

Emergency appeal



International Federation
of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies

PAKISTAN: BALUCHISTAN EARTHQUAKE

Emergency appeal n° MDRPK002
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This Emergency Appeal seeks CHF 2.5 million (USD 2.08 million or EUR 1.65 million) in cash, kind, or services, to support the Pakistan Red Crescent Society's (PRCS) humanitarian response to 4,000 families in the worst-affected areas of Ziarat and Pishin for a period of six months.

The above-given figure is based on the needs identified by the PRCS/International Federation assessment teams. This is in response to the request of the National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA) and emergency shelter cluster,

which has identified the need of 13,000 winterized shelters to support the full population affected. These are complementary to the needs identified and covered by the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) Appeal.

On 29 October 2008, a strong earthquake with a magnitude of 6.4 on the Richter scale shook Pakistan's south-western province of Baluchistan at 5:33 am (Pakistan standard time; GMT +6). The worst-hit areas were the districts of Ziarat, Pishin and Harnai. Between 7,000 and 8,000 households were destroyed and others badly damaged, rendering around 70,000 to 80,000 people homeless (average family size is 10 persons in this region). Following preliminary assessments, the government and international humanitarian organizations, including the Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement, undertook massive emergency relief operations in the affected areas.

There is therefore a need for emergency shelter in the affected areas to ensure people are protected and kept warm as temperatures drop to minus nine degrees centigrade during night. The affected population is taking refuge in tents and makeshift shelters, which are inadequate to meet the requirements of the weather. Most of the affected areas are situated in the hills, where severe cold weather could pose a risk to life and has led to an increase in respiratory tract infections.

This appeal seeks to provide support to families not covered by the humanitarian response of other agencies and to support the Pakistan Red Crescent in assisting those affected by this earthquake.

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Affected communities clearing up the rubble in Ziarat.

Photo: Mubashir Fide/International Federation

The situation



The onset of winter poses a threat to the survival of the vulnerable people who are mostly staying in tents.

Photo: Teresita Usapdin/International Federation

A series of powerful earthquakes shook Pakistan's south-western province of Baluchistan in the early morning hours of 29 October 2008. 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 epicentre of the earthquake was 70 kilometres north-east of the provincial capital of Quetta and 25 kilometres east of Ziarat. The worst-hit areas were the districts of Ziarat, Pishin and Harnai. A series of aftershocks followed the two major earthquakes; it increased the magnitude of damage in the affected areas.

According to government officials, about 7,000 to 8,000 households were completely damaged, displacing approximately 70,000 to 80,000 people. A total of 166 people have lost their lives and 320 have been injured.

Most of the schools and other public infrastructures have collapsed or are severely damaged.

Following preliminary assessments, the government and humanitarian players in the field, including the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement, are mobilizing their resources in distributing food and non-food items to the affected families. Health and care provisions are also being made available in the affected areas.

Though the emergency needs of the affected people are being dealt with by the various humanitarian actors in the field, there is still an outstanding need for warm shelter.

With the onset of winter, the need to provide the affected families with more durable and sturdy winter-resistant shelter is urgent. Most of the affected villages are situated at the foot of the barren hills where people have no sufficient means to protect themselves from the severe cold. As most of the people in the affected areas were living in mud or mud-brick houses, most of the houses have been destroyed or severely damaged. The tents which affected families are now living in are not designed for winter. Those who stay in tents are mostly children and women. Men stay outside and warm themselves with wood fires. Extreme weather conditions of between minus four and minus nine degrees centigrade have been recorded, especially at night time. The temperature is expected to drop as winter progresses.

Coordination and partnerships

The International Federation and the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) are coordinating closely with the Pakistan Red Crescent Society (PRCS). The International Federation, as shelter cluster convenor for natural disasters, has been tasked by the Inter-Agency Standing Committee (IASC) and the National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA) to coordinate emergency shelter efforts in the affected areas. More details can be found at the website of the Shelter Cluster in Pakistan, which includes a mailing list: <http://groups.google.com/grou/ESC-Baluchistan>.

The Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement is coordinating with the United Nations, non-governmental organizations, international non-governmental organizations and the Pakistan Government in Islamabad, as well as in the affected areas, to ensure efficient and effective service delivery to the affected families.

