

# Operations update



International Federation  
of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies

## PAKISTAN: BALUCHISTAN EARTHQUAKE

Emergency appeal n° MDRPK002  
GLIDE n° [EQ-2008-000206-PAK](#)  
Operations update n° 02  
19 December 2008

**Period covered by this Ops Update:** 3 to 17 December 2008.

**Appeal target (current):** CHF 2.5 million (USD 2.08 million or EUR 1.65 million)

**Appeal coverage:** 81%, including contributions in the pipeline; funds are still needed to enable the Pakistan Red Crescent Society to provide immediate warm shelter assistance; [<click here to go directly to the updated donor response report, or here to link to contact details >](#)

### Appeal history:

- This Emergency Appeal was launched on 19 November 2008 for CHF 2.5 million to provide emergency shelter provisions to 4,000 families (10 persons per family) affected by the earthquakes which struck Baluchistan on 29 October 2008 for a period of six months.



A PRCS personnel carrying-out emergency shelter distributions in the village of Shaheed Baba (Khawas union council), District Ziarat. Photo: International Federation.

**Summary:** With more harsh weather expected in the earthquake-affected areas of Baluchistan, the urgent need of emergency shelter still prevails. The Pakistan Red Crescent Society (PRCS)/International Federation has so far distributed emergency shelters among 375 families in Ziarat. Distributions in Pashin are expected to start from 20 December. The items in the emergency shelter package have been slightly altered and now bamboos/wood will also be provided to the targeted families (procurement is underway). The first supply of the emergency shelter items started reaching Quetta on 8 December. The remaining items are expected to arrive in Quetta in the coming week. The PRCS/International Federation have constructed five model emergency shelters in Ziarat. PRCS/International Federation is also disseminating the Red Cross Red Crescent Fundamental Principles and giving out details of the items to be distributed among the targeted families. The emergency shelter distributions under this appeal are expected to be completed by 31 December.

Under the International Committee of Red Cross (ICRC) Emergency Appeal and bilateral assistance, the PRCS has provided food and non-food items to 14,000 families and has treated more than 4,800 patients.

To date, the British Red Cross, Danish Red Cross/government, Netherlands Red Cross, Norwegian Red Cross, Swedish Red Cross and Swiss Red Cross/government have made contributions to this appeal. Bilateral contributions include a contribution from the Kuwait Red Crescent.

The International Federation, on behalf of the Pakistan Red Crescent Society, would like to thank all partners

for their response to this appeal to date.

## The situation

A series of powerful earthquakes shook the south-western province of Baluchistan in the early hours of 29 October. Two main shocks were felt: the first tremor with a magnitude of 5.2 on the Richter scale was felt at approximately 4:40 am (Pakistan standard time) while a second tremor with a 6.4 magnitude on the Richter scale occurred at 5:33 am (Pakistan standard time). The worst-affected districts were Ziarat, Pashin and Harnai. According to the provincial government, a total of 166 people lost lives while more than 320 have been injured. Aftershocks can still be felt in the affected areas.

In Ziarat and Pashin, the temperature drops between -2 and -4 degree centigrade during the night. The Pakistan Meteorological Department has predicted rain and snowfall (in the hills) in the affected areas in the coming days. The weather is expected to remain cloudy and cold during the next week.

Through its various agencies, the United Nations is carrying out a multi-sector relief effort in the affected areas which includes logistics support, education for children who lost their schools and the provision of healthcare, hygiene, food and shelter. The Provincial Disaster Management Authority (PDMA) and various non-governmental organizations/international non-governmental organizations (NGOs/INGOs) are also carrying out relief and health activities in the earthquake-affected areas.

The emergency shelter cluster has identified a need of 13,000 winterized shelters, out of which 9,500 have been committed so far. The PRCS, along with the International Federation and ICRC, has committed 6,000 emergency shelters (4,000 with the International Federation and 2,000 with ICRC).

## Coordination and partnerships

The Red Cross Red Crescent Movement partners present in the country are regularly coordinating with each other in both national (Islamabad) and provincial (Quetta) levels to provide efficient and effective provisions to the earthquake-affected people of Baluchistan.

External coordination with the provincial authorities is on-going. Apart from the PRCS/International Federation/ICRC, coordination meetings in Quetta are attended by the provincial administration, military, the UN and other NGOs/INGOs. In Ziarat and Pashin, daily coordination meetings are held with the local authorities. The daily coordination meetings in Islamabad, organized by the National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA), are attended by the PRCS disaster management department. The International Federation, through its head of office, has been visiting the chairman of NDMA to highlight the potential of emergency shelters in such disasters.

Under the emergency cluster system, the emergency shelter cluster (convened by the International Federation) organizes regular coordination meetings in Quetta. Various shelter cluster documents are available on the following website: <http://groups.google.com/groups/ESC-Baluchistan>.

