



## South Asia – Earthquake

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*Note: The last fact sheet was dated March 31, 2006*

### BACKGROUND

Immediately following the magnitude 7.6 earthquake that struck Pakistan, India, and Afghanistan on October 8, 2005, USAID deployed a Disaster Assistance Response Team (USAID/DART) to Pakistan. According to the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS), the earthquake’s epicenter was located near Muzaffarabad, the capital of Azad Jammu and Kashmir (AJK) in Pakistan, approximately 60 miles north-northeast of Islamabad. The USAID/DART arrived on October 10 and worked with the Government of Pakistan (GOP) and local authorities, U.N. agencies, and international and non-governmental organizations (NGOs) to assess humanitarian needs, provide technical support, and assist with targeting and coordination of U.S. government (USG) assistance in conjunction with USAID/Pakistan. USAID identified shelter, relief supplies, logistics, health, water and sanitation, and livelihoods support as priority sectors for relief operations. Humanitarian interventions in AJK and North-West Frontier Province (NWFP) and extensive preparations for winter weather by relief organizations minimized the negative impact of snow and rainfall during the winter season. Although the USAID/DART formally closed on March 31, a USAID/OFDA Emergency Disaster Response Coordinator (EDRC) will remain in Pakistan through the end of September 2006 to support USAID/Pakistan in following the interagency humanitarian response, coordinating with partners, and monitoring USAID-funded programs.

NUMBERS AT A GLANCE		SOURCE
<b>Pakistan</b>	73,338 dead	GOP – December 14, 2005
	128,309 injured	GOP – December 14, 2005
	More than 5 million homeless	GOP – December 14, 2005
<b>India</b>	1,309 dead	Government of India (GOI) – October 26, 2005
	6,622 injured	GOI – October 26, 2005
	150,000 homeless	GOI – October 14, 2005

<b>USG Humanitarian and Reconstruction Assistance Pledged<sup>1</sup></b> .....	<b>\$510,000,000</b>
<b>USAID/OFDA Humanitarian Assistance Committed to Pakistan</b> .....	<b>\$69,442,852</b>
<b>Total USAID Humanitarian Assistance Committed to Pakistan</b> .....	<b>\$87,442,852</b>
<b>USAID/OFDA Humanitarian Assistance Committed to India</b> .....	<b>\$600,662</b>
<b>Total USG Humanitarian Assistance Committed to South Asia</b> .....	<b>\$105,043,514</b>

### CURRENT SITUATION

- As of June 11, 85 percent of families located in displaced person camps in earthquake-affected areas have returned to their places of origin. According to OCHA, as of August 8, the total residual displaced person caseload in AJK and NWFP is 31,000 people residing in 59 camps.
- Since the U.N. World Food Program (WFP) began food assistance to earthquake-affected individuals in October 2005, the organization has provided 85,000 metric tons (MT) of food assistance to approximately 1 million beneficiaries. WFP continues to provide food assistance to 5,000 families or 30,000 beneficiaries, and tentatively plans to assist an additional 52,000 people in 18 villages in the Muzaffarabad area that are currently deemed unsafe by the GOP, due to risk of landslides, and likely to be relocated.
- As part of the early recovery plan, WFP and the GOP have launched a two-year livelihoods assistance program in earthquake-affected areas. Approximately 1 million people in NWFP and AJK will benefit from food-for-work and food-for-training projects totals \$68 million. The program will focus on the restoration of community infrastructure, livelihood creation, and the production of reconstruction materials.
- USAID/OFDA, together with USAID/Pakistan, continues to monitor the effects of monsoon rains, which began in July causing flooding and mudslides along slopes already weakened by the earthquake in October 2005.

<sup>1</sup> This pledge includes \$300 million in economic assistance from the USG, \$110 million in U.S. military in-kind support for relief operations, and at least \$100 million anticipated from U.S. private contributions.

## USG HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE

### *Pakistan*

- USAID provided more than \$87.4 million in humanitarian assistance to earthquake-affected communities in Pakistan to support immediate relief operations in the sectors of shelter, relief supplies, health, water and sanitation, livelihoods, and logistics and to facilitate transitional activities and hazard mitigation.
- USAID provided more than \$6.5 million in emergency relief commodities through 25 flights of emergency relief commodities containing: 97,725 blankets, 1,570 winterized tents, 8,050 rolls of plastic sheeting, 15,000 water containers, 17 water bladders, 2 water purification units, 10 U.N. World Health Organization (WHO) emergency health kits, 20 concrete cutting saws, and 136 shelters donated by Alaska Shelters.
- USAID provided more than \$33.7 million in funding for the U.N. South Asia Earthquake Flash Appeal and follow-on operation to support transitional shelter programs, food, health, water and sanitation, humanitarian air service, logistical coordination, and the transport of supplies to affected populations and movement of those populations to safe areas.
- In addition to the provision of tarpaulin sheets, blankets, and winterized and non-winterized tents in support of the overall shelter strategy, USAID funded 9 NGO partners to provide shelter assistance to approximately 75,500 households.
- On January 21, 2006, the USG signed a four-year \$200 million grant agreement with the GOP to assist in the reconstruction of schools and hospitals destroyed by the earthquake and the rehabilitation of livelihoods, education, and health care systems. The grant agreement is part of the overall U.S. commitment of \$510 million pledged at the Donors Conference on Rehabilitation and Reconstruction of Earthquake Affected Areas in Islamabad on November 19, 2005.
- On October 27, 2005, President George W. Bush, together with five private-sector chief executive officers (CEOs) launched the South Asia Earthquake Relief Fund (SAERF) to spearhead private fundraising efforts for relief and reconstruction in the aftermath of the South Asia earthquake. According to the Center on Philanthropy at Indiana University, as of May 26, 2006, total U.S. private contributions, both cash and in-kind, to Pakistan in support of earthquake relief efforts are \$151.7 million. As of June 9, the SAERF has received more than \$19.7 million in private cash pledges. The SAERF has allocated \$4.5 million to five NGOs focused on relief efforts and will provide remaining funds for reconstruction efforts. Overall, the U.S. commercial and private sector raised more than \$113 million in cash and in-kind contributions for earthquake relief and reconstruction, exceeding the \$100 million target pledged at the Donors Conference in November 2005.
- On October 20, 2005, 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 to more than 50,000 households for 3 months.
- USAID's Office of Food for Peace (FFP) responded to the WFP emergency and follow-on recovery operation for Pakistan with 27,410 MT of P.L. 480 Title II emergency food assistance, comprising 19,840 MT of bulk wheat, 7,090 MT of vegetable oil, and 480 MT of wheat soy blend. The total value of this contribution is nearly \$17.7 million.
- The U.S. Department of State's Bureau for Population, Refugees, and Migration (State/PRM) contributed \$4 million to the Office of the U.N. High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) to support activities identified in the U.N. South Asia Earthquake Flash Appeal, including the establishment and management of camps and spontaneous settlements and the provision of relief supplies to camp residents. State/PRM also provided \$1 million to support three programs that assist populations vulnerable to human trafficking; expand health care services for earthquake affected Afghan refugees and Pakistani populations; and improve water and sanitation facilities and repair schools.
- The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) provided 46,000 MT of wheat, valued at \$12 million, to the GOP. This wheat assisted food-insecure families lacking the financial means to purchase food.
- Between October 2005 and March 2006, the DOD flew 5,195 helicopter missions, delivered 14,742 short tons of humanitarian relief supplies, evacuated 3,754 casualties, cleared 43,599 cubic yards of rubble, and transported 20,010 humanitarian relief workers and other passengers. The U.S. Military's Muzaffarabad Forward Air Refuel Point was turned over to the GOP military as part of DOD's effort to leave behind equipment in support of the GOP's continued relief and reconstruction efforts. DOD obligated \$133.5 million for relief operations.

### *India*

- On October 10, U.S. Ambassador to India David C. Mulford issued a disaster declaration due to the effects of the October 8 earthquake in northern India. From October 11 to 17, a USAID/OFDA Regional Advisor traveled to India to assist USAID/India with damage and needs assessments and provided recommendations for USG assistance. The USAID/OFDA Regional Advisor and a representative from USAID/India conducted a post-earthquake visit to Srinagar in Jammu and Kashmir on November 15 and 16 in order to monitor program progress of USAID/OFDA-funded partners.
- USAID provided more than \$600,000 to relief organizations in India for emergency relief supplies and shelter. The Government of India did not request international assistance.

