Through the revised UN Flash Appeal, the Health Cluster is requesting US$ 55.38 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

The earthquake killed a yet undetermined, but high number of health workers and destroyed approximately 70% of the health facilities present in the area. In addition, it left more than 75,000 injured people in need of urgent medical and/or surgical care.

In the last two weeks, national and international field hospitals have been set up and referral regional hospitals strengthened to deal with this tremendous workload, but still a lot remains to be done. Two weeks after the earthquake, several affected areas have not yet been assessed nor reached.

The present health risks stem from inadequate shelter conditions, lack of safe drinking water and poor sanitation. In addition to these health risks, there is the threat of disease outbreaks, the collapse of the health system and the psychological trauma of losing loved ones or being injured in the earthquake.

All these threats and demands put extreme pressures on health agencies, whether governmental, UN or NGOs, to boost up emergency health care services, resume primary health care and strengthen the early warning disease surveillance and response system.
HEALTH CLUSTER OBJECTIVES:

- Support the Ministry of Health and local health authorities in assessment and monitoring of health threats and needs, including the set up of an early warning surveillance and response system of epidemic prone diseases.

- Ensure coordination on health priorities, strategies, plans and inputs of all partners in the health cluster in order to ensure that the health needs and critical gaps in the health response, including relief supplies and human resources, are identified and met.

- Address critical threats and gaps in health service delivery with appropriate and quality primary health actions and secondary and tertiary levels medical care in the affected areas.

- Strengthen and repair the local health systems (infrastructures as well human resources) and build the capacity of national/local health authorities as well of international partners in order to cope with the urgent health challenges and the early recovery related activities.

