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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
	69,260 injured	GOP – November 3
	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	\$38,256,993
Total USAID Humanitarian Assistance Committed to Pakistan	\$41,983,593
USAID/OFDA Humanitarian Assistance Committed to India	\$604,216
Total USG Humanitarian Assistance Committed to South Asia	\$42,587,809

CURRENT SITUATION

Pakistan

- According to a recent USAID/Disaster Assistance Response Team (DART) assessment in Batagram District, nearly one hundred percent of the building stock in the district had major structural deficiencies such as inadequate reinforcement. However, the USAID/DART notes that measures to improve seismic resistance are basic and simple, and recommends that local masons, technicians, and engineers be trained in these methods.
- The USAID/DART reports that at this time, food assistance to many affected areas is not an urgent matter because of existing food stocks, coping mechanisms, and safety networks. According to the USAID/DART, in general, existing food stocks will last for the next one to two months. Food distribution will become more important during the winter months, as stocks run out.
- According to international media reports, the GOP Ministry of Health reports that to date acute respiratory infections remain the most common reported illness.
- According to the U.N. Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA), increasing numbers of people from Allai Valley are arriving at various locations along the Karakorum Highway and around Batagram city.
- The USAID/DART in Mansehra reports that the U.N. has identified two sites for “model” campsites – Hazara University and Jaba Farm. The GOP has requested that these camps be set up with complete basic services to entice people to descend from higher elevations. The U.N. High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) will provide guidance on site planning and assist the GOP military and local authorities with setting up the camps. These two camps are expected to accommodate 11,000 people. The USAID/DART continues to work with the GOP and humanitarian agencies to promote “shelter-in-place” options.
- As of November 8, UNHCR reports that the GOP, with technical support from UNHCR and its partners, has established 18 camps with a capacity of up to 32,300 people.
- On November 3, the U.N. released a plan for “Priority Humanitarian Actions in November 2005” for the earthquake response. The plan includes support to 200,000 persons living in areas above the snow line as well as the 150,000 persons that the U.N. estimates will settle in spontaneous and planned camps. According to the plan, the U.N. response in November will focus on the emergency shelter program, medical evacuations, pre-positioning of food for 700,000 persons, and the maintenance of mobile health units and vaccination services.

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 \$41.9 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.
- 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 \$14.3 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/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 8, the U.S. Department of Defense (DOD) has flown 1,011 helicopter missions, delivered 2,479 tons of relief supplies, and evacuated 9,914 casualties from the affected area. The 212th Mobile Army Surgical Hospital (MASH), established October 25 in Muzaffarabad, has performed 84 surgeries, and treated 1,112 non-surgical patients.

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
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: 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	\$3,034,437
	Airlifts of emergency relief supplies		\$1,065,802
	Administrative support		\$631,114
TOTAL USAID/OFDA HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO PAKISTAN			\$38,256,993
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			\$41,983,593
TOTAL USG HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO PAKISTAN			\$41,983,593

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U.S. GOVERNMENT HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO INDIA

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	\$134,278
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			\$604,216

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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