

# HERAT EARTHQUAKE - SITUATION REPORT#4 19 OCT 2023



A woman affected by the first earthquake in Chahak, Herat province is receiving emergency aid items. IOM/Elise Blanchard 2023



**TOTAL REQUIRED**  
\$ 20,481,000 USD

**FUNDS CONFIRMED**  
\$ 9,700,000 USD

**FUNDING GAP**  
\$ 10,426,000 USD

## IOM'S EARTHQUAKE APPEAL:

**ESNFI  
(Inc CCCM)** \$ 16,120,000

**WASH** \$ 4,573,500

**HEALTH** \$ 1,185,000

**Coordination  
and common  
services** \$ 246,000

**TOTAL:** \$ 22,126,000

## KEY ACHIEVEMENTS



3,071

Emergency  
Shelter &NFI  
Kits Distributed



2,487

Emergency  
WASH Kits  
Distributed



31

Sites assessed  
by CCCM



3

Health Outreach  
Teams



895

Individuals  
receiving MHPSS

## CONTEXT:

Within one week, three 6.3 magnitude earthquakes struck Herat Province on 7, 11, 15 October. Zindajan & Injil remain the worst-affected districts.

The third earthquake on 15th October impacted 8 districts, with an estimated 1.6 million people experiencing high intensity shaking of MMI 6+. Of these, 30 new villages were affected across 2 districts, including Karuch (8 villages) which was not previously affected by the first 2 quakes and Kushk (22 villages). In addition, 7 previously hit villages (3 in Injil and 4 in Kushk) experienced higher intensity shaking than prior earthquakes, from MMI 6 to MMI 7.

According to the Herat Earthquake Response plan, nearly 43,400 across six districts are reported to be directly affected by the recent earthquakes, with Injil and Zindajan districts worst affected.

## IOM PROGRAMMING APPROACH

- Integrated service provision – IOM is focusing on providing complimenting services at village level to optimize resources, as such IOM Shelter and WASH teams are conducting joint distributions.
- A partnership with Amazon regarding provision of solar lighting is also being explored through the support of IOM private sector partnerships.
- A response plan for early recovery / longer term programming is already being discussed to support joined up resilient programming across IOM sectors of intervention.

## ASSESSMENT AND COORDINATION

- As of 19th October, 181 villages have been assessed under the Multi Sector Rapid Assessment Form interagency assessment. Twenty-four inter-agency assessment teams formed by UNOCHA deployed to earthquake affected areas in Injil, Kushk, Gulran, Ghoryan and Robat Sangai districts. Of 24, 12 teams were spearheaded by IOM. The IOM Information management team provided technical support for configuring the MSRAF tool into partners tablets and briefed the partners agencies on the quality data collection method and assessment methodology.
- As per assessment data from 15th October (assessment is ongoing) in total 7,165 families are affected – equivalent to 43,395 individuals. In terms of shelter damage 7,165 homes have been impacted (24% moderately, 30% severely and 46% completely destroyed).
- IOM DTM is supporting the CCCM WG with a displacement assessment. The tool is being developed and the assessment will be deployed next week to map the impact of the earthquake on existing IDPs and fresh displacement triggered by the disaster. Current reports indicated the occurrence of displacement to Herat town and to Farah province.

## ACCESS CHALLENGES

- One assessment team including IOM was stopped by de facto authorities and held for 40 minutes and later released upon mediation of Economy Directorate.
- Emergency relief assistance dispatched by IOM to Injil district was denied access by de facto authorities. The issue is shared with UNOCHA.



A woman affected by the earthquake in (Zindajan, Herat province) is receiving healthcare assistance © Marjan Wafa/IOM 2023

## ESNFI

- To date 3,071 Emergency Shelter NFI kits (serving 21,497 individuals) have been distributed (Kits include: solar lamps, winter clothing, blankets, family tents and shelter repair tool kits) to affected families in Injil, Kushk Robat Sangai and Gulran districts.
- An additional 9 trucks loaded with NFI and emergency shelter items [3,522 packages] were transported to distribution points in Injil and Kushk Robat Sangai districts.

## HEALTH

- Three outreach health teams with Primary Healthcare, reproductive health case and MHPSS integrated continue to be deployed in Zindajan district (Asia Badak and Butan Villages) supporting affected communities with medicines and equipment.
- One fixed health team which was previously based in Injil district, is now supporting the relief efforts. IOM supports two BHCs in Jalwarcha and Parwana villages and provides primary healthcare services to the affected communities.
- 6,083 individuals have benefited from PHC consultations to date.
- 895 individuals receiving MHPSS counseling to date.

## WASH

- 270,000 liters of potable water have been delivered, providing a daily supply of emergency standard level of clean water (8.7l/person/day) to an average of 28,327 individuals on a daily basis.
- On 16 Oct IOM increased this provision to an average of 12 liters per person per day in four of the most affected villages in Gulran and Zindajan district. As of 17 Oct this supply will be increased to 15l/person/day.
- 2,487 emergency WASH kits have been distributed benefiting 30,716 individuals.
- Four (10,000L) bladders were installed four villages (Sanjab, Kajkal, Qala e Nawak, Asiabadak, Ghal Moshak and Karnal), which are going to serve approximately 314 families - 2,198 individuals daily needs.
- 35 latrines were placed across five villages serving 660 individuals with sanitation facilities and preventing open defecation.
- 69 handwashing station were installed in 22 villages across Gulran and Rabat Sangi districts serving 15,259 individuals with access to handwashing facilities.
- Female hygiene promoters were active at the GTC transit Camp in Herat city promoting hygiene awareness, especially to women and children, to avoid open defecation and make use of the Handwashing Facilities (HWS) already provided. To address the severe solid waste and open defecation issue, IOM teams managed to bring plastic bags to collect waste and clean latrines. Bins will be distributed to collect solid waste and the Herat city municipality agreed to take responsibility to collect the solid waste daily base from GTC Camp.

## CCCM

- One CCCM rapid response team from Kabul deployed (2 men 2 women) continue to support affected communities focusing on site planning support to the communities and Accountability to Affected Populations in Injil and Zindajan districts. Awaaz Afghanistan leaflets and relevant AAP messages were provided to affected communities. These materials included information on key aspects of humanitarian efforts, such as life-saving measures, humanitarian access, and information services. They also outlined how to connect with service providers, report complaints through Awaz Afghanistan.





IOM CCCM teams are providing technical support in setting up temporary housing in (Zindajan, Herat Province) © Marjan Wafa/IOM 2023

## STAFF SAFETY AND SECURITY

- IOM is working with Miyamoto Engineering Company to support the UN with assessments on structural integrity of buildings, including UN buildings including office and accommodation spaces. Miyamoto staff are on the ground as of today to do this and will conduct the assessments with the support IOM engineers.
- Many people in Herat are sleeping outside in their gardens, on the street and parks due to fear of further quakes, including IOM staff responding to the disaster. IOM is sourcing small tents to support Herat based staff (and their families), as well as staff deployed to support the emergency response.

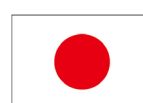
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