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Afghans Fight Poverty Organization
Disaster Management Department
Disaster Response Unit
Field Assessment Report

Type of Report: Update initial report			
Category of disaster: two deadliest Earthquakes with few after-shocks unprecedented in 50 years in the area.		Magnitude: 6.3	EP Center:
Date of earthquake: Oct.7,2023 Updated report: Oct.14 ,2023	Location: 35 km West Herat, Afghanistan. Zanda Jan District		15 villages completed destroyed. 140 villages partially damaged
Total population: 80,000 people in 157 villages			
Death Toll: over 3,000 expected	Men:	Women:	Children:
Injuries: 9200 victims	Men:	Women:	Children:
Missing: 1000s? unknown	Men:	Women:	Children:
Displaced: 15,000 person	Men:	Women:	Children:

Infrastructure Damages

# of house destroyed completely:	1320 houses
# of house destroyed partially:	1600 houses
# of house damaged slightly:	2000
KM road destroyed completely:	30 square KM
KM road destroyed partially:	75
KM road damaged slightly	
# health facilities destroyed:	10 health clinics
# health facilities damaged partially	7
# mosques destroyed completely:	Dozens
# mosques destroyed partially:	Dozens
# schools destroyed completely:	10
# schools destroyed partially:	8
# Wells water source destroyed completely:	100s
# wells water sources destroyed partially	Violent land shake and crack have damaged the open stream water flow. Water flow blocked or redirected.
# of historical heritage damaged: 2 units	One of the 5 Mediaeval built minarets monument and Blue Great Mosque pre-Islamic heritage damaged patricianly
# of people assisted so far:	Relief assistance to 600 families in worst affected villages

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Who does what

Government:	Health support, cash \$100K, Water, call on foreign assistance, rescue support, Afghan Red Crescent Society & sectorial departments carries on needs assessment, coordination. Germany, Chin, Singapore through their National Societies (Red Cross Red Crescent) pledged cash support.
UN:	Relief efforts, medical assistance, UNOCHA announced of \$5 million program
International NGOs:	rescue, assessment
National NGOs:	Rescue, assessment, food,
National figures stakeholder:	Cash, moral support. Khafi Petroleum Group in Herat pledged to build 100 residential building with 100 apartments for the affected community. Financial assistance are coming from over other provinces in Afghanistan.
Local figures:	in cash, in kind donation, in service donation are reaching affected community.
Local population:	rescue, emotional assistance, mobilizing cold weather materials
National Organization:	Cricket Board \$26,000, citizen \$7,000, local currency market union \$40,000
Foreign governments action	Japan announce support and Dutch government lobbying with partner states to respond. USA announced support through its partners. Kazakhstan special team participated in rescue efforts. China, Germany, Singapore through their National Societies of the Red Cross and Red Crescent donated cash to Afghan National Red Crescent Society. Iran and Turkey delivered assistance through Afghan Red Crescent Society.
Private Medical centers and pharmacies in Herat city	Up to a week free medical care and free medication proscribed to affected communities.
Afghan Diaspora	Coordination, fund raising, family connection, reporting, Mr. Mirwias Azizi Afghan citizen residing in Dubai \$260,000. Many individuals generously donated
Action by AFPO:	fund raising campaign, need assessment, collecting data, sharing reports, soon will expand its soup-kitchen upon funding is available.

Challenges:

Rescue operation:	Reaching Trapped victims difficult, Massive digging, 95% clay houses. Kazakhstan and German rescue teams are still searching for victims under debris. Unfortunately; hopes for more survival close to end.
Scope of the disaster:	Afghanistan has suffered series of natural disasters; COVID-19, several floods, droughts, earthquakes, Locusts attacks on crops, as well as man-made disasters such as war, international financial sanctions and political aggression. Several aftershocks have triggered additional psychological negative impact to aid responders as well as to local population. In addition to five aftershocks another powerful



earthquake today Oct. 14, at 08:08am local time at the magnitude of 5.4 hit Herat city just 10-15 km away from the previous one. Herat is not prone to earthquake, this earthquake is unprecedented in last 50 years and two generations of population never experienced earthquake and its impact in this area. To minimize life loses entire 3 million people are trying to stay away from buildings and sleep over night in open spaces at temperature minus 15-20 degree cold temperature.

Herat sits in Western Afghanistan bordering Iran, Turkmenistan is second largest economic and major trade hub between central and South Asia. The recent earthquake affected the entire economic activities in the province. Herat also is a rich landscape in producing silk, zofran, grain and dried fruits have huge negative impact on local economy in short and medium term.

Coordination: is a major challenge during initial phase of every disaster, more in this emergency.

Weather: Weather increasingly get cold, mobilizing cold response support is urgent.

Shelter Herat, particularly earthquake affected area has strong wind all year round. The tents distributed by UN and other agencies already swept away by the wind. Solution to the problem is either pre-fabric aluminum house distributed in Indonesia and Turkey earthquake in the past. Number of urgent house need 1000 units cost @ \$4,000 total cost \$4,000,000. Reconstruction of houses not possible next 5 months till coming spring. Or cargo metal container temporary people to stay in as survival facility.

Food situation: family livestock damaged, food stock and utensils at household level destroyed completely.

Care service: out-patient and injured discharged from hospitals has no where to go as there house flatten to the ground

Psychological statuses of the victims. Due to many after-shocks general mood of the entire population in Herat has been devastated. Religious believe keeps general population moral high. Survived women & children hosted by relatives and friends

Gender gap Absence of women aid staffers affected negatively the reuse and needs assessment process. Afghan Government has restricted women to work at NGOs. For a better operation design from needs assessment to appeal to implementation the presence of female aid staff are crucial.

Gap in this emergency: information collection, sharing, dissemination at all level among vulnerable groups and service providers.

Urgent Needs: cold weather emergency tool kit, basic food, shelter, pitted cash support, hygiene materials, water, psychological help most families lost over 5-10 persons.

Remark: Rescue operation formally came to its end. Under the Earthquake Coordination Committee (Government and UNOCHA+Aid agencies) starts detailed needs assessment process as of October 11, 2023. Death toll over 3,000 expected as some bodies has not still drugged out.