

# 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° 01  
5 December 2008

**Period covered by this Ops Update:**  
20 November to 2 December 2008.

**Appeal target (current):** CHF 2.5 million (USD 2.08 million or EUR 1.65 million); [<click here to view the attached Emergency Appeal Budget>](#)

**Appeal coverage:** 59%, including contributions in the pipeline; funds are still very urgently 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 shelter provisions to 4,000 families (10 persons per family) affected by the earthquakes which struck Baluchistan on 29 October.



Pakistan Red Crescent Society volunteers carrying out assessments for relief distributions in a village in Ahmedun in District Ziarat. Photo: Mubashir Fida/International Federation.

**Summary:** The mercury in the earthquake-affected areas in Baluchistan drops below zero during the night. While various immediate needs of health, food and relief are being dealt with by different humanitarian partners working in the area, the need for shelter is still very much present as the affected people are living under very harsh conditions. The International Federation is in the process of procuring the contents of 4,000 warm shelters. The activities to be implemented under the emergency appeal in the earthquake-affected areas have been finalized. The Baluchistan disaster management authority and UN-led emergency shelter cluster has allocated specific areas to different organizations working in shelter, including the Pakistan Red Crescent Society (PRCS)/International Federation. The PRCS/International Federation operation is expected to be completed by 31 December 2008.

Under the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) Emergency Appeal and bilateral assistance, the national society has provided food and non-food assistance to more than 11,000 affected families and has treated more than 4,000 patients.

To date, the British, Danish, Swedish and Swiss Red Cross Societies 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

Two strong earthquakes with magnitudes 5.2 and 6.4 on the Richter scale jolted the south-western province of Baluchistan in the early hours of 29 October 2008. The epicentre of the earthquake was 70 kilometres north-east of Quetta (provincial capital) and 25 kilometres east of Ziarat. The most affected districts are Ziarat, Pashin and Harnai. According to the provincial government, a total of 166 people have lost their lives while more than 320 have been injured. A series of strong aftershocks intensified the magnitude of damage.

Various humanitarian organizations such as the World Food Programme (WFP), World Health Organization (WHO), UN-HABITAT and different national non-governmental organizations are providing health, food, and relief items among the affected families.

According to the Pakistan Meteorological Department, the weather is expected to remain cloudy in Ziarat and Pashin in the coming days. There is also a possibility of snowfall in the hills. The temperature in both the affected districts falls below zero degree centigrade during night time.

Approximately 75,000 people have been affected by the earthquake and most of them are living in summer tents. Therefore, the urgent need of providing the affected people with winterized shelter still prevails. The emergency shelter cluster has given the need of 13,000 winterized shelters to be distributed in the earthquake-affected areas.

## Coordination and partnerships

The International Federation country office is closely coordinating with PRCS and ICRC, both in Islamabad and the provincial (Quetta) levels. The emergency clusters system was activated within days of the earthquake. The emergency shelter cluster convened by the International Federation is based in Quetta consisting of a shelter information manager and shelter coordinator. The shelter cluster organizes regular coordination meetings with the organizations involved in shelter and disseminates information. Various shelter cluster documents can be found on <http://groups.google.com/group/ESC-Baluchistan>.

The Red Cross Red Crescent Movement partners are also coordinating regularly with the external partners such as the United Nation agencies, non-governmental organizations and international non-governmental organizations on a regular basis to avoid any duplication of work in the affected areas.

### National Society Capacity Building

The PRCS is taking the lead in the field through its Baluchistan provincial branch for the implementation of activities under this emergency appeal. The International Federation Pakistan country office is providing technical support. The staff matrix in Quetta, Ziarat and Pashin will be as follows:

From 4-14 December:

Location	PRCS	IFRC	Volunteers	Construction	NDRT	Delegates
Quetta	4	4	4	1	1	1
Pashin	5	0	20	12	1	0
Ziarat	15	0	20	6	1	0

From 14-30 December:

Location	PRCS	IFRC	Volunteers	Construction	NDRT	Delegates
Quetta	4	4	4	1	1	1
Pashin	2	0	40	18	2	4
Ziarat	1	0	0	0	0	0

## Red Cross and Red Crescent action

### Overview

For the designed warm shelter response in the earthquake-affected areas of Baluchistan, the procurement process has been expedited; this will help in achieving the objective – providing affected people with warm



Pakistan Red Crescent Society Baluchistan provincial branch's disaster management manager carrying out registration of the beneficiaries for relief distributions in village Ahmedun in District Ziarat. Photo: Mubashir Fida/International Federation.

shelters to cope with the harsh winter of Baluchistan. The complete plan for the warm shelter distribution is given in this operations update.