PROJECTS AND FUNDING REQUESTS

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<td>Project: Re-vitalize 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. <strong>Objectives:</strong> 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. <strong>Strategy:</strong> Depending on assessment of damage to health infrastructure, develop and implement a comprehensive plan for providing immediately access to uncovered communities and re-vitalizing primary health care in coordination with provincial and district health authorities, through semi-permanent simplified first level health facilities, or essential minimal physical rehabilitation when feasible. <strong>Beneficiaries:</strong> 4,000,000 affected population <strong>Partners:</strong> Government, UNICEF and local partners UNICEF – US$ 10,000,000 WHO – US$ 9,000,000 UNFPA – US$ 6,000,000</td>
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<td>WHO/UNFPA/UNICEF</td>
<td>Project: Revitalize hospital care services (secondary level) in regions affected by the earthquake <strong>Objectives:</strong> 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 <strong>Beneficiaries:</strong> 4 million affected population <strong>Partners:</strong> Ministry of Health, UNICEF, UNFPA and other stakeholders WHO – US$ 4,000,000 UNFPA – US$ 2,000,000 UNICEF – US$ 1,000,000</td>
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| **WHO** | **SAEQ-05/H02** | **Project:** Disease Surveillance and Early Warning System  
**Objectives:** To detect, investigate and respond to disease outbreaks in order to reduce morbidity and mortality due to epidemic prone diseases  
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.  
**Beneficiaries:** 4 million affected population  
**Partners:** Ministry of Health and other stakeholders | 3,200,000 |
| **WHO** | **SAEQ-05/H01** | **Project:** Emergency health relief operations including coordination and Information Management  
**Objectives:** 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 monitoring the evolving health situation, coordinate health response, manage, analyse and disseminate essential health information, highlight the health priorities  
**Beneficiaries:** 4 million affected population  
**Partners:** Ministry of Health and other stakeholders | 3,500,000 |
| **WHO** |  | **Project:** Environmental Health Response  
**Objectives:** 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 surveillance, focused environmental health interventions and outbreak prevention.  
**Beneficiaries:** 4 million affected population  
**Partners:** Ministry of Health, UNICEF and other stakeholders | 3,200,000 |
| **UNAIDS** | **SAEQ-05/H08** | **Project:** HIV-AIDS prevention  
**Objectives:** To ensure safe blood transfusions (screening about 10,000 transfusions for HIV, Hepatitis B and C), establish syndromic STI treatment and reproductive health services, establish one VCT centre and promote HIV-AIDS awareness involving the leadership  
**Beneficiaries:** 4,000,000 population of affected areas | 500,000 |
| **IOM** | **SAEQ-05/H11** | **Project:** Medical evacuation of injured patients whose treatment is not available locally.  
**Objective:** To coordinate and implement transportation of the patients to the receiving health settings- Support the receiving health centres in term of equipment, supplies and human recourses.  
**Beneficiaries:** Injured patients  
**Partners:** Ministry of Health, WHO and other governmental and non-governmental organizations | 1,000,000 |
| **IOM/WHO** |  | **Project:** Increase access to health care for affected communities  
**Objective:** 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  
**Beneficiaries:** Patients directly and entire community indirectly  
**Partners:** Ministry of Health, WHO and NGOs  
IOM – US$ 1,000,000  
WHO – US$ 4,000,000 | 5,000,000 |
| **IOM/WHO** |  | **Project:** Coordination, policy formulation and provision of mental health and psychosocial interventions.  
**Objective:** 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.  
**Beneficiaries:** Entire population of the affected area  
**Partners:** Ministry of Health, UNICEF, UNFPA and other stakeholders  
WHO – US$ 850,000  
IOM – US$ 500,000  
| 1,350,000 |
| **AAI** | **Australian International** | **Project:** Emergency medical assistance and community health initiatives to the affected population of Bagh  
**Objectives:** To provide essential emergency medical care to affected people. | 850,000 |
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<td>AGA KHAN</td>
<td>Provision of essential health services to earthquake hit communities in Azad, Pakistan-administered Kashmir and NWFP</td>
<td>Establish temporary first level Primary Health Care centres to replace those damaged by the earthquake</td>
<td>150,000 target population</td>
<td>MOH, District Health Authorities, LEAP Pakistan, HRDN</td>
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<td>Greenstar Marketing</td>
<td>Distribution of point-of-use water purification product for 300,000 people for six months; to deploy a network of volunteer health providers and provide medical supplies; to provide reproductive health products such as clean delivery kits, condoms and STI treatment kits and IPC materials to affected population.</td>
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<td>Mercy Corps</td>
<td>Humanitarian and Rehabilitation Assistance to Siran and Konch valleys in Mansehra District</td>
<td>Provision of critical Primary Health Care services to vulnerable communities in earthquake-affected areas of Siran and Konch valley</td>
<td>estimated population of 120,000 people</td>
<td>Ministry of Health and local communities</td>
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<td>Merlin</td>
<td>Reduction of Morbidity and Mortality in Panjikot and Lower Neelum Valleys through Trauma and Primary Health Care provision</td>
<td>Reduction of immediate trauma related morbidity and mortality through provision of appropriate facilities, equipment, pharmaceuticals and human resources and Reduction of morbidity and mortality related to common illnesses through provision of Primary Health Care in Panjikot and Lower Neelum through provision of Primary Health Care in Panjikot and Lower Neelum</td>
<td>115,000 affected population</td>
<td>Ministry of Health</td>
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<td>Save the Children-</td>
<td>Primary Health Care including MCH in earthquake affected areas in NWFP</td>
<td>Training and mobilizing human resources for district health care delivery system including LHWs.</td>
<td>100,000 women and children in affected areas of NWFP</td>
<td>Ministry of Health, UNICEF, WHO</td>
<td>720,000</td>
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<td>Save the Children-</td>
<td>Establish a field Hospital at the site of Batagram District Hospital</td>
<td>To provide follow-up care for trauma, emergencies and routine care</td>
<td>1,000,000 women and children in affected areas of NWFP</td>
<td>Ministry of Health, UNICEF, WHO</td>
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<td>Alliance SAEQ-05/H12</td>
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<td>To provide health assistance to affected population focusing on children and mothers in Shangla and Mansehra Districts</td>
<td>40,000, including 20,000 Women and 20,000 Children</td>
<td>Local government, SRSP, CWS, Sungi</td>
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