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Earthquake in Paktika and Khost

Situation Report No. 3
24 June 2022



800

People killed



1,400

People injured



11

PHC providing
basic health
services

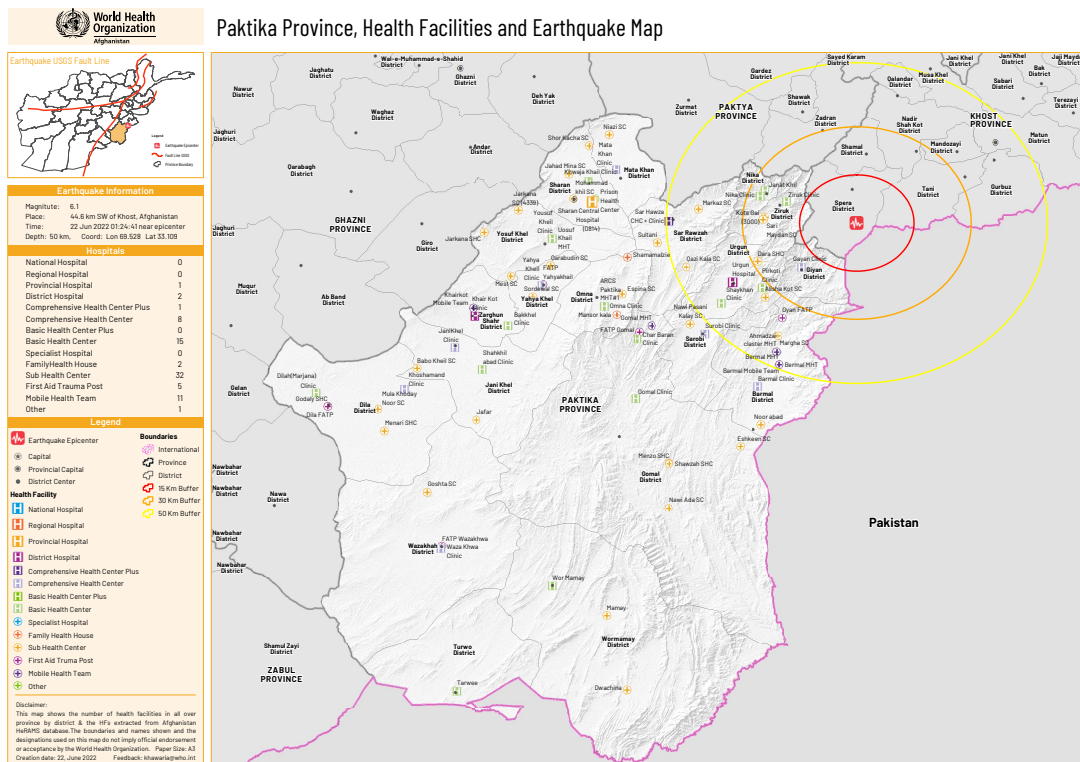


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Hospitals accepting
referrals

HIGHLIGHTS

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- So far, as of the latest information, nearly 800 people have been confirmed killed and more than 1 400 injured, many of them seriously, with several thousand homes destroyed and damaged.
- Five referral hospitals are operating at full capacity for those affected people in Paktia, Paktika, and Khost provinces.
- Early, a shortage of medicine, medical supplies, and equipment has been observed, especially for surgery. In addition, provision of essential medical care for mothers and children needs to be accelerated and expanded.
- Inter-agency rapid needs assessment has been started both in Paktika and Khost in coordination with the UN agencies and the partners.
- WHO is on the ground and working with partners in the affected areas to assess the health status and provide emergency health support: including conducting assessment in the health facilities, deployment of health experts, delivering of 234 different health emergency and surgical kits, medical supplies, and equipment.
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SITUATION UPDATES

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- As of 24 June, total of 81 patients referred to Paktika Provincial Hospital (PH). Among them, 15 patients referred to Gardez Regional Hospital (RH) in Paktya and Ghazni PH. 22 patients currently admitted to Paktika PH.

EMERGENCY RESPONSE

Health Cluster Response

- WHO and the UN agencies participated in a coordination meeting with the Minister of Public Health in Urgun District Hospital (DH) in Paktika on 23 June 2022. The current needs and enhancement in coordination in response activities to fill the gap were discussed.
- WHO joined the operation technical committee (OTC) meeting chaired by OCHA on emergency response in the Spera district in Khost held on 23 June in IRC office-Khost.
- Health Cluster partners (UNICEF, OHPM, HNTPO, UNFPA, PU-AMI, EMERGENCY ONG ONLUS, IMC and IMPC) are providing various emergency health supports in those affected areas.
- IMC representative engaged with PPHD, WFP, WHO, IOM, government and other local stakeholders on 24 Jun 22.
- EMERGENCY ONG ONLUS deployed 5 equipped ambulances for referral (2 at Sharan Provincial, 2 at Urgun DH and an ambulance travelled to Giyan), where two ambulances deployed at Gardez PH in Paktya.

- In Paktika, IMC provided trauma care, stabilization, referral services, hygiene messages to community and distributed 410 hygiene kits.
- UNFPA partners Agency for Assistance and Development of Afghanistan (AADA) and OHPM mobilize mobile health teams (MHTs) which include female health workers.
- HN TPO and UNICEF deployed three MHTs along with orthopedic surgeon and surgery teams in Spera district in Khost, and 38 trauma cases were supported.