To date, the PRCS has provided food and non-food items to more than 11,000 earthquake-affected families in Ziarat, Pashin and Harnai. This also includes the assistance provided by various Red Cross Red Crescent partners on bilateral basis and ICRC (under the ICRC Emergency Appeal). The bilateral partners include American Red Cross, Iranian and Turkish Red Crescent. The PRCS mobile health team in Ziarat has also treated more than 4,000 patients.

Details of the distributions carried out by PRCS and ICRC are as follows:

Items	Ziarat	Pashin	Harnai	Total
Tents (Summer)	7,012	2,164	0	9,176
Tents (Winterized)	1,673	155	250	2,078
Tarpaulin sheets	5,094	280	500	5,874
Blankets/quilts	24,592	891	2,250	27,733
Hygiene kits	2,460	0	250	2,710
Jerry cans	7,306	0	0	7,306
Kitchen sets	2,581	0	0	2,581
Jackets	2,192	0	0	2,192
Stoves	2,617	0	250	2,867
Mats	0	477	0	477
Food parcels	1,000	0	0	1,000

Apart from the relief items, the Turkish Red Crescent has also taken up a project of constructing accommodation for 120 families by erecting 120 containers. Additionally, separate containers to be used as kitchens (20 containers having 120 kitchens), toilets / washrooms (20 containers having 120 toilets/washrooms) and stores (20 containers having 120 stores) are being put into place. These containers have been transported to Pakistan from Turkey through Iran. The Turkish Red Crescent inaugurated this project on 23 November and plans to finish it in December. A total of 60 containers have been erected so far.

Under its emergency appeal, the ICRC has committed to distribute 2,000 shelters; of which 500 have been distributed in the affected areas so far.

## 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.**

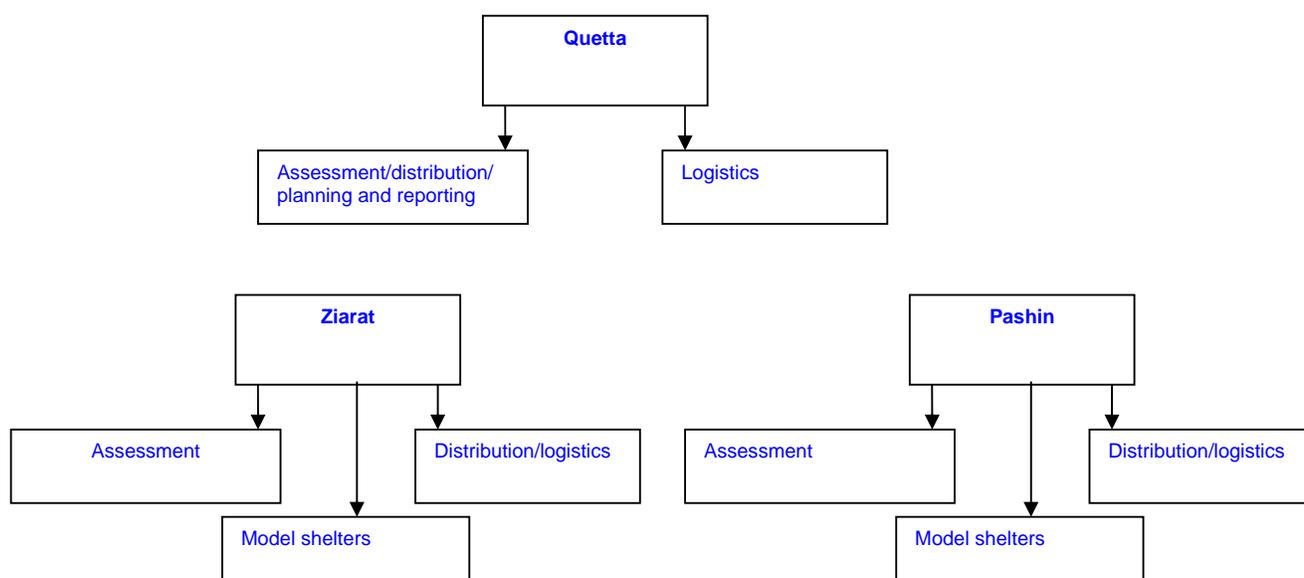
### Emergency relief (Shelter)

