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Pakistan – Earthquake

Fact Sheet #2, Fiscal Year (FY) 2009

November 6, 2008

Note: The last fact sheet was dated November 3, 2008.

KEY DEVELOPMENTS

- On November 5, USAID Disaster Assistance Response Team (USAID/DART) staff traveled with USAID/Pakistan representatives to two villages in Balochistan Province severely affected by the earthquake.
- On November 6, USAID/OFDA transported 530 rolls of plastic sheeting from the USAID/OFDA warehouse in Dubai to Quetta, Balochistan Province. USAID/OFDA airlifted the plastic sheeting in response to an immediate need for emergency shelter identified by the USAID/DART in coordination with local Government of Pakistan (GOP) officials and the international relief community. The plastic sheeting, valued at approximately \$260,000 including transportation costs, will help meet the shelter needs of approximately 2,650 earthquake-affected families.
- According to the USAID/DART, some humanitarian organizations have reported that the emergency humanitarian needs of affected populations assessed to date are nearly met. Relief organizations advocated for a focus on early recovery programming, particularly for transitional shelter and livelihoods. However, one relief agency recently identified an additional 1,000 earthquake-affected individuals unreached by assistance efforts to date.

ESTIMATED NUMBERS AT A GLANCE		SOURCE
Total Dead	166	NDMA ¹ – November 5, 2008
Total Injured	357	NDMA – November 5, 2008
Total Affected Population	35,000	U.N. – November 5, 2008

FY 2009 HUMANITARIAN FUNDING ALLOCATED TO DATE

USAID/OFDA Assistance to Pakistan\$2,500,000
Total USAID Humanitarian Assistance to Pakistan\$2,500,000

CURRENT SITUATION

- Since November 1, the NDMA has maintained the official number of confirmed earthquake-related deaths at 166 individuals. Media and civil organizations continue to report higher death toll figures of between 200 and 350 individuals.
- As of November 5, the U.N. was utilizing international humanitarian organizations' estimates that the earthquake affected 35,000 individuals, destroyed 1,000 houses, and damaged 2,000 others.
- On November 6, the Multi-Cluster Rapid Assessment Mechanism (MCRAM) report is scheduled to be finalized. The report will be based on the results of inter-agency assessments in 63 affected villages.

Shelter

- OCHA has reported that shelter remains the most urgent need among earthquake-affected populations.
- According to the U.N., the GOP Military has announced plans to adhere to a November 28 deadline for the provision of winterized shelter to affected populations. The GOP Military is requesting that humanitarian organizations also work to meet the November 28 deadline.
- On November 6, USAID/OFDA transported 530 rolls of plastic sheeting from the USAID/OFDA warehouse in Dubai to Quetta, Balochistan Province. USAID/OFDA consigned the plastic sheeting to a non-governmental organization (NGO) partner for distribution to approximately 2,650 families. Affected populations can use the sheeting for emergency and transitional shelter, as well as for insulation of non-winterized tents.
- The USAID/DART is currently discussing transitional shelter needs with humanitarian partners. The USAID/DART includes a shelter specialist, who will help develop a shelter strategy in consultation with USAID/Pakistan, the GOP, and implementing partners.
- According to the USAID/DART, the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies will coordinate an emergency shelter cluster. The USAID/DART shelter specialist plans to attend the first shelter cluster

¹ GOP National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA).

meeting, which is scheduled for November 10. The shelter cluster will discuss shelter design, potential joint shelter and livelihoods interventions, and coordination with the NDMA, the GOP Earthquake Reconstruction and Rehabilitation Authority, and local officials.

Health

- The U.N. World Health Organization (WHO) has raised concerns regarding increasing incidence of acute respiratory infections among earthquake-affected populations. Other humanitarian representatives note that acute respiratory infection is a common seasonal disease in the region. WHO has activated a disease early warning system in the affected districts.

Livelihoods

- On November 3, OCHA reported that the earthquake resulted in significant livestock losses in Balochistan Province. According to OCHA, livestock contributes approximately 40 percent of household income in affected areas. OCHA noted priority needs for transitional animal shelters, animal feed, and medicines to assist earthquake-affected populations in restoring livelihoods.
- Fruit production is also a significant source of income in affected areas. According to OCHA, Ziarat District produces an average of 50,000 metric tons (MT) of fruit per year, while Pishin District averages more than 85,000 MT. OCHA reported that the earthquake damaged 30 percent of the crop remaining on fruit trees, in addition to harvested fruit destroyed when storage facilities collapsed.

Food Assistance

- The U.N. World Food Program (WFP) has launched an immediate response emergency operation (EMOP) for earthquake-affected populations. The first WFP food distributions began on November 4. Under the EMOP, WFP plans to initially provide two monthly rations for 3,300 families, or 20,000 individuals, primarily in the most-affected districts of Ziarat and Pishin. WFP plans to coordinate food aid distributions with local NGOs or civil authorities in consultation with the NDMA and the Balochistan Provincial Disaster Management Authority. WFP continues to participate in the MCRAM to determine further food needs.

USAID HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE

- On October 31, U.S. Ambassador Anne W. Patterson issued a request for USAID/OFDA assistance due to the effects of the earthquake. USAID/OFDA allocated an initial \$1 million in assistance for earthquake-affected populations.
- In addition, USAID/OFDA deployed a four-person USAID/DART to target USAID/OFDA funding and facilitate U.S. Government (USG) humanitarian assistance.
- On November 2, USAID/OFDA allocated an additional \$1.5 million for the relief effort in Pakistan, bringing the total USAID/OFDA contribution in response to the earthquake to \$2.5 million. Of this funding, USAID/OFDA has committed \$100,000 to Save the Children/U.S. (SC/US) for the purchase and distribution of plastic sheets in Ziarat District, \$260,000 for the airlift and distribution of 530 rolls of USAID/OFDA plastic sheeting, and \$1 million to the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) for the provision of emergency assistance, including emergency health care, shelter, relief commodities, and water and sanitation interventions, to approximately 4,000 earthquake-affected families.

USAID HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO PAKISTAN

<i>Implementing Partner</i>	<i>Activity</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Amount</i>
USAID/OFDA ASSISTANCE¹			
ICRC	Food Assistance, Health, Shelter and Settlements, Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene, Emergency Relief Supplies	Affected Areas	\$1,000,000
SC/US	Emergency Relief Supplies	Affected Areas	\$100,000
Various (TBD)	Emergency Relief Activities ²	Affected Areas	\$1,068,256
Various	Air Transport, Emergency Relief Supplies	Affected Areas	\$258,270
USAID	Administrative Support and Travel	Pakistan	\$73,474
TOTAL USAID/OFDA			\$2,500,000
TOTAL USAID HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO PAKISTAN IN FY 2009			\$2,500,000

¹ USAID/OFDA funding represents anticipated or actual obligated amounts as of November 6, 2008.

² Additional funding pledged by USAID/OFDA.

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 organizations responding to the humanitarian situation in Pakistan may be available at www.reliefweb.int.
- 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; and 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