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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	50,000 dead*	U.N. Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA) – October 21
	74,000 injured	OCHA – October 21
	3.9 million affected	Government of Pakistan (GOP) – October 21
India	1,300 dead	Government of India (GOI) – October 13
	7,000 injured	U.N. Development Program (UNDP) – October 15
	150,000 homeless	GOI – October 14

* Local officials in Pakistani-administered Kashmir suggest much higher totals.

U.S. Government (USG) Humanitarian Assistance Pledged	up to \$50,000,000
USAID/OFDA Humanitarian Assistance Committed to Pakistan	\$22,667,252
Total USAID Humanitarian Assistance Committed to Pakistan	\$26,393,852
USAID/OFDA Humanitarian Assistance Committed to India.....	\$504,216
Total USG Humanitarian Assistance Committed to South Asia.....	\$26,898,068

CURRENT SITUATION

Pakistan

- According to the GOP, the current official death toll is approximately 50,000, while the number of injured is 74,000. The official death toll in India remains at more than 1,300, with 7,000 injured. Some unofficial estimates are much higher. More than 3 million people are homeless because of the earthquake.
- According to the U.N., the international community has delivered more than 62,000 winterized tents to various provinces in Pakistan. Nearly 200,000 additional tents are on order. Demand for tents continues to exceed supply and existing manufacturers' capacity. The international community is developing alternative shelter and shelter repair programs.
- In Muzaffarabad District, 1,300 to 1,400 tents—not including those from the GOP or transported directly from Islamabad—have been distributed to date. Access to small villages remains a problem.
- According to the GOP, the Pakistan army has loaded mules with humanitarian relief supplies and used the animals to transport commodities to areas not accessible by other means of transportation due to destroyed transportation routes or mountainous locations. On October 20, approximately 250 mules from the Animal Transport Regiment of Pakistan Army carried 17,948 kilograms (kg) of relief items to the earthquake-affected areas in Balakot. The mules transported relief commodities to Khet, Sanjera, Kashim, Sanghar, Kohalian, Mang, Satkeri, Bagar, Sathani, Mehmoodabad, Kashim, Sawan, Rolcha, Kohalian, Satbani, Barna, Tilla, Patikka, Mang, Satkeri, Bagar, Gonol, Ghariat and Lukmani.
- According to the GOP, the Pakistan army continues to work to restore road links in the earthquake-affected areas. The army has cleared 28 kilometers (km) of a 54-km road between Muzaffarabad and Chakoothi, and the army has cleared 16 km of the 48-km Jhelum valley road but reported that this road sustained massive damage. The army reopened the Kaghan valley road approximately 12 km from Balakot.
- UNICEF and the Pakistan Ministry of Environment (MOE) are collaborating to provide clean drinking water in affected areas. The MOE has assembled a team that has surveyed Muzaffarabad and is currently surveying Balakot. The team will use these surveys to assess the feasibility of installing water purification plants.

¹ 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 those now homeless because of the earthquake.
- To date, India has not requested international assistance.

USG HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE

Pakistan

- USAID has provided nearly \$26.4 million in humanitarian assistance, including seven 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.
- USAID deployed a Disaster Assistance Response Team (USAID/DART) to Pakistan on 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. There are currently 14 USAID/DART members in Pakistan, and staff are scheduled to arrive in the coming days to bring the total number of USAID/DART members to 21. 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, a 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 ICRC to support the distribution of emergency relief supplies.
- 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 arrived in Pakistan. 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 on October 15. 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, the U.N. Children's Fund (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 three months.
- On October 9, the 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.
- According to the USAID Disaster Assistance Response Team (DART) Military Liaison Officer, the U.S. Department of Defense (DOD) has transported 3,124,000 pounds of relief commodities including food, medicines, tents, water, blankets, and clothes to Pakistan. The USAID/DART has facilitated the distribution of approximately 15 percent of these commodities. As of October 21, the DOD has completed 58 airlift missions.
- On October 9, the DOD delivered over 800 tents from a Defense Logistics Agency warehouse. According to the commander of the Disaster Assistance Center, the top three priorities for the DOD in responding to the earthquake are establishing the 212 U.S. Army MASH hospitals, repairing damaged roads, and establishing a rapid refueling point.

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.

U.S. GOVERNMENT HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO PAKISTAN

<i>Implementing Partner</i>	<i>Activity</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Amount</i>
USAID/OFDA ASSISTANCE¹			
American Red Cross	IFRC preliminary emergency appeal	Affected Areas	\$2,000,000
ICRC	Delivery of relief supplies	Affected Areas	\$500,000
IOM	Delivery of relief supplies (surface transport), transport of displaced populations to safe areas, transitional shelter	Affected Areas	\$3,000,000
USAID/Pakistan	Emergency relief supplies	Affected Areas	\$100,000
UNICEF	Water and sanitation	Affected Areas	\$2,000,000
WHO	Health	Affected Areas	\$2,000,000
WFP	Joint Logistics Center	Affected Areas	\$300,000
WFP	Humanitarian air operations	Affected Areas	\$3,500,000
Save the Children/US	Shelter, emergency relief supplies, livelihoods, psychosocial assistance	Affected Areas	\$2,500,000
GOAL	Shelter, livelihoods	Affected Areas	\$2,000,000
CRS	Livelihoods, water and sanitation, shelter	Affected Areas	\$2,470,000
	Emergency relief supplies	Affected Areas	\$979,842
	Airlifts of emergency relief supplies		\$1,001,912
	Administrative support		\$315,498
TOTAL USAID/OFDA HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO PAKISTAN			\$22,667,252
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			\$26,393,852
TOTAL USG HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO PAKISTAN			\$26,393,852

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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			
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
TOTAL USAID/OFDA HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO INDIA			\$504,216

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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