Expected results	Activities planned
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4,000 families are living in warm 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 to 4,000 targeted families.</li> <li>• Construction of model shelters<sup>1</sup>.</li> <li>• Distribution of shelter items among the identified families.</li> </ul>
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### Progress

The warm shelter distributions will be carried out in Ziarat and Pashin. Technical support, planning and provincial coordination will be done by a support team in Quetta. The team structures in Quetta, Ziarat and Pashin are as follows:



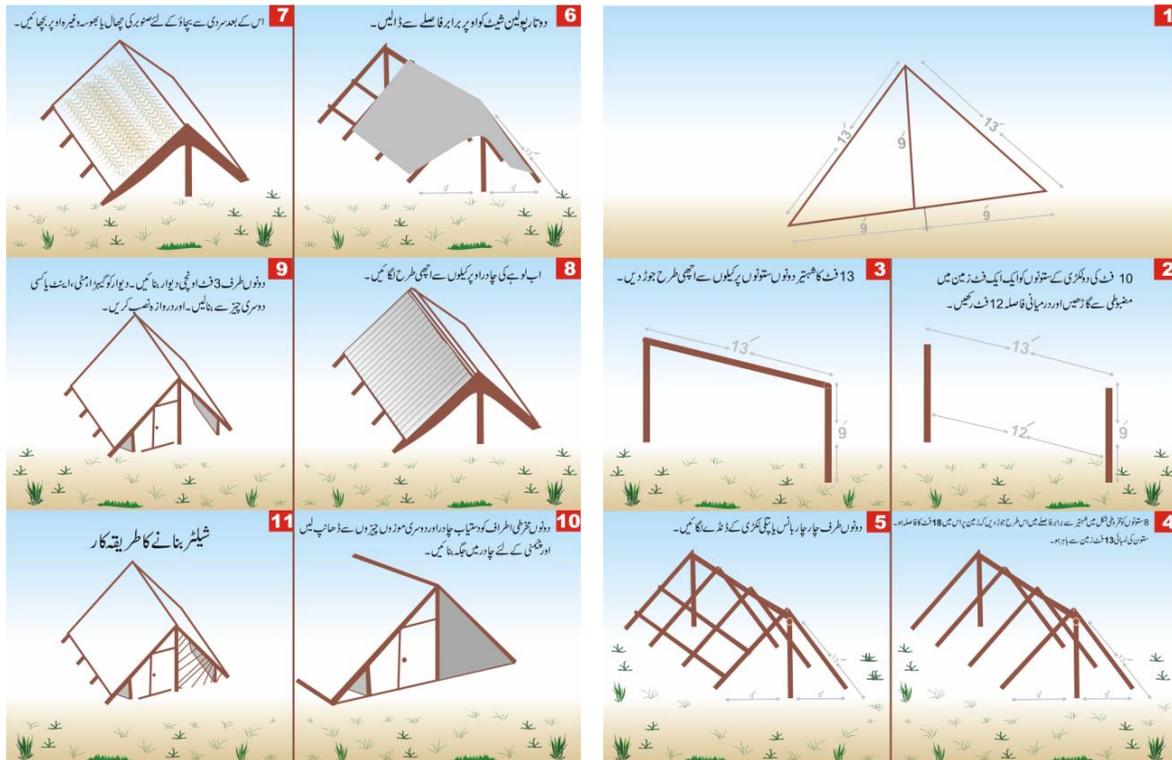
The breakdown of the warm shelters stated in the emergency appeal document was tentative. The emergency shelter cluster has now allocated areas and number of shelters to be provided to each humanitarian organization working in the affected areas. The areas allocated to the PRCS/International Federation are as follows (further areas will be allocated in the coming days):

