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I. HIGHLIGHTS/KEY PRIORITIES

- On April 17, Nangarhar Province in the Eastern Region of Afghanistan was struck by two earthquakes of 5.5 and 5.1 magnitude on the Richter scale.
- Sherzad (est. population: 60,300) and Hesarak (est. population: 28,000) are reported to be the most affected districts.
- Secondary reports indicate that at least 22 people have been killed and 59 people injured. An estimated 300-600 livestock have also been killed

II. Situation Overview

On 16 April at 21:27 UTC (02:07 local time, 17 April), an earthquake of 5.5 magnitude on the Richter scale, and 5.7 km depth, occurred in Nangarhar Province in the Eastern Region of Afghanistan. A second earthquake of 5.1 magnitude and 3.2 km depth occurred in the same area on 16 April at 23:42 UTC (04:22 local time, 17 April). The epicenter of both earthquakes was near Sherzad (est. pop. 60,300) and Hesarak (est. pop. 28,000) districts, which are located in the Hindu Kush mountain range.

Updated field reports indicate the following impact:

- 22 people killed
- 59 wounded
- 650 families lost their homes
- 290 houses destroyed
- 300-600 livestock killed

People in the affected areas report that the total figures could be higher; efforts to verify the reports are still underway, despite security concerns. So far, there are no reports of major damage to roads, power stations or major infrastructure.

Several assessments have taken place and ANDMA and the governor's office have held several coordination meetings with OCHA and UNAMA assisting where required. Many organizations have worked together to assist the population in need. The remaining concern at this time is the potential injuries not yet reported from mountainous areas.

III. Humanitarian Needs and Response

The emergency response seems to be past the crisis stage. Response has gone well and few gaps remain. Humanitarian needs will continue to be monitored and OCHA will contact individual sectors where assistance is required. At the moment, child focused agencies are considering a child protection proposal and assessment is underway for the requirements for the final dispatch of tents. There is a need to verify gaps and numbers with the distribution committee in the affected area.

Agencies and responders are requested to continue providing OCHA with information regarding assistance and needs.

Who	Where		What	Amount	When	Source
IRD	Margatkhil,Kodikhil,Alikhil, Qalagae, Sholakhil, Behzadkhil,		Blankets	720	20/04/09	District Governor
			Quilts	720		
			student box	738		
			children clothes	720 pairs		
			Jumpers(coats)	211		
			Notebooks	11 bundles		
			Pens	11 bundles		
UNHCR	Kudikhil		Tents	35	20- 21/04/09	UNHCR / District Gov.
	Shurlakhil		Tents	22		
	Sarkot Lar kelae		Tents	29		
	Sarkot		Tents	6		
	Samarkhil		Tents	20		
	Sultan Kelae		Tents	15		
	Kali Khil		Tents	14		
	Margatkhill		Tents	40		
	Malikhail		Tents	1		
	Maulayano Kelae		Tents	5		
	Qalagae		Tents	9		
	Behzadkhil		Tents	4		
	total			200		
Turkish NGO?	Sarkot		Tents	10	20/04/09	District Governor
			Kitchen set	10		
			Stoves	20		
Government	Sarkot	died	Cash Afs	9 families, 30000 per family = 270,000	18- 21/04/09	District Governor
	Behzadkhil	died	Cash	4 families, 30000 per family = 120,000		
	Alikhil	died	Cash	2 families, 30000 per family = 60,000		
	Markekhill	died	Cash	6 families, 30000per family = 180,000		
	Sarkot	Injured	Cash Afs	57 families,10000 per family = 570,000	18- 21/04/09	District Governor
	Sarkot	houses collapsed	Cash Afs	9 families, 5000 per family = 45,000		
	Behzadkhil		Cash Afs	37 families, 5000 per family = 185,000		
	Margatkhil		Cash Afs	16 families, 5000 per family = 80,000		
	Qalagae		Cash Afs	4 families, 5000per family = 20,000		
WFP	unknown	Wheat	514 bags(50kg)			
	unknown	Oil	514 boxes (4 liters)			
	unknown	Pulses	50 bags(50kg)			
ARCS			Mobile Clinic	Two	17- 21/04/09	ARCS Head/Jal.

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Save the Children Allince	Kudikhil	Clothes	300	20/04/09	Save the Children Allince
	Shurlakhil	Shoes	300		
	Sarkot Lar kelae	Soap	296		
	Sarkot	Shampoo	216		
	Samarkhil	Basket	100		
	Sultan Kelae	Basin	100		
	Kali Khil	Toothpaste & brush	288		
	Margatkhal	Washing powder	144X500gram		
	Malikhail	Socks	340		
	Mulayano Kelae	Towel	624		
	Qalagae	Vaseline	50X50gram		
	Behzadkhil	Plastic	250 m2		

