I. HIGHLIGHTS

- An 6.1 magnitude earthquake struck western Iran at 2:15 a.m. (local time) on 26 August 2018
- Two people were killed and more than 300 injured in Iran; some structural damage recorded
- Tremors felt throughout central and north-eastern Iraq; no casualties or damage reported

II. Situation Overview

An earthquake measuring 6.1 on the Richter Scale struck Tazaabad, Kermanshah Province in western Iran at 2:15 a.m. (local time) on 26 August 2018.

An elderly man and a pregnant woman have been reported killed; 310 people are reported injured. Some structural damage to buildings and vehicles in Tazaabad has been reported. National authorities are responding. No request for international assistance has been made at this time.

Tremors and aftershocks were felt in the surrounding region, and throughout central and north-eastern Iraq as well, including Baghdad, Kirkuk, Sulaymaniyah, Erbil and parts of Salah al-Din. No casualties or damage were reported in Iraq.

Kermanshah Province was the site of a previous earthquake in November 2017. The 7.3 magnitude quake killed more than 500 people in Iran and injured thousands of others. In Iraq, nine people were killed and hundreds injured.

Iran sits on top of two tectonic plates and experiences frequent seismic activity.

III. Humanitarian Needs and Response

None expected at this time.

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