

HERAT EARTHQUAKE - SITUATION REPORT #11

27 NOV TO 03 DEC



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.

CUMULATIVE KEY ACHIEVEMENTS



22,502

Emergency Shelter & NFI Kits Distributed



16,093

Individuals received winterization assistance



6,282

Emergency WASH Kits Distributed



84

Sites assessed by CCCM



3

Health Outreach Teams



2,318

Individuals received MHPSS¹ support

22,961

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 CCCM and incorporating feedback from colleagues' field visit reports, the target locations for assessment were expanded from **129 to 359 affected villages**. These encompass most areas within a **30km** radius of the epicenter. To date, **20,931 households** from **322 of the 359 priority villages** have been assessed for displacement following the earthquakes.
- Assessment data to date shows that there are **6,735 displaced individuals** affected by the earthquake, with the majority being within Injil District.
- These are either newly displaced by the earthquake for the first time, or displaced for a second time by the disaster, while others are IDPs returnees who were displaced due to the earthquake but returned to their area of origin. Of these **874 individuals (132HH)** are newly displaced across **51 villages** across **7 districts** and **5,861 individuals (897HH)** are pre-existing IDPs that have been displaced across **133 villages** across the **7 districts** for a due to the earthquake.
- In terms of shelter solutions, for new IDPs **40%** are in rented accommodation, **31%** in makeshift and **24%** living with host families. For those displaced for a second time **47%** are renting, **37%** in makeshift accommodation and just **15%** living with host families noting that significantly less secondarily displaced IDPs have access to being hosted than those displaced for the first time. For the returnee IDPs, the most commonly reported shelters are makeshift shelters (**42%**) followed by rented (**33%**) and with host families (**25%**).
- Amongst all categories of 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 solution more readily or sustain it 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 (including the provincial Governor office and Ulema council) 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 IOM faced an access constraint on 28 November in Gulran district. During an assessment exercise, two staff from the field team were requested by the Gulran Ulema council representative to report to the district governor's office and were questioned whether the activity was coordinated. The IOM team explained the coordination mechanism and that all activities have been duly coordinated through the daily planning sheet and also with the district governor. The Ulema Council representative further attempted to interfere in the beneficiary selection and to direct the teams to other villages. The field team insisted that the beneficiary selection is based on a needs assessment that was duly coordinated with authorities and could not be changed. The issue was resolved eventually with the support of the district Governor.

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

- On 28 and 29 November 2023, with support from DTM, 20 teams including women and men conducted winterization needs assessment in Kush and Gulran districts. In total **1,887 families (13,209 people)** were selected for winterization assistance in the earthquake affected areas.

HEALTH

- From 27 November to 3 December, IOM provided **1,163 individuals** health services (including triage, trauma response, and basic medical care) and **127 people** mental health and psychosocial support (MHPSS) assistance. A cumulative total of **22,961 individuals** have so far benefitted from IOM's health services and **2,318 individuals** have received MHPSS counseling since emergency onset.
- These efforts arrive at a cumulative total of **21,798 individuals** who have so far benefitted from IOM's health services and **2,318 individuals** who have received MHPSS counseling since emergency onset. **10,720** of the reported assisted people have received basic healthcare through fixed facilities in Jalwarcha and Parwana villages in Injil district.
- 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.

WATER, SANITATION, AND HYGIENE (WASH)

WATER PROVISION

IOM has supplied **530,000L** of water to **783 families** and **5,457 individuals**, Char Awlang (**315HH**), Sang Lau Olya (**110HH**), Asiabadak (**53HH**), Kajkal (**51HH**), Kushkak (**143HH**), and Qala-e-Nawak (**30HH**) **14000 L** to Zenda Jan, Seezar (**65 HH**), and Kachkol Robat Sangi (**30 HH**) villages via **6 water trucks**. This has provided an average of **14 liters** per person to enable access to clean water for drinking, bathing and hygiene purposes.

SANITATION

IOM constructed **13 new emergency latrines** in Char Olang, Bidak village and in Band Afzal villages supporting **650 individuals** with access to safe and dignified sanitation facilities, including the installation of **18 handwashing stations**.

HYGIENE

Over this reporting period **36 new emergency bathing** facilities have been constructed in Band Afzal (**16**) and Char Olang (**20**) supporting **1,800 individuals**.

During the reporting period, **1,497 hygiene kits** were distributed in three villages: Nawaen Olya (**438**), Nawaen Sufla (**798**), Kalar (**124**) and Hassan Abad (**137**) supporting **7,974 individuals**. Hygiene awareness sessions are ongoing in these communities to complement the kit distribution.

CAMP COORDINATION AND CAMP MANAGEMENT (CCCM)

- Between 27 November and 3 December, CCCM assessed and provided support in **7 new sites** in Injil district; Dahan Drah village, Parwana village, Dehshikh village, Khaja Shahab village, Kalar village, Qalah Mirza village and Chshmaha village, Injil district.
- IOM presented to **1,215 households** (approx. **8,505 individuals**) who were informed about the CCCM standards and their usefulness. Tent pitching techniques were presented to **980 individuals** who 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. AVAAZ informational leaflets with AAP messages were delivered to **980 individuals**, basic PSEA awareness messages were shared with the community as part of PSEA campaigns. Altogether, **980 individuals** were reached through this information sharing.



IOM'S EARTHQUAKE APPEAL:

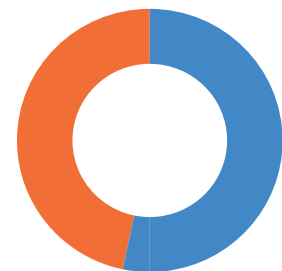
ESNFI (Inc CCCM) \$ 16,870,000

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

IOM'S EARTHQUAKE RESPONSE IS SUPPORTED BY:

