

# HERAT EARTHQUAKE RESPONSE AND RECOVERY



Earthquake-affected people receive emergency relief items in Herat. © IOM/Elise Blanchard 2023



**Four** 6.3 magnitude earthquakes in one week



**451,570** people directly impacted & in need of assistance



**9** districts impacted

## SITUATION OVERVIEW

Within one week, four 6.3 magnitude earthquakes struck Herat Province on 7, 11, and 15 October 2023. A series of aftershocks ensued the days after, with an aftershock magnitude of 4.9 struck Herat at midnight on 29 October and a lighter aftershock the next morning. The cumulative effect of the earthquakes left a total of 451,570 people, amounting to over 52,000 families across nine districts, directly impacted and in need of assistance<sup>1</sup>, including over 2,000 people injured and 1,500 people dead.

<sup>1</sup> As per Multi-Sectoral Rapid Needs Assessment (MSRA) data from 12 November 2023.

## EMERGENCY RESPONSE

Since emergency onset, IOM has been providing immediate, life-saving assistance to those in need. This includes distribution of non-food items (NFIs), winter clothing, emergency shelter materials and tents, and tool kits; provision of clean drinking water and Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene (WASH) and hygiene kits; and provision of different health services such as triage, trauma, primary medical care, and mental health and psychosocial support (MHPSS).

## Herat Earthquake Emergency Activities and Achievements since October 2023



## HEALTH

- 26,980 individuals supported with primary healthcare consultations, including (triage, trauma, and basic medical care)


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## MHPSS

- 2,999 individuals provided MHPSS support


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## ES/NFI

- 11,969 families provided immediate ES/NFI relief


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## WINTERIZATION

- 6,201 families provided winterization assistance


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## WASH

- 8,324,500 liters of potable water distributed across 678 villages, benefitting 566,993 individuals;
- 6,247 WASH NFI kits distributed, benefitting over 45,475 people
- 180 handwashing stations installed, benefitting exactly 32,435 people
- 216 emergency latrines installed, benefitting 9,180 people



## CCCM

- 91 sites assessed across 25 villages and camps
- 5,606 households informed of CCCM standards






















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

## RECOVERY RESPONSE

Herat province, already facing socio-economic obstacles, endured severe setbacks as a result of the October 2023 earthquakes. The disaster amplified existing vulnerabilities and brought to light new challenges, underscoring the importance of shifting from immediate relief efforts to sustainable and comprehensive recovery interventions. IOM is thus working to help earthquake-affected communities in Herat to meet their basic recovery needs—seeking to rebuild critical infrastructure, establish transitional shelters, re-establish access to essential services, restore livelihoods, and build longer-term resilience including through enhanced preparedness at the local level.

## Herat Earthquake Recovery Activities and Achievements, January – February 2024

 <b>ECONOMIC RESILIENCE</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>630 individuals currently benefitting from ongoing debris clearance Cash-for-Work (CfW) activities across 10 villages</li> </ul>	 Funded by the European Union
 <b>INFRASTRUCTURE</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>850 m of flood prevention wall constructed</li> <li>One dike constructed</li> </ul>	
 <b>WASH</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>8,784 individuals (928 men, 5534 women, 485 boys, 1837 girls) reached with hygiene promotion messages</li> <li>Construction of latrines for 400 earthquake-affected households ongoing</li> </ul>	 FROM THE AMERICAN PEOPLE   From the People of Japan
 <b>HEALTH</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>5,745 individuals (1,905 male and 3,840 female) provided primary healthcare consultations</li> </ul>	
 <b>MHPSS</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>5,808 individuals (2,108 male and 3,700 female) provided MHPSS support</li> </ul>	 Afghanistan Humanitarian Fund  Funded by the European Union
 <b>DISPLACEMENT TRACKING MATRIX (DTM)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>21,823 households registered for emergency response planning in collaboration with the CCCM working group</li> </ul>	 Funded by the European Union
 <b>ES/NFI</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>6,418 families provided with winterization assistance</li> <li>1,575 families provided with Cash-for-Rent assistance</li> </ul>	 United Nations Central Emergency Response Fund  Afghanistan Humanitarian Fund  FROM THE AMERICAN PEOPLE  From the British People

IOM is promoting community-driven approaches throughout all interventions, seeking to streamline gender-equity and women's empowerment as guiding principles to ensure that the needs of women and girls in targeted communities are considered and addressed.