

## HERAT EARTHQUAKE - SITUATION REPORT #12

04 TO 10 DEC



## CONTEXT:

Within one week, three 6.3 magnitude earthquakes struck Herat Province on 7, 11, and 15 October. Aftershocks then continued in the affected areas, with an aftershock magnitude of 4.9 striking Herat province at midnight on 29 October. This 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 &amp; NFI Kits Distributed



16,093

Individuals received winterization assistance



6,282

Emergency WASH Kits Distributed



90

Sites assessed by CCCM



3

Health Outreach Teams



2,568

Individuals received MHPSS<sup>1</sup> support

23,902

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 Camp Coordination and Camp Management Working Group (CCCM WG) and incorporating feedback from field visit reports, the number of target assessment locations expanded from 129 to 359 affected villages, encompassing most areas within the 30-kilometer radius of the earthquake epicenter. Overall, 21,850 households from 333 priority villages have been assessed for displacement following the earthquakes.
- Assessment data to date shows that there are 7,067 displaced individuals affected by the earthquake with the majority located in Injil district. These individuals are new internally displaced persons (IDPs), IDPs experiencing secondary displacement, and IDP returnees who were displaced due to the earthquake but have since returned to their areas of origin.
- Amongst the affected individuals, 896 (comprising 135 households) are newly displaced and spread across 54 villages and seven districts; 6,009 individuals (comprising 922 households) are pre-existing IDPs displaced across 138 villages and seven districts.<sup>1</sup>
- Amongst new IDPs, 40 percent are living in rented accommodation, 31 percent in makeshift accommodation, and 24 percent with host families. For those displaced for a second time, 49 percent are renting, 35 percent are living in makeshift accommodations, and 14 percent are living with host families, noting that significantly less secondarily displaced IDPs have access to opportunities to be hosted than those displaced for the first time. For returnee IDPs, 42 percent of respondents are residing in makeshift shelters, 33 percent are renting, and 25 percent are living with host families.
- Amongst all categories of IDPs, the top three needs following the earthquake are food (83%), cash (73%), and livelihoods support (39%). Given that renting is the most commonly reported accommodation option, cash support would enable IDPs to readily access shelter solutions or sustain their current shelter through the winter period.

### ACCESS CHALLENGES

IOM continues to use the daily coordination link provided by OCHA to share updates on its planned field activities, including distributions and assessments. Through this link, relevant De-facto Authority (DfA) entities (including the De-facto provincial Governor office and Ulema council) are informed of the planned activities and principled humanitarian access is facilitated. During the reporting period, IOM continued engaging with the DfA, including De-facto district Governors and relevant De-facto directorates, to promote the maintenance of principled humanitarian access. IOM did not face any access constraints related to the earthquake response during the reporting period.

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

On 10 December 2023, with support from IOM's Displacement Tracking Matrix (DTM) unit, four teams, consisting of fourteen enumerators, were sent to four locations in Kushk district. The teams assessed 358 families for winterization activities.

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<sup>1</sup> There are 124,000 people who have been displaced within their village (that is, they have lost their primary shelter and are living in another location within the near vicinity of their previous home). These individuals are not considered IDPs.

## HEALTH

- From 4 to 10 December, IOM provided health services (including triage, trauma response, and basic medical care) to 941 individuals and mental health and psychosocial support (MHPSS) assistance to 250 individuals.
- These efforts arrive at a cumulative total of 23,902 people who have so far benefitted from IOM's health services and 2,568 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 to the affected areas and provide support to individuals in harder-to-reach locations or with less access to medical assistance. Towards this end, 12,824 individuals received basic healthcare through fixed facilities in Jalwarcha and Parwana villages in Injil district.
- Meanwhile, 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 supplied 483,000L of water to 5,292 individuals (756 households) across eight villages: Char Awlang (301 households), Sang Lau Olya (68 households), Asiabadak (53 households), Kajkal (35 households), Kushkak (143 households), and Qala-e-Nawak (30 households), Seezar (65 households), and Kachkol Robat Sangi (61 households) villages via six water trucks. This has provided access to an average of 13 liters of clean water for drinking, bathing and hygiene purposes per person.

### SANITATION

IOM repaired 21 latrines across Asiabadak (ten latrines), Kushak (seven latrines), and Qala-e-Nawak (four latrines) villages to ensure community members have access to safe and dignified sanitation facilities designed for long-term use.

### HYGIENE

- During the reporting period, IOM distributed 1,497 hygiene kits in three villages: Naween Olya (438 kits), Naween Sufla (798 kits), Kalar (124 kits), and Hassan Abad (137 kits), supporting 7,974 individuals.
- Hygiene promotion sessions were held in Nawin Sofla, Nawin Olya, Seezar, Chel Kharwari, Shotordar, Ab Shirin, Bidak, and Baghcha Abdul Samad villages to complement kit distribution and ensure a comprehensive hygiene response.

## CAMP COORDINATION AND CAMP MANAGEMENT (CCCM)

- Between 4 – 10 December, CCCM assessed and provided support in six new sites in Injil and Zindajan districts. These included Aab village, Shorabak Tahiriha village, Navin Sufla village, Qala Raig village, in Injil District and Shakiban village and Qala naw village in Zinda Jan District.
- IOM provided information to 4,718 individuals (674 households) regarding CCCM standards and their value and application. IOM provided practical support to 680 individuals through demonstrations on safe tent pitching techniques.
- The CCCM mobile team continued to support community awareness raising on services available to affected populations as part of the humanitarian response, as well as accountability mechanisms that IOM has in place for communities to voice their feedback and complaints or raise additional needs. IOM delivered AWAAZ informational leaflets with accountability to affected population (AAP) messaging to 850 individuals while also sharing basic protecting against sexual exploitation and abuse (PSEA) awareness messaging across the targeted communities as part of broader PSEA campaigns. Altogether, 850 individuals were reached through this information sharing.

## IN FOCUS A MOTHER'S STORY OF LOSS AND SURVIVAL



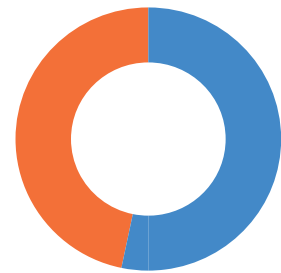
In a cramped room serving as both our living and cooking space, I struggled to feed my three children, a daily challenge in our impoverished lives. The clock struck noon, and an unrest churned within me, followed by a noise that pierced through my fear. My husband was away tending to our cattle, leaving me alone with our little ones. My youngest, just two months old, cried uncontrollably, adding to the chaos unfolding around us.

The house collapsed violently, and amidst the chaos, I miraculously carried my infant and toddler to safety. But the terror gripped me as I realized my three-year-old daughter was still trapped within the ruins. Dusty debris surrounded me, and it felt as though the sky had collided with the earth, a world-ending catastrophe unfolding before my eyes. Amidst cries for help and a desperate attempt to reach my trapped child, another tremor struck, burying me under the shattered remnants of our home. I gasped for air, my thoughts overwhelmed by questions about my family's safety. Was my daughter still alive? Where were my other children? And what of my husband? The weight of the unknown pressed upon me as I lay trapped, each moment stretching into an eternity.

Hours later, rescue finally arrived, but they unearthed not a joyful reunion but the lifeless body of my eldest daughter. The pain of losing her was unbearable, tearing a part of my soul away. Struggling to speak, I barely absorbed the news that my husband, too, had perished. In a blink, I had lost everything. Now I have two children, aged two months and one and a half years, and a world of despair with the images of the earthquake burned into my memory.

### IOM'S EARTHQUAKE APPEAL:

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



**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:

