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On 22 June 2022, a powerful earthquake of 6.1 magnitude occurred in remote parts of southeastern Afghanistan, with the provinces of Paktika and Khost being most affected. Hundreds of people have been confirmed dead, hundreds more have sustained injuries while unknown numbers are buried in the rubble of ruined mud houses. To date IOM has identified 1,705 affected families needing urgent relief assistance and as the assessment remains ongoing this figure of people in need, the death toll and the number of injured is expected to rise.

Distribution of relief assistance is expected to commence on 25 June to address the urgent shelter and NFI needs of the families that are currently living out in open spaces.

## NEEDS

Immediate needs are lifesaving: water, shelter, food and access to emergency health care. These needs are intensified as the area was already a hot spot for food insecurity and water borne disease prior to the earthquake.

Of the 1,705 HH surveyed to date 88% are severely destroyed and destruction is widespread. WASH infrastructure is also being reported as damaged. An Acute Watery Diarrhea (AWD) alert for the affected provinces was also received one day before the earthquake struck. An already vulnerable community is now highly in need of safe water access to prevent the spread of water borne disease.

## KEY HIGHLIGHTS



**1,200**  
EMERGENCY SHELTER  
& NFI KITS



**8,000**  
HYGIENE KITS  
PREPOSITIONED



**5**  
TONNES OF  
MEDICAL SUPPLIES



**2**  
MOBILE  
TEAMS



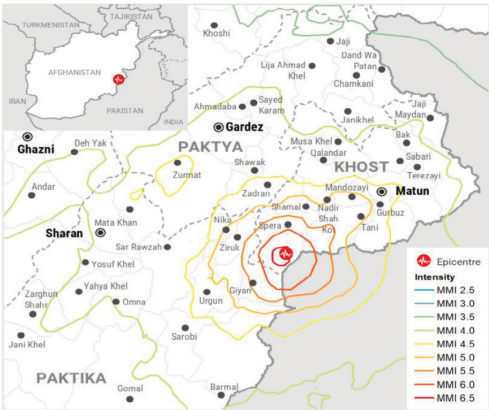
**6**  
MHPSS FEMALE  
COUNSELLORS

Emergency health needs are high, with many sustaining injuries during the earthquake. Mental health and psychosocial support (MHPSS) has been identified as a critical need to support an already vulnerable communities to deal with the aftermath of the disaster.

The Gender in Humanitarian Action (GiHA) group have also raised the alarm that women and children are at risk with many also sleeping out in the open. Female humanitarian workers will be key to ensure that women and girls can be reached and their needs appropriately assessed.

## IOM RESPONSE

IOM is leading a joint interagency assessment team in Paktika and Khost provinces. The assessment is looking to determine the shelter damage as well as the intersectoral needs on the ground, so that agencies may respond to both short term life saving response as well as longer term recovery planning. The assessment began on 23 June and is continuing with approximately 20% complete. Teams will begin responding in assessed areas whilst continuing the assessment work simultaneously in other affected areas.



MMI: Modified Mercalli Scale (2-3: Weak; 4: Light; 5: Moderate; 6: Strong; 7: Severe). Data source: USGS. The boundaries and names shown and the designations used on this map do not imply official endorsement or acceptance by the United Nations.  
Map : OCHA


**SNFI:** As an immediate response – 1,200 family emergency shelter and NFI kits have been dispatched. Distribution will begin today, 25th June. The kits include emergency tents, NFIs and emergency shelter reconstruction tool kits. An additional 27 trucks are being loaded to deliver more emergency shelter and NFI kits to another 1,000 families across three districts in the affected provinces of Paktika and Khost.

**WASH:** 8,000 hygiene kits and materials have been prepositioned as part of the WASH cluster core pipeline. 3000 jerry cans for household water storage as well as 20 bladders for community level water storage solutions and are ready and available to distribute to partners as needed.

**Health and MHPSS:** 2 Mobile health teams with integrated MHPSS capacity have been sent to Paktika including 6 female MHPSS councilors. 5 tons of medicines (including antibiotics, analgesics and medicine for a primary health care services) have been sent with the mobile teams and more are being prepositioned.

## FUNDING

**EARTHQUAKE RESPONSE PIPELINE FUNDING**



**20**  
MILLION USD

Response to earthquake affected populations was already part of IOMs consolidated appeals process in line with the Humanitarian Response Plan (HRP) and the earthquake preparedness planning at interagency level.

IOM has, in coordination with its donors utilized existing stocks. Funds and capacity to launch an immediate response to the earthquake to get much needed lifesaving assistance to those affected and displaced by the disaster. IOM is looking to expand its overall funding envelope for Afghanistan to ensure that we can respond to the earthquake in the southeast whilst ensuring that response to the wider humanitarian

crisis ongoing in Afghanistan is not compromised. Looking ahead, IOM is also discussing with its funding partners how longer term funding can be utilized for safe durable shelter solutions and livelihood opportunities for those affected by this disaster.