan Valley – have descended from the upper valleys since the earthquake hit. Of these, an estimated 19,000 have settled in planned camps, while the rest have either moved in with relatives, rented houses in towns, or moved into spontaneous camps. According to the November 20 OCHA report, it is not expected that people will continue to descend since the majority of the affected people who planned to move have relocated by now.
- On November 18, the U.N. World Food Program (WFP) released the results of the joint WFP/U.N. Children’s Fund (UNICEF) Rapid Emergency Food Security and Nutrition Assessment. According to the assessment, slightly more than 30 percent of the rice crop and nearly 75 percent of the maize crop were lost. In addition, approximately 75 percent of the affected households had livestock, of which almost 60 percent lost some animals and 20 percent reported a total loss of livestock.
- The U.N. Joint Logistics Center (UNJLC), in cooperation with the GOP and other humanitarian agencies, has developed a “Winter Sustainment Plan” to support beneficiaries in more isolated regions. The plan includes “Forward Area Support Sites” where supplies would be flown in to sustain residents within a 10 kilometer radius for at least 15 days at a time.
- On November 22, the GOP announced an increase in total compensation for affected households to Rs. 150,000 from Rs. 25,000 (approximately \$2515 from \$419). An additional amount of Rs. 25,000 will be paid as an incentive to families who adopt earthquake resistant standards for building.

India

- The USAID/OFDA South Asia Regional Advisor reports that the overall security situation in Indian-controlled Kashmir has worsened in recent weeks. However, the increase in violence has not had a significant implication for the provision of

¹ These figures are the best available estimates.

relief. USAID implementing partners have reported longer delays at check points to and from earthquake-affected communities, partially due to the opening of relief distribution points along the Line of Control, which have led to temporary road closures. The Indian military continue to play a major role in national and local government relief efforts, carefully tracking disaster relief activities to date. Apart from the provision of tents and blankets, non-governmental organizations report that the primary focus of GOI relief efforts is currently compensation for damaged homes.

USG HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE

Pakistan

- At the Donors Conference on Rehabilitation and Reconstruction of Earthquake Affected Areas in Islamabad on November 19, USAID Administrator Andrew S. Natsios announced an increase in the overall U.S. commitment to Pakistan for relief and reconstruction to a total of \$510 million. This pledge includes \$300 million in assistance from USAID, \$110 million in military in-kind support for relief operations, and at least \$100 million anticipated from U.S. private contributions.
- 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 \$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 flights 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 21, the U.S. Department of Defense (DOD) has flown 1,794 helicopter missions, delivered 4,113 short tons of humanitarian relief supplies, evacuated 3,639 casualties, and transported 10,613 passengers for humanitarian missions. The 212th Mobile Army Surgical Hospital (MASH), established October 25 in Muzaffarabad, and a III Marine Expeditionary Force medical element, established November 16 in Shinkiari, have performed a total of 241 surgeries and treated 3,099 non-surgical patients. 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 obligated \$89 million for 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. The USAID/OFDA Regional Advisor and a representative from USAID/India conducted a post-earthquake visit to Srinagar in Jammu and Kashmir November 15 and 16 in order to monitor program progress of USAID/OFDA-funded partners.
- 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	\$8,917,459
USAID/Pakistan	Emergency relief supplies	Earthquake Affected Regions of NWFP and AJK	\$100,000
	Emergency relief supplies	Earthquake Affected Regions of NWFP and AJK	\$3,128,051
	Transport of emergency relief supplies		\$1,732,749
	Administrative support		\$873,266
TOTAL USAID/OFDA HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO PAKISTAN			\$51,127,073
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			\$54,853,673
TOTAL USG HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO PAKISTAN			\$54,853,673

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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