

22 January 2024 – More than 100 days after the earthquakes in Herat province in western Afghanistan, many survivors are still living in makeshift tents and temporary shelters. Amid the harsh winter conditions, their situation remains precarious.

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WHO continues to support 8 health centres in the earthquake-affected areas to provide critical health services. These include outpatient, nutrition, midwifery and vaccination services, as well as psychosocial support and medication.

The support by WHO and partners has been crucial in protecting the health of the affected people, especially women and children, and in providing health care to those in need.

To help communities protect themselves from infectious diseases, a mass awareness campaign was run across the earthquake-affected areas. This reached 33 587 people, including 16 275 women.

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“I have been on the ground since the first moments of the earthquakes in Herat to ensure delivery of timely, life-saving health services to the affected people.” – Dr Anasulhaq Rahimi, WHO Health Emergencies Programme focal point in Herat province

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“We are working every day since the earthquakes in Herat to investigate outbreak-prone diseases to ensure preparedness and response to outbreaks in earthquake-affected areas.” – Dr Abdul Jawad Yosufi, Surveillance Support Team leader in Herat province

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Physical health services are being provided in the affected areas to help people cope with the aftermath of the earthquake.



WHO staff are working with the community to assess the impact of the earthquake and provide support.



Children are playing and enjoying their time with their friends and family.





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