Red Cross and Red Crescent action

So far, the PRCS, with the support of the International Federation and the ICRC has distributed food and non-food items to more than 8,000 households (approximately 80,000 people) in the affected areas in Ziarat, Pishin and Harnai districts. Distributions carried out so far include:

Items	Quantity
Tents (summer)	3,361
Tents (winterized)	1,491
Blankets	18,136
Tarpaulins	5,090
Quilts	1,542
Mats	186
Kitchen sets	1,912
Jackets	1,380
Stoves	1,815
Jerry cans	3,940
Hygiene kits	2,462
Shelter kits	10
Food parcels	1,000

The PRCS has mobilized and deployed two mobile health units in the Ziarat area to provide health and care to the affected population. Each health team is composed of one male doctor, one female doctor, one female health visitor, two volunteers and a driver. To date, the PRCS health teams have treated a total of 3,209 patients in Ziarat. The common cases treated were respiratory tract infection, pneumonia and diarrhoea.

The two PRCS psychological support teams, composed of one female and one male social worker trained by the Turkish Red Crescent, are conducting house-to-house visits in four major areas in Ziarat, namely Wam Debona, Kan Bangla, Killi Payoa and Sankhezai. The teams organize various activities to help comfort people. According to the teams, most people – especially children – still live in fear, with aftershocks still shaking the ground. The psychological support teams are organizing the communities into groups so they can talk openly amongst themselves about their experiences. The PRCS, with the support of the communities, has also built a tent school in Ziarat for the continuing informal education of the children and to serve as a venue for socialization and games.

The International Federation is launching this emergency appeal in response to a request made by the NDMA to PRCS to provide winter shelter. Given the gravity of the situation and the onset of the winter season, this emergency appeal is being launched with a focus on earthquake-hit areas in Baluchistan. Further information will be provided shortly with Operations Updates reflecting Red Cross and Red Crescent action, as well as details on the evolving needs.



The PRCS has so far distributed food and non-food items among more than 8,000 households. Photo: Mubashir Fide/International Federation

The needs

Immediate needs: Though the number of deaths and injuries is not so high, large numbers of people have been rendered homeless either through their dwellings being destroyed or severely damaged. The affected people require emergency shelter with the approaching winter season.

The proposed operation

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 Pishin districts in the south-west province of Baluchistan in Pakistan.

Emergency relief (Shelter)

Expected results	Activities planned
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"> Procurement in country, following International Federation procurement procedures, of approximately 4,000 shelter kits. Distribution of shelter items for 4,000 targeted families.

The areas to be covered under this appeal are Ziarat and Pishin districts. The breakdown of the targeted families is as follows:

- In Ziarat district: 3,578 families.
- In Pishin district: 450 families.

The identification of beneficiaries and the distribution of these shelter items will be carried out in coordination with other agencies to ensure effective targeting of appropriate assistance.

Items to be distributed per family will consist of:

Item	Quantity
Corrugated galvanized iron (CGI) sheets	10
Shelter repair kit*	1
Tarpaulin/ plastic sheets	2

Note: A shelter repair kit consists of the following items: 1 kg 3 inch nails, 1 kg 4 inch nails, 1 kg 6 inch nails, 2 kg roofing nails, 0.5 kg washer roofing nails, one wooden saw, one sheet cutter, a claw hammer, one shovel with wooden handle, one pick with wooden handle and 20 meters nylon rope

Capacity of the National Society

The PRCS has a strong provincial branch in Baluchistan. PRCS has eight disaster management cells, three basic health units and three mobile health units. It has a base of 50 committed volunteers serving on a rotation basis in the quake-affected areas. However, due to the urgency of the humanitarian response and geographical location of the affected areas, national support is being mobilized from other parts of the country. This includes national and regional disaster response team (NDRT and RDRT) trained personnel from the PRCS from other areas in Pakistan. The PRCS national headquarters is also providing logistical and technical support to the branch for fast and more efficient delivery of services to the affected families.

Capacity of the International Federation

The International Federation has a country offices based in Islamabad. The office consists of head of country office, deputy head of country office, reconstruction coordinator, communications coordinator, logistics coordinator, finance delegate, disaster management manager, health manager and