

HERAT EARTHQUAKE - SITUATION REPORT #10

21 NOV TO 26 NOV



Earthquake-affected families living in makeshift tents in Herat. Additional funding is required to address the sheer scale of shelter needs. © IOM/Osman Khayyam 2023

CONTEXT:

Within one week, three **6.3 magnitude** earthquakes struck Herat Province on 7, 11, and 15 October. Aftershocks have since been continuing in the affected areas; an aftershock magnitude of 4.9 struck Herat province at midnight on 29 October and was followed by a lighter aftershock the next morning.

The number of affected families has significantly increased from initial estimates and following these subsequent disasters. As per Multi-Sectoral Rapid Needs Assessment (MSRA) data from 12 November, the cumulative effect of the earthquakes has left a total of **451,570 people**, amounting to **52,352 families** across nine districts, directly impacted and in need of assistance.

¹This number is lower than the previously reported figure of 2,252 individuals receiving MHPSS as it accounts for a correction of figures previously reported.

CUMULATIVE KEY ACHIEVEMENTS



22,502

Emergency
Shelter &NFI
Kits Distributed



16,093

Individuals
received
winterization
assistance



4,864

Emergency WASH
Kits Distributed



76

Sites assessed
by CCCM



3

Health Outreach
Teams



2,201

Individuals received
MHPSS¹ support



21,798

Individuals
supported with
health services

ASSESSMENT AND COORDINATION

MULTI-SECTORAL RAPID NEEDS ASSESSMENT (MSRA)

- As per assessment data from 12 November, a total of **52,352 families** have been affected—equivalent to **451,570 individuals**. In terms of shelter damage, over **51,852 homes** have been impacted (38% moderately, 43% severely, and 19% completely destroyed).

DISPLACEMENT TRACKING MATRIX (DTM) IN EMERGENCIES

- In coordination with the CCCM and incorporating feedback from colleagues' field visit reports, the target locations for assessment expanded from **129 to 322 affected villages**. These encompass most areas within a 30km radius of the epicenter. To date, **17,340 households** from 283 of the 322 priority villages have been assessed for displacement following the earthquakes.
- Assessment data to date shows that there are **5,687 (866 HH)** individuals displaced/affected by the earthquake, with the majority being within Injil District.
- Of these **761 individuals (117 HH)** are newly displaced across **44 villages** across 6 districts and **4,926 individuals (749 HH)** are pre-existing IDPs that have been displaced across **111 villages** across the 6 districts for a second time due to the earthquake.
- In terms of shelter solutions, for new IDPs **35% are in rented accommodation, 33% in makeshift accommodation, and 26% living with host families**. For those displaced for a second time, 44% are renting, 43% are in makeshift accommodation and just 12% are living with host families, noting that significantly fewer secondarily displaced IDPs have access to being hosted than those displaced for the first time.
- Amongst all IDPs the top three needs following the EQ are noted as Food, Cash and Livelihoods support. With renting being the top accommodation option, cash support would enable IDPs to access this shelter solutions more readily or sustain people further through the winter period.

ACCESS CHALLENGES

IOM continues to use the daily coordination link provided by OCHA to update on its planned field activities, including distributions and assessments. Through this link relevant DfA entities are informed about the planned activities and principled humanitarian access is facilitated. During the reporting period IOM continued engaging with the DfA, including District Governors and relevant Directorates to ensure principled humanitarian access. During the reporting period no major access constraints have been reported.

EMERGENCY SHELTER AND NON-FOOD ITEMS (ES/NFI)

- From 21 – 26 November IOM distributed winterization items comprised of winter clothing and blankets (valued at USD 74 per package) to affected families as they prepare for the upcoming winter. Assistance was provided to **2,299 families** for a total of **16,093 individuals**.
- Cumulatively since the first earthquake, IOM has distributed a total of 56,624 ES items, NFI kits, Cash for NFI to 1,681 families and accompanying winterization supplies, supporting **84,067 individuals** in need in Zenda Jan, Injil, Kushk, Robot Sangai, Guzara, Heart city and Gulran districts.
- As of 5 November 2023, household level needs assessments have been initiated in the earthquake affected areas for cash-based interventions and **1,681 families** have been selected. Of the 1,681 families, all were provided with cash for NFI and complementary shelter repairs tool kits and winter clothing
- Under the AHF reserve allocation, **2,300 families** (16,100 individuals) were assisted with full cash for winterization assistance (USD 331 /family) in the worse affected district, Zenda Jan on 22 and 23 November.
- With additional funds from CERF and AHF allocations **3,875 families** (27,125 individuals) have received cash for winterization and rent in earthquake affected areas in Herat.
- The number of affected families is much greater than initially anticipated. IOM is working with the ES/NFI cluster and partners to address the needs of those most affected. Contributions received will support IOM's efforts to address these needs, but further funding is required to address the sheer scale of needs currently faced, reflecting on the number of affected families and the high percentage of severely and totally destroyed homes.