Assistance **distributed** in SHERZAD 17APR09 VERSION 1. as of 19 April 2009

Who	Where	What	Amount	When	InfoSource	
ARCS	Margatkhal	Tent, Jerrycan, Tarpaulin, Kitchen-Kit	70	18-Apr-09	ARCS/ 19APR09	
	Malikhel	Tent, Jerrycan, Tarpaulin, Kitchen-Kit	36	18-Apr-09	ARCS/ 19APR09	
	Behzadkhe	Tent, Jerrycan, Tarpaulin, Kitchen-Kit	35	18-Apr-09	ARCS/ 19APR09	
	Sarkot	Tent, Jerrycan, Tarpaulin, Kitchen-Kit	48	18-Apr-09	ARCS/ 19APR09	
	Sholakhe	Tent, Jerrycan, Tarpaulin, Kitchen-Kit	8	18-Apr-09	ARCS/ 19APR09	
	Samarkhel	Tent, Jerrycan, Tarpaulin, Kitchen-Kit	3	18-Apr-09	ARCS/ 19APR09	
	Total each			200		
	Margatkhal	Soap-bars	720	18-Apr-09	ARCS/ 19APR09	
	Malikhel	Soap-bars	700	18-Apr-09	ARCS/ 19APR09	
	Behzadkhe	Soap-bars	1400	18-Apr-09	ARCS/ 19APR09	
	Sarkot	Soap-bars	960	18-Apr-09	ARCS/ 19APR09	
	Sholakhe	Soap-bars	160	18-Apr-09	ARCS/ 19APR09	
	Samarkhel	Soap-bars	60	18-Apr-09	ARCS/ 19APR09	
	Total each			4000		
	Margatkhal	Blankets	144	18-Apr-09	ARCS/ 19APR09	
	Malikhel	Blankets	140	18-Apr-09	ARCS/ 19APR09	
	Behzadkhe	Blankets	280	18-Apr-09	ARCS/ 19APR09	
	Sarkot	Blankets	192	18-Apr-09	ARCS/ 19APR09	
	Sholakhe	Blankets	32	18-Apr-09	ARCS/ 19APR09	
	Samarkhel	Blankets	12	18-Apr-09	ARCS/ 19APR09	
Total each			800			
RRD	unknown	Blankets, Jerrycans	400	18-Apr-09	RRD Director/ 19APR09	
	unknown	Kitchen kit	30	18-Apr-09	RRD Director/ 19APR09	
	unknown	Gas Cylinders	200	18-Apr-09	RRD Director/ 19APR09	
	unknown	Tents	90	18-Apr-09	RRD Director/ 19APR09	
Hazrat Ali Private	unknown	Wheat (Bag 20Kg each)	150	18-Apr-09	PC Nagahar/ 19APR09	
	unknown	Oil (2,5 Litre each)	150	18-Apr-09	PC Nagahar/ 19APR09	
PRT handed over to Village Elder of Sherzad District		Beans (5 Kg each)	200	17-Apr-09	PRT 18APR09	
		Rice (5Kg each)	300	17-Apr-09	PRT 18APR09	
		Flour (5 Kg each)	250	17-Apr-09	PRT 18APR09	
		Oil (18 Litre each)	10	17-Apr-09	PRT 18APR09	
		Blankets	180	17-Apr-09	PRT 18APR09	
		Tarpaulins	460	17-Apr-09	PRT 18APR09	
		Plastic Roll (10 Kg per roll)	10	17-Apr-09	PRT 18APR09	
		Tool Kits	5	17-Apr-09	PRT 18APR09	
		Shovels	30	17-Apr-09	PRT 18APR09	
	First Aid Kits	150	17-Apr-09	PRT 18APR09		

IV. Coordination

A second Disaster Task Force Meeting was held on 19 April, in Jalalabad to finalize an initial distribution plan. As of April 22, the distribution is outlined in the charts above. The Deputy Governor and the head of ANDMA ask that all distributions be coordinated through the Sherzad Emergency Committee, which is chaired by the Nangarhar Deputy Governor.

On April 19, with the assistance of UNAMA, a 6-UN agency mission assessed the area. The mission visited the quake hit Sarkot and Mirghat Kheil villages and talked to the victims. The GoA showed commendable leadership and a rapid response with provincial officials arriving at the location within hours of the disaster.

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Agencies and NGOs have agreed to assist where required and initial reports indicate that there is sufficient civilian humanitarian assistance and response capability in-country. OCHA's Information Management Unit has updated the earthquake map and OCHA is coordinating the information flow from cluster leads. Information from the region will continue to be collected and will be disseminated in the next monthly report. For more detail, please contact the OCHA team. This is will be the final situation report for this disaster.

V. Funding

No appeals for funding are expected at this time. Some individual donors may be approached for assistance in specific matters.

All humanitarian partners including donors and recipient agencies are encouraged to inform FTS of cash and in-kind contributions by sending an email to: fts@reliefweb.int.

VI. Contact

OCHA has a team consisting of an HAO team leader, Civil Military Coordinator and HAO National staff in Jalalabad. The team is working closely with UNAMA, UNHCR, WHO, UNICEF, ICRC, ARCS, ANDMA, UN agencies, government line departments, and security forces to ensure coordination of efforts. The team is providing updates to OCHA Kabul on a regular basis.

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