### National Society Capacity Building:

The PRCS is the lead agency for the Red Cross Red Crescent Movement response to the Baluchistan earthquake. The PRCS Baluchistan branch is responsible for implementing the activities in the field, while an International Federation's technical/management support team is based in Quetta to provide support to the national society. Under this operation, the table below shows the breakdown of different teams:

Team	Number of people	PRCS/IFRC
Operations coordinator	1	IFRC
Assessment and distribution teams	24 (12 in Ziarat, 12 in Pashin)	PRCS
Dissemination team	7	PRCS
Warehouse team	5 (Quetta)	PRCS
Construction team	16	PRCS/IFRC
Technical team	5	IFRC

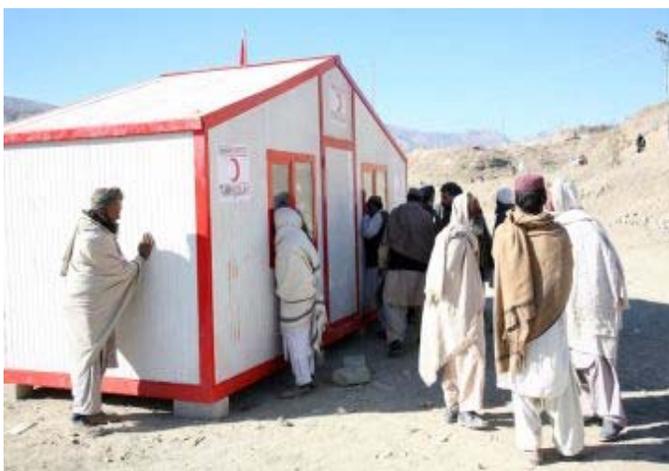
## Red Cross and Red Crescent action

### Overview

The emergency shelter distributions started in Ziarat on 13 December. The shelter items started reaching Quetta on 8 December. In Quetta, the items were handed over to the World Food Programme (WFP), which provided logistical support to the PRCS/International Federation in transporting the material to its (WFP's) warehouses in (Khawas) Ziarat and (Khanozai) Pashin.

The PRCS, along with its bilateral partners (most notably Kuwait and Turkish Red Crescent) and ICRC has provided food and non-food items to more than 14,000 earthquake-affected families in Ziarat, Pashin and Harnai. The table below illustrates the items distributed to date to the earthquake-affected families by the bilateral partners:

ITEMS	QUANTITIES
Summer tents	9,950
Winterized tents	2,146
Blankets	28,090
Tarpaulins	6,327
Stoves	3,502
Quilts	1,133
Kitchen sets	3,658
Jerry cans	9,719
Food packs	1,914



Local people looking at a completed Turkish Red Crescent container house. Photo: Turkish Red Crescent.

The ICRC has committed to provide 2,000 shelters, of which 1,394 have so far been distributed.

The PRCS medical team (previously supported and trained by the International Federation) has provided health and care to more than 4,800 patients to date. The common diseases found among the patients are respiratory tract infections, pneumonia, diarrhoea and psychological trauma.

The Turkish Red Crescent has so far erected more than 100 container houses, completing 85 per cent of the project (target of 120 families).

## Progress towards objectives

## Shelter

**Objective: To meet the emergency winterized shelter needs of 4,000 vulnerable families (some 40,000 beneficiaries; 10 persons per family) in the affected areas in Ziarat and Pashin districts in the south-west province of Baluchistan in Pakistan.**

### Emergency relief (Shelter)

Expected results	Activities planned
4,000 families are living in emergency shelters provided by the PRCS/International Federation to cope with the harsh winter.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Procurement, following International Federation standard procedures, of approximately 4,000 shelter kits.</li> <li>• Construction of model shelters.</li> <li>• Dissemination of Red Cross Red Crescent principles<sup>1</sup>.</li> <li>• Distribution of shelter items among the identified families.</li> </ul>

**Progress:** The emergency shelter relief items consisting of 10,000 corrugated galvanized irons (CGI) sheets, 2,000 shelter repair kits and 8,000 tarpaulins were delivered in Quetta between 8-14 December. The PRCS teams were deployed in Ziarat and Pashin on 12 December after attending a pre-deployment orientation session in Quetta. These teams subsequently started to carry out the verification of the data that was provided by PDMA/emergency shelter cluster. The emergency shelter cluster allocated an additional 312 families in Ziarat and 200 families in Pashin to the PRCS/International Federation. The breakdown of the families to be covered by PRCS/International Federation is as follows:

District	Total
Pashin	3,001
Ziarat	582
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,583</b>

The emergency shelter package that is being provided to the affected families has been slightly altered based on the suggestions provided by the team that is responsible for the construction of model houses. The package which is being given to each family now consists of the following items:

ITEMS	QUANTITIES
CGI sheets	12 sheets
Shelter repair kits	1 kit
Tarpaulins	2 sheets
Bamboos	10 (15-16 ft long with 3 meters diameter)
Timber	3 wood planks (13-14 ft long with 3 meters diameter)

The distributions of the emergency shelters started from 13 December in Ziarat. Distribution details are as follows:

District	Union Council	No. of families receiving emergency shelters
Ziarat	Khawas	268
	Ziarat	107
<b>Total</b>		<b>375</b>

Distributions have not yet started in Pashin. The reason there are no distributions in Pashin is that the additional procurement of bamboos and timber has started and the expected arrival date for these items is 19 December. The PRCS team in Pashin is verifying the families in the allocated areas.