Trauma and hospital care

- Five referral hospitals are operating at full capacity for those affected people in Paktika, Paktika, and Khost provinces: Gardez Regional Hospital (RH) in Paktika, Paktika Provincial Hospital (PH) (Sharana) and Ghazni PH, Urgun DH in Paktika, and Khost PH in Khost.
- A total of 11 PHC health facilities are located in the affected areas including eight PHC health facilities in Paktika and three facilities in Khost. Among them, 10 are fully functioning while Giyan Comprehensive Health Center (CHC), which has been heavily damaged, is currently not functioning.
- WHO visited Paktika PH (Sharana) with 75 bed and assessed the overall situation of emergency response, as well as the capacity and preparedness of the hospital.
- WHO visited Urgun DH with 20 beds in Paktika, which is the nearest district hospital to the affected area. Different wards of the DH were assessed in respect to proper emergency response capacity and preparedness, and emergency trauma checklist shared with the staff.
- A WHO trauma management officer has been deployed to support the care of victims through the implementation of Mass Casualty Management (MCM) plans in the hospitals and patient care.
- Health Cluster partners (UNICEF, OHPM, HN TPO, IMC, PU-AMI, EMERGENCY ONG ONLUS, and IMC) are providing trauma care: 1,696 trauma cases were received on 23 June.
 - PU-AMI supports two MHT/first aid trauma post (FATP) in Barmal district in Paktika and three FATPs
 - IMC supports three FATP (Giyan, Dila and Yahya Khel) in Paktika
 - HN TPO/UNICEF supports two MHTs in Sharana and Giyan in Paktika,
 - OHPM/UNICEF supports Paktika PH, Giyan CHC and Urgun DH

Vaccination

- Tetanus and diphtheria (Td) vaccines have been distributed to hospitals in Paktika and Khost province. EPI teams were dispatched to the earthquake-affected areas and the vaccinations started on 23 June.
- Measles outbreak response immunization will be conducted in 85 districts in the country next week, including the earthquake-affected areas in Paktika and Khost provinces.

Mental health and psychosocial support

- OHPM/UNICEF in Paktika Province assigned their teams, including 10 psychosocial counselors who are providing psychological first aid for survivors in three districts of Paktika Province.
- HN TPO/UNICEF assigned three teams to provide psychosocial interventions, including referrals, in Khost.
- HN TPO/UNICEF also mobilized six psychosocial counselors to provide psychological First Aid (PFA) and emergency counseling to the survivors in Spera district in Khost.

Reproductive Maternal and Child health

- UNFPA's Family Health Houses (FHH) in Paktika have not been affected by the earthquake. The FHHs are currently functioning and provide lifesaving sexual reproductive health (SRH) interventions.

- UNFPA has prepositioned Clean Delivery Kits and Dignity Kits¹. UNFPA and its partners are to distribute the Clean Delivery Kits and Dignity Kits to the affected women and girls through MHTs.

Disease surveillance

- Considering the fragile condition among the affected population, WHO has prepared for potential communicable disease outbreaks. WHO prepositioned medical kits for acute watery diarrhea/cholera items in WHO Gardez warehouse in Paktia, including 59 Community Kits (ORS, zinc) for treatment of AWD mild cholera cases and six Investigation kits (10 sample collections and 10 RDTs per kits).
- In addition, WHO is shipping cholera rapid diagnosis tests (RDTs) to the affected provinces: 500 RDTs to Paktika, 100 to Khost and 400 to Ghazni.

Operational support and logistics

- WHO delivered 219 different health emergency kits and medical equipment to the affected areas:
 - 196 different emergency health kits and medical equipment to Sharana Provincial Hospital and Urgun District Hospital in Paktika.
 - 13 different emergency kits, medicine and medical equipment (115 boxes) to Paktika province.
 - 10 different emergency kits, medicine and medical equipment (85 boxes) to Khost Province.
- WHO supports the partner (NGO HMLO) by providing medical items including 10 emergency health kits and five pneumonia kit for the treatment of 100 cases and five patient beds on 23 June.
- To store extra storage in the WHO Gardez warehouse in Paktia, one 40 ft dry container was shipped from Kabul.
- HN TPO/UNICEF distributed hygiene kits to affected people in Spera in Khost.

NEEDS AND GAPS

- The exact numbers of casualties and houses/premises destruction are still not fully identified not yet confirmed.
- Shortage of medicine and medical supplies, especially surgical supply and medicine were observed in referral hospitals, especially Urgun DH.
- Timely information-sharing mechanism among the partners to be enhanced.
- Preparedness for any potential health threats such as disease outbreaks to be in place in coordination with multi-sectors.
- Multi-sectoral response and support are immediately required such as WASH, NFI, Food and Health.
- Shortage of female healthcare workers, especially for MHPSS to meet the increased needs among the affected population.

AREAS OF IMPROVEMENT

- Timely provision of medicine, medical supplies and equipment to health facilities including mobile health teams.
- Coordination mechanism enhanced and harmonized to organize response activities on the ground, including information sharing.

¹ The clean delivery kits aim to help pregnant women who are unable to get to a health facility during a crisis or emergency situation to avoid deadly infections. The Dignity Kits help ensure women and girls are able to access hygiene supplies for their special needs, including for menstruation. The kit contains basic hygiene items like reusable menstrual pads, soap, and underwear.

- Security and availability of accommodations and space for staff to work and respond.
- Restoring functionality of partially damaged health facilities in the affected areas.
- Accelerated and expanded provision of essential medical care for mothers and children, including basic emergency obstetric and newborn care (BEmONC), comprehensive emergency obstetric and newborn care (CEmONC), and vaccinations.
- Specialized medical care, including re-constructive surgeries and physical rehabilitation.
- Mass casualty management (MCM) plan and training needs to be considered to enhance the preparedness and response capacity for future events.



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