Ziarat/Pashin	Distribution areas	No. of shelters
Ziarat (270 families)	Sundayman Tangi	6
	Chauvitra	14
	Akram Askhobi	4
	Zharchana	23
	Saleh Askhobi	16
	Bastergi	20
	Bano Askhobi	7
	Sagi	33
	Mali Kuth	37
	Murdar Kuch	7
	Zhar Gath	7
	Sussan Mana	33
	Susnak Mana	1
	Suri	3
	Koshki	33
	Baba Kharwari	8
	Sara Khezi	5
	Goda Chashma	10
	Zerzeri	3

<sup>1</sup> New activity.

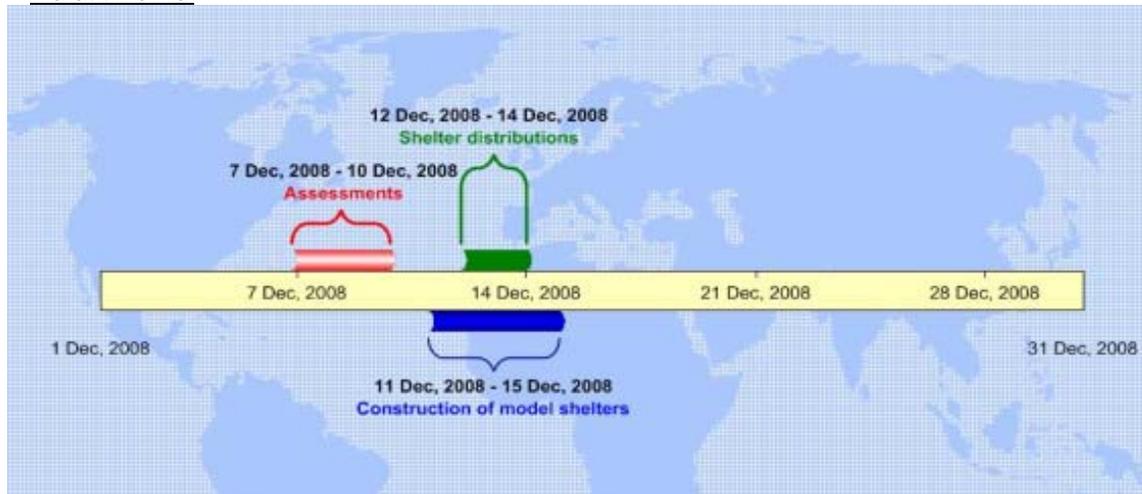
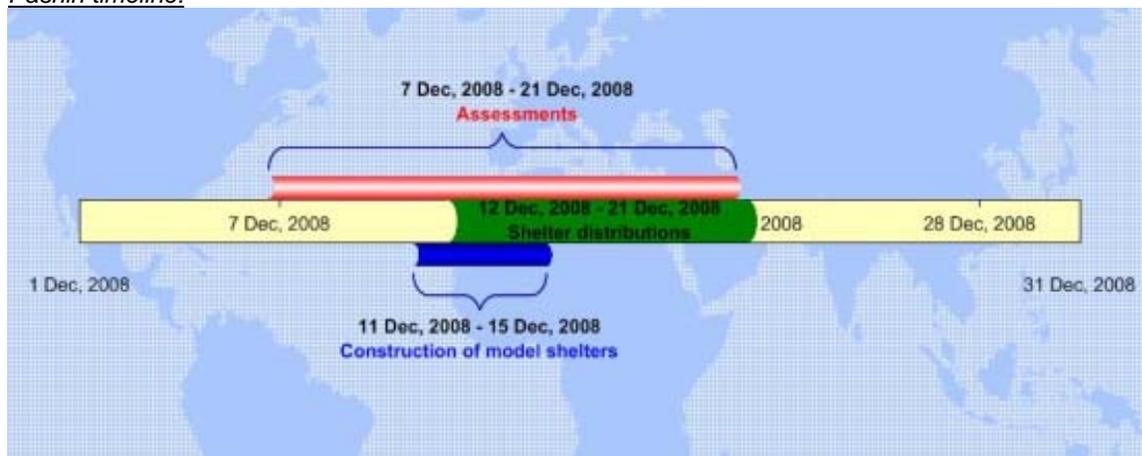
Pashin (2,805 families)	Rodh Malazai	520
	Dilsora	113
	Khushab	1,172
	Balozai	267
	Khanozai	733
<b>Total</b>		<b>3,075</b>

