



damages after earthquake in Awaran town on 24th Sep-2013

District Awaran Profile:

Awaran district is in the center of Baluchistan province of Pakistan with area of 29510 Sq.Kms. The district consists of three Tehsils, i.e., Mashkai, Awaran, Jhal Jhao; eight patwar circles – Jairi, Gajar, Parwar, Peelar Jah, Awaran, Gashkore, Peelar Jhao and Camp Jhao; and 216 mauzas (villages). About 50 percent of the population of Awaran is nomads and main source of livelihood is livestock. Following are the salient statistics of Awaran:

DHQ	1
RHC	2
BHU	7
CD	15
MCH	1
Leprosy	1
TBC	1
Mobile Dispensary	1
Total (Health Facilities)	29

Population estimated 2012	206,192
Population 1998	114,427
Male	108,375 (52.56%)
Female	97,817 (47.44%)
Population Density	4.0 per Sq. Km
Urban Population	0%
Rural Population	100%
Average Household Size	5.4
Literacy Ratio (10+)	14.8%

District Kech profile:

Kech has always been a place of importance for its geographical location. Turbat, the headquarters of the district, is the geographical, social and political centre of the Makran region. Kech covers the area of (22539 Sq-Kms). The district comprises four sub-divisions namely Turbat, Buleda, Dasht and Tump. It is the 5th largest districts of the province with respect to area and 4th in terms of hosting more population. There is only one urban locality, the city of Turbat, in the entire district. Around 17 per cent of the total population of Kech district lives in Ketch city.

Following are the salient statistics of district Kech:

DHQ	1
RHC	11
BHU	35
CD	42
MCH	4
Leprosy	1
TBC	0
Mobile Dispensary	0
Total (HFs)	94

Population estimated 2012	500,213
Population 1998	413,204
Male	262,161 (52.41%)
Female	238,051 (47.59%)
Population Density	18.3 per Sq. Km
Urban Population	16.60%
Rural Population	83.40%
Average Household Size	5.1
Literacy Ratio (10+)	27.5%

- Awaran has most scattered population living in the houses made up of mud. The magnitude was so high that around 90% of the building collapsed including shops, houses and schools. Along with the border of Kech, UC Dandaar at Kech was fully collapsed and reported 43 deaths. (Ref Govt Representative).

- As per information up till now 100 to 125 severe cases referred to Karachi and DHQ Uthal for further treatment (Ref to MS DHQ Awaran).
- Fatalities data are varying as reported by different sources. The representative of Balochistan Government and PDMA declared 352 deaths till 12 noon from Awaran (309) and Kech (43). There is reporting of more than 1000 injuries at Awaran and Kech.
- 20,000 houses in Awaran and 1000 at Kech partially or completely collapsed as per representative Govt. of Balochistan.
- Disease Early Warning System is functional at Kech and Awaran since 2007. DEWS Surveillance Officer is based at Kech and fully supporting DHO team while another Surveillance officer (Lasbela based) is taking care of Awaran as adjacent district. There is extreme shortage of skilled health care providers in the districts due to which mortality numbers are increased.

Health Response:

- Director General Health Services (DGHS) has established camp office in Awaran under the supervision of DGHS, who will be monitoring and supervising all health related activities.
- In response of earthquake, DoH has established Provincial Emergency, Preparedness & Response Cell in DG health office Quetta.
- WHO handed over 5 Emergency Health Kits (EHK) and a Trauma kit to department of health which will be dispatched today to the affected areas which will cater approx. 100,000 people for one month.
- Provincial Health Department has provided immediate support including 8 ambulances, 26 doctors and Paramedics moved from Uthal (Lasbela) to Awaran along with essential medicines to the affected areas.
- 5 doctors along with 2 ambulances were sent today including Army medical corps unit.
- 4 Doctors from Kech moved to Awaran to cope with the emergency. The essential medicines available at WHO Warehouse at Kech and Lasbela were also provided to Awaran district.
- 18 Ambulances with medical doctors and paramedics have been sent from Karachi by EDHI Foundation. They have arrived in Awaran today and are in close coordination with DHO team.
- A medical team of 8 doctors and paramedics is giving health services at a static health unit at Dandaar (district Kech). Mobile medical units are also functional in the area of Dandaar. DEWS SO Kech is participating with the fixed unit team, supervising the activity and providing technical assistance to DHO team.

Challenges/needs:

- District Awaran has scattered population and some of the villages are totally damaged and hard to reach. The rescue teams have not yet reached there due tough mountainous terrain.
- According to District Health Officer; majority of the health facilities are damaged in the remote areas and no skilled health care providers are available.
- MIRA assessment still pending.
- Majority of cases have orthopedic injuries. There is dire need of orthopedic surgeon with equipped hospital to provide in-time treatment.
- Human Tetanus Immune globulin doses (100 IU/ml solution of injection) required
- The climate of the area is mainly hot and district falls in malaria endemic zone. There is possibility of emerging malaria situation in the affected area in coming days.
- The Communication systems is available in some limited areas of Awaran with on and off services, while there is no communication in majority area of the districts which are creating hurdle to coordinate with teams.

Pictorial View



Earthquake destruction in District Awaran



Newly created island in the sea of Gwadar after earthquake

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