HEALTH

- From 21 to 26 November, IOM provided **831 individuals** health services (including triage, trauma response, and basic medical care) and 66 people mental health and psychosocial support (MHPSS) assistance. These efforts arrive at a cumulative total of **21,798 individuals** who have so far benefitted from IOM's health services and 2,201 individuals who have received MHPSS counseling since emergency onset.
- IOM provides this assistance through two different modalities: fixed basic healthcare centres (BHCs) and medical outreach teams that dispatch in the affected areas and provide support to individuals in harder-to-reach locations or with less access to medical assistance.
- Since emergency onset and of the total people reportedly assisted, IOM has supported **11,078 affected persons** with primary healthcare and triage through its outreach teams operating in their dispatch areas.
- The outreach health assistance is complemented by IOM's continued operation of two fixed health facilities in Jalwarcha and Parwana villages in Injil district where primary healthcare services are similarly being provided to affected communities. To date, **10,720** of the reported assisted people have received basic healthcare through these facilities.

WATER, SANITATION, AND HYGIENE (WASH)

WATER PROVISION

IOM has supplied **410,000L of water to 783 families and 5,457 individuals**, in Asiabadak (53HH), Qala Nawak (30HH), Kajkal (60HH), Char Olang (301HH), Sang Lau Olya (110 HH), Kajkal Rabat Sangi (30 HH), Seezar (65 HH) villages via six water trucks. This has provided an average of 12 liters per person to enable access to clean water for drinking, bathing and hygiene purposes.

SANITATION

Two new emergency latrines were constructed in Bidak village and two in Band Afgzal village supporting **1,230 individuals** with access to safe and dignified sanitation facilities.

HYGIENE

Over this reporting period 13 new emergency bathing facilities have been constructed in Band Afzal (2) and Char Olang (11) supporting **1,820 individuals**.

Eighty-six hygiene kits have been distributed in three villages: Ab Sherin, Shator Dar and Bedak supporting **402 individuals**. Hygiene awareness sessions are ongoing in these communities to compliment the kit distribution.

CAMP COORDINATION AND CAMP MANAGEMENT (CCCM)

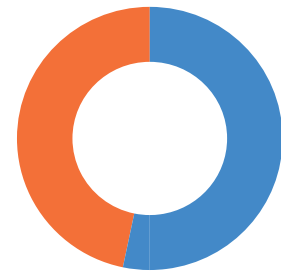
- Between 21 and 26 November, CCCM assessed and provided support in six new sites in Injil district; Koti Dasht village, Chshmah Yaqob village, Wazir Abad village, Khoja Sarbor village, Naw Zadaha village, Jalwarcha village.
- **885 households (approx. 6,195 individuals)** were informed about the CCCM standards and their usefulness. **1,169 individuals** were informed on tent pitching techniques and received practical support through demonstrations of safe tent pitching.
- The CCCM mobile team continued to support community awareness raising on service available to them as part of the humanitarian response, as well as accountability mechanisms in place. AWAAZ informational leaflets with AAP messages were delivered to **1,175 individuals**, basic PSEA awareness messages were shared with the community as part of PSEA campaigns. Altogether, **758 individuals** were reached through this information sharing.



Earthquake-affected families receive emergency relief items in Herat. © Elise Blanchard 2023

IOM'S EARTHQUAKE APPEAL:

ESNFI (Inc CCCM)	\$ 16,870,000
Coordination and common services	\$ 246,000
WASH	\$ 4,573,500
HEALTH	\$ 1,485,000
TOTAL	\$ 22,126,000



TOTAL REQUIRED
\$ 22,126,000 USD

FUNDS CONFIRMED
\$ 10,750,000 USD

FUNDING GAP
\$ 9,376,000 USD

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