The people in the earthquake-affected areas are accustomed to building and living in mud or mud-brick houses. The items that will be provided to the people consist of corrugated iron sheets (CGIs), tarpaulins and shelter repair kits. In order to build an understanding among the communities, the International Federation decided to demonstrate the utility of shelter kits by constructing model shelters recommended by the emergency shelter cluster. The International Federation construction team (based in Islamabad under the Pakistan earthquake 2005 appeal) is carrying out this activity and is in constant dialogue with UN-HABITAT. It is also planned to distribute two-pager guidelines in Urdu to the targeted people with easy-to-follow steps on how to construct a proposed safe and warm shelter. However, the model shelter will only be a recommendation and not enforced on the people.



The International Federation is in the process of getting this two-page information sheet printed. This sheet will be distributed among the targeted families. Photo: International Federation.

The first activity related to shelter distributions is planned to be implemented on 5 December 2008 with the induction training of the PRCS staff and volunteers about the earthquake operation. The assessment teams in Ziarat and Pashin will authenticate the targeted 4,000 families, which have been assigned to the PRCS/International Federation by the emergency shelter cluster. Model shelters will then be erected in Pashin and Ziarat. The third step will be to carry out the distributions of the warm shelters among the earthquake-affected families. Tentative timeline of the activities to be implemented in the field is as follows:

Ziarat timeline:Pashin timeline:

Keeping the urgency of need of the earthquake-affected people in view, the procurement process was accelerated; it was completed in seven days with purchase order issued on 28 November 2008.

Tentative delivery (to be implemented in December 2008) schedule for the shelter items is as follows:

- 1,000 family warm shelter kits to be delivered in Quetta on 9 December 2008.
- 1,000 family warm shelter kits to be delivered in Quetta on 18 December 2008.
- 2,000 family warm shelter kits to be delivered in Quetta on 24 December 2008.

The WFP has agreed to let the PRCS/International Federation utilize its Rubb halls in Khanozai (Pashin) and Kawas (Ziarat) for storage of the warm shelter kits. The WFP has also agreed to provide transportation of warm shelters from Quetta to Ziarat (main city).

**Challenge**

The security situation in the country can become a challenge at any time. The supplier being used by the International Federation is routing the shelter items through Karachi and the city faced certain law and order situation in the last week of November, forcing the businesses of the city to close down. Approximately 50 people lost their lives during clashes among two political groups. Though the situation subsided fast, there is the danger that it can arise again.

**Communications – Advocacy and Public Information**

The International Federation communications team is in constant contact with the PRCS principle information officer. The International Federation information officer went to the affected areas with the initial assessment team

two days after the earthquake and provided a regular flow of up-to-date photographs. So far, one story on the Baluchistan earthquake has been posted on the International Federation website.

The Turkish Red Crescent event on 23 November and PRCS relief distributions have been widely covered by the local media.

## 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:	532,377
APPEAL COVERAGE TO DATE:	21%

Updated on: 05 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>FUNDING</b>							
<u>Opening Balance</u>							
<b>Income</b>							
<b>Cash contributions (received and pledged)</b>							
British Red Cross	GBP	75,000	137,665				137,665
Swedish Red Cross	SEK	2,000,000	294,711				294,711
Swiss Red Cross (from Swiss Government)	CHF	100,000	100,000				100,000
<b>Total Cash contributions</b>			<b>532,377</b>				<b>532,377</b>
<b>Total Income</b>			<b>532,377</b>				<b>532,377</b>
<b>TOTAL FUNDING</b>			<b>532,377</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>532,377</b>
<b>COVERAGE</b>							<b>21%</b>