## U.S. GOVERNMENT HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO PAKISTAN

<i>Implementing Partner</i>	<i>Activity</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Amount</i>
<b>USAID/OFDA ASSISTANCE<sup>1</sup></b>			
ACTED	Relief supplies, shelter, water and sanitation, cash-for-work, agriculture, livelihoods	NWFP: Balakot	\$5,034,909
Action Against Hunger	Shelter, relief supplies	Earthquake Affected Regions of NWFP	\$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	\$3,226,987
CRS	Livelihoods, water and sanitation, shelter, capacity building	NWFP: Mansehra, Shangla, Kohistan; AJK: Muzaffarabad	\$5,896,681
DFS	Humanitarian air services	Earthquake Affected Regions of NWFP and AJK	\$702,449
GOAL	Shelter, livelihoods, cash-for work, water and sanitation	AJK: Bagh	\$3,750,000
ICRC	Emergency relief supplies, shelter	Earthquake Affected Regions of NWFP and AJK	\$5,000,000
IMC	Water and sanitation	Earthquake Affected Regions of NWFP	\$2,066,666
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, Shangla	\$2,483,041
Mercy Corps	Shelter, water and sanitation, cash-for-work	NWFP: Mansehra; AJK: Muzaffarabad	\$2,420,348
NSET	Seismic hazard prevention and earthquake resistant housing technology	Earthquake Affected Regions of NWFP and AJK	\$374,159
PEER	Preparedness Activities	Countrywide	\$790,336
Premiere Urgence	Shelter, water and sanitation, food security/agriculture, livelihoods	Earthquake Affected Regions of NWFP and AJK	\$1,114,430
Save the Children/US	Shelter, emergency relief supplies, livelihoods, psychological and social assistance, transitional activities	NWFP: Abbottabad, Balakot, Batagram, Mansehra	\$7,887,474
UNDP	Coordination of Transition Activities	Earthquake Affected Regions of NWFP and AJK	\$196,219
U.N. HABITAT	Support for rural housing and reconstruction	Earthquake Affected Regions of NWFP and AJK	\$131,725
UNICEF	Water and sanitation	Earthquake Affected Regions of NWFP and AJK	\$2,000,000
USGS	Seismic hazard prevention and establishment of Pakistan National Seismic Network	Countrywide	\$66,263
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	\$4,173,217
	Transport of emergency relief supplies		\$2,258,689
	Administrative support		\$1,673,524
<b>TOTAL USAID/OFDA HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO PAKISTAN</b>			<b>\$69,442,852</b>
<b>USAID/FFP ASSISTANCE</b>			
WFP	19,840 MT of P.L. 480 Title II Emergency Food Assistance	Affected Areas	\$17,700,000
<b>TOTAL USAID/FFP</b>			<b>\$17,700,000</b>
<b>USAID/GDA ASSISTANCE</b>			
	Partnership with Proctor and Gamble to provide safe drinking water	Affected Areas	\$300,000
<b>TOTAL USAID/GDA</b>			<b>\$300,000</b>
<b>TOTAL USAID HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO PAKISTAN</b>			<b>\$87,442,852</b>
<b>STATE/PRM ASSISTANCE</b>			
UNHCR	In support of activities identified in the 2005 U.N. South Asia Earthquake Flash Appeal	Affected Areas	\$4,000,000
IOM	Prevention and assistance for populations vulnerable to traffickers	Affected Areas	\$100,000
Church World Services	Health	NWFP: Mansehra	\$259,091
Mercy Corps	Water and sanitation, school infrastructure	NWFP: Mansehra	\$640,909
<b>TOTAL STATE/PRM</b>			<b>\$5,000,000</b>
<b>USDA ASSISTANCE</b>			
GOP	46,000 MT of Title I wheat	Affected Areas	\$12,000,000
<b>TOTAL USDA ASSISTANCE TO PAKISTAN</b>			<b>\$12,000,000</b>
<b>TOTAL USG HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO PAKISTAN IN 2005</b>			<b>\$104,442,852</b>

<sup>1</sup> USAID/OFDA funding represents anticipated or actual obligated amounts as of August 25, 2006.

#### U.S. GOVERNMENT HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO INDIA

<i>Implementing Partner</i>	<i>Activity</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Amount</i>
<b>USAID/OFDA ASSISTANCE</b>			
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
<b>TOTAL USAID/OFDA HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO INDIA IN FY 2006</b>			<b>\$600,662</b>

<sup>2</sup> USAID/OFDA funding represents anticipated or actual obligated amounts as of August 25, 2006.

## **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](http://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](http://www.usaid.gov) – Keyword: Donations
  - The Center for International Disaster Information: [www.cidi.org](http://www.cidi.org) or (703) 276-1914
  - Information on relief activities of the humanitarian community can be found at [www.reliefweb.int](http://www.reliefweb.int)
  - American corporate leaders have established a fund to gather donations and the website is <https://www.southasiaearthquakerelief.org>