The stock report as of 17 December is as follows:

Items	Quetta	Khawas(Ziarat)	Khanozai (Pashin)	Total
CGI sheets	0	2,500	2,800	5,300
Shelter repair kits	3,162	225	230	3,617
Tarpaulins	6,665	585	0	7,250
Wood-Bamboo	0	0	0	0

<sup>1</sup> New activity.

A 16-member shelter team, along with five carpenters was deployed in the field on 14 December for the construction of model shelters. So far, the team has constructed five model shelters in the Kawas and Kuch union councils of Ziarat district. This team plans to construct a total of 20 model shelters (five in Ziarat, 15 in Pashin).



The PRCS/IFRC team working at a model shelter (left). A completed model shelter (right). Photo: International Federation.

In order to make the targeted families knowledgeable of the Red Cross Red Crescent Movement and of the national society, a PRCS team carried out dissemination activities among the targeted families from 13-15 December 2008 in Ziarat. The dissemination team comprises of seven people and it went to the same families which were already verified by the PRCS assessment teams. Each session was 30-40 minutes long and participants asked various questions later on. This activity helped to harmonize the expectations of the targeted people in accordance with the PRCS/International Federation emergency shelter package, hence neutralizing any disinformation. The team will now be travelling to Pashin and conducting the same exercise there.

### Challenges

Due to the Eid holidays (Muslim festival) between 8 and 10 December, local labour in Baluchistan was not easily available. The Eid holidays also delayed the deployment of the PRCS staff in the field. Both these aspects have hindered the Baluchistan earthquake operation's tentative schedules. However, the PRCS/International Federation are still planning to complete the on-ground activities by 31 December 2008.

### Communications – Advocacy and Public Information

To date, the International Federation's communications team has posted three information bulletins and two (including this update) operation updates on the website ([www.ifrc.org](http://www.ifrc.org)) for this disaster. The communications team has also done one story on this earthquake. The delegation's communications coordinator and information officer maintain a regular coordination with the national society's principle information officer.

Both print and electronic media in Pakistan has covered the relief activities of the PRCS and Turkish Red Crescent containers' project on regular basis.

## How we work

***All International Federation assistance seeks to adhere to the Code of Conduct for the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement and Non-Governmental Organizations (NGO's) in Disaster Relief and is committed to the Humanitarian Charter and Minimum Standards in Disaster Response (Sphere) in delivering assistance to the most vulnerable.***

The International Federation's activities are aligned with its Global Agenda, which sets out four broad goals to meet the Federation's mission to "improve the lives of vulnerable people by mobilizing the power of humanity".

### Global Agenda Goals:

- Reduce the numbers of deaths, injuries and impact from disasters.
- Reduce the number of deaths, illnesses and impact from diseases and public health emergencies.
- Increase local community, civil society and Red Cross Red Crescent capacity to address the most urgent situations of vulnerability.
- Reduce intolerance, discrimination and social exclusion and promote respect for diversity and human dignity.

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**Donor response to MDRPK002 - Pakistan - Baluchistan Earthquake**

TIMEFRAME: 19 Nov 08 to 18 May 09

LOCATION: Pakistan

TOTAL AMOUNT SOUGHT:	2,499,553
TOTAL RECEIVED TO DATE:	1,070,518
APPEAL COVERAGE TO DATE:	43%

Updated on: 19 Dec 2008

Currency	Amount	Goal 1: Disaster Management CHF	Goal 2: Health and Care CHF	Goal 3: Capacity Building CHF	Goal 4: Principles and Values CHF	Coordination CHF	Total CHF	
<b>BUDGET</b>		<b>2,499,553</b>					<b>2,499,553</b>	
<b>FUNDING</b>								
<b>Opening Balance</b>								
<b>Income</b>								
<b>Cash contributions (received and pledged)</b>								
British Red Cross	GBP	75,000	137,665				137,665	
Danish Red Cross (from Danish Government)	CHF	145,989	145,989				145,989	
Netherlands Red Cross	EUR	200,000	316,406				316,406	
New York Office (from United States - Private Donors)	USD	25	29				29	
Norwegian Red Cross	NOK	500,000	83,485				83,485	
Swedish Red Cross	SEK	2,000,000	286,944				286,944	
Swiss Red Cross (from Swiss Government)	CHF	100,000	100,000				100,000	
<b>Total Cash contributions</b>		<b>1,070,518</b>					<b>1,070,518</b>	
<b>Total Income</b>		<b>1,070,518</b>					<b>1,070,518</b>	
<b>TOTAL FUNDING</b>		<b>1,070,518</b>		<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1,070,518</b>
<b>COVERAGE</b>		<b>43%</b>					<b>43%</b>	