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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	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
India	1,308 dead	Government of India (GOI) – October 24
	6,622 injured	GOI – October 24
	150,000 homeless	GOI – October 14

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

U.S. Government (USG) Humanitarian Assistance Pledged	up to \$50,000,000
USAID/OFDA Humanitarian Assistance Committed to Pakistan	\$28,560,992
Total USAID Humanitarian Assistance Committed to Pakistan	\$32,287,592
USAID/OFDA Humanitarian Assistance Committed to India.....	\$504,216
Total USG Humanitarian Assistance Committed to South Asia.....	\$32,791,808

CURRENT SITUATION

Pakistan

- According to the U.N. Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA), U.N. agencies have been undertaking rapid assessment missions in the Neelum and Jhelum valleys, where thousands of earthquake-affected people require emergency assistance. However, logistical challenges for the delivery of assistance continue to constrain humanitarian efforts.
- Shelter remains the priority need in the earthquake-affected areas. To date, the international community has distributed 62,000 winterized tents and an additional 200,000 are in the pipeline.
- Per the GOP's request, the U.N. High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) has set up four temporary camps with the Pakistani military to house the displaced. Bassian camp in Balakot has a population of 2,100 people in 400 tents. Ghari Habibullah camp has a population of 1,500 people in 360 tents. Shamlai camp in Batagram houses 100 families in 150 tents, and Subjail camp houses 17 families in 30 tents. The UNHCR plans to establish camps to house approximately 500,000 of those made homeless by the earthquake.
- Food deliveries to the main towns are occurring, and the U.N. World Food Program (WFP) is working with implementing partners to establish a supply line for more remote affected areas.
- According to OCHA, although safe water and sanitation have been restored in parts of Muzaffarabad and Bagh, the system in Bagh is severely damaged. In response, USAID has delivered water treatment plants for Bagh.
- Mobile clinics are providing healthcare to many affected villages as well as the main relief hubs. According to OCHA, priorities needs in the health sector are winterized tents for patients, basic medical equipment for the smaller clinics, and a field hospital in Batagram, where the local facility has been severely damaged and is not fit for use.

India

- On October 24, the GOI reported that the earthquake damaged a total of 37,607 buildings and houses in Srinagar and Jammu divisions. From October 9 to 24 the GOI coordinated airlifts of emergency relief supplies to the affected areas, including over 10,000 tents, 11,000 tarpaulins, and 197,000 blankets.
- To date, India has not requested international assistance.

¹ These figures are the best available estimates.

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 Disaster Assistance Response Team (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 arrived in Pakistan. A second flight is scheduled to arrive on October 25, and two additional flights will arrive this week. 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 more than \$64,000. 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. The total value of the health kits, including transport, is more than \$122,000. 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 more than \$168,000.
- 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 delivered 1,913 general purpose (GP) tents of varying sizes, including 1,094 small, 210 medium, 2 large, and an assortment of other all purpose utility tents. As of October 25, the 212th Mobile Army Surgical Hospital (MASH) is operational in Muzaffarabad and has begun providing medical assistance.

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			
ACTED	Relief supplies, shelter, water and sanitation, cash-for-work	Earthquake Affected Regions of NWFP and AJK	\$2,351,232
American Red Cross	IFRC preliminary emergency appeal	Earthquake Affected Regions of NWFP and AJK	\$1,998,276
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
Mercy Corps	Shelter, water and sanitation, cash-for-work	Earthquake Affected Regions of NWFP and AJK	\$1,511,168
Save the Children/US	Shelter, emergency relief supplies, livelihoods, psychological and 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	Humanitarian air operations, Joint Logistics Center, Administrative Support	Earthquake Affected Regions of NWFP and AJK	\$3,914,964
USAID/Pakistan	Emergency relief supplies	Earthquake Affected Regions of NWFP and AJK	\$100,000
	Emergency relief supplies	Earthquake Affected Regions of NWFP and AJK	\$2,779,842
	Airlifts of emergency relief supplies		\$1,061,912
	Administrative support		\$373,598
TOTAL USAID/OFDA HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO PAKISTAN			\$28,560,992
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			\$32,287,592
TOTAL USG HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO PAKISTAN			\$32,287,592

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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