

**RESOURCE MOBILIZATION FOR
HEALTH ACTION IN CRISES
SOUTH ASIA EARTHQUAKE
REVISED UN FLASH APPEAL: WHO PROJECTS**

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Through the revised UN Flash Appeal, WHO is requesting US\$ 27.75 million to meet the health needs of populations affected by the South Asia earthquake. The Appeal aims to cover a period of six months in Pakistan, India and Afghanistan, and – through a wider approach – ensure that the response to the needs of inhabitants in all affected areas are being addressed to enable a balanced recovery.

**HEALTH SECTOR NEEDS
ASSESSMENTS**

Urgent action is required to address the critical health needs of more than 4 million people affected by the 8 October 2005 earthquake in South Asia. From initial assessments, the impact of the earthquake has been catastrophic in terms of the number of casualties requiring trauma care and surgery, compounded by the damage to the health care system including the death of health personnel and destruction of health facilities, administrative buildings, equipment, and vehicles.

The destruction of road infrastructure, and the difficult terrain severely affects the referral of injured patients to specialized care.

Additionally, the lack of access of affected population to clean water, adequate shelter, food and sanitation add to the health risks. Acute respiratory infections are expected to increase for the homeless population due to the cold temperatures.

It is a priority to rapidly establish an early-warning surveillance system for early detection and control of communicable disease outbreaks such as measles. Monitoring health status, collecting data and conducting awareness campaigns are critical elements in responding to potential health threats.

With large segments of the population facing major emotional challenges in coping with the events, mental health and psychosocial support are vital to support the affected population, prevent and treat severe mental disorders that may arise due to the disaster.



HEALTH SECTOR PRIORITIES

Priority: Health Needs Assessments

- To support the assessment of the health sector to track the evolution of health needs and the impact of the earthquake on affected populations in order to ensure that the immediate health needs and critical gaps in the health response are identified and met accordingly.

Priority: Coordination and Response

- To support the Ministry of Health and local health authorities in coordinating the health component of the response including relief supplies and human resources

Priority: Communicable disease surveillance and outbreaks control

- To support the establishment of urgent public health interventions including an early warning communicable disease surveillance and response for the early detection and control of outbreaks in the affected population along with key environmental health actions.

Priority: Reestablishment of primary and referral services

- To ensure that basic medical and emergency surgical care are reestablished and access and availability of secondary and tertiary health care is ensured including mental health and counseling.

PROJECTS AND FUNDING REQUESTS FOR WHO

WHO PROJECTS			
<i>WHO in conjunction with UNICEF and UNFPA</i>	Beneficiaries: 4 million affected population	Partners: Government, UNICEF and local partners	US\$ 9,000,000
	Project Title: Revitalize the system for delivery of primary health care services including immunization, vitamin A supplementation, maternal, child and neonatal health services, as well prevention and treatment of disabilities for earthquake affected populations in northern Pakistan.		
	Aim: To assist the Government of Pakistan to revitalize/ establish primary health care facilities and services in the affected areas to mitigate the impact on health of the earthquake and to ensure continuity of pre-existing program/services.		
<i>WHO in conjunction with UNICEF and UNFPA</i>	Beneficiaries: 4 million affected population	Partners: Ministry of Health, UNICEF, UNFPA and other stakeholders	US\$ 4,000,000
	Project Title: Revitalize hospital care services (secondary level) in regions affected by the earthquake		



	Aim: To ensure that basic comprehensive health services (system and structures) are available for affected populations include treatment of medical and surgical conditions, prevention and treatment of physical disabilities, essential and emergency obstetric care and newborn and child care. To ensure the availability of health human resources to provide medical services.		
WHO	Beneficiaries: 4 mil affected population	Partners: Ministry of Health and other stakeholders	US\$ 3,200,000
	Project Title: Disease Surveillance and Early Warning System		
	Aim: To detect, investigate and respond to disease outbreaks in order to reduce morbidity and mortality due to epidemic prone diseases. To provide the operational and technical support to MoH to set up and sustain an early warning surveillance system in all the affected areas, as well the local capacity to enter, process and analyse the epidemiological data, and provide a prompt response to any outbreak.		
WHO	Beneficiaries: 4 million affected population	Partners: Ministry of Health and other stakeholders	US\$ 3,500,000
	Project Title: Emergency health relief operations including coordination and Information Management		
	Aim: To establish and lead together with MoH a coordination mechanism whereby a central office and 5 field offices (Muzaffarabad, Mansehra, Bagh, Balakot and Rawalakot) are operational to assess and monitor the evolving health situation, coordinate health response, manage, analyse and disseminate essential health information, highlighting the health priorities.		
WHO	Beneficiaries: 4 million affected population	Partners: Ministry of Health, UNICEF and other stakeholders	US\$ 3,200,000
	Project Title: Environmental Health Response		
	Aim: To improve the environmental health conditions of affected populations, and health facilities, and therefore reduce environment-related diseases and deaths among the population. To provide technical advice, partnering on activities and strengthening the link between disease outbreak and environmental health.		



<i>WHO in conjunction with IOM</i>	Partners: Patients directly and entire community indirectly	Partners: Ministry of Health, WHO and NGOs	US\$ 4,000,000
	Project Title: Increase access to health care for affected communities		
	Aim: Re-establish through the provision of temporary or semi-permanent health infrastructures and equipment , essential Primary health care services in areas where health facilities are destroyed and/or to the new settlements		
<i>WHO in conjunction with IOM</i>	Beneficiaries: Entire population of the affected area	Partners: Ministry of Health, UNICEF, UNFPA and other stakeholders	US\$ 850,000
	Project Title: Coordination, policy formulation and provision of mental health and psychosocial interventions.		
	Aim: To provide access to emergency related mental health care at all levels of care. To ensure interagency coordination and quality assurance in the area of mental health and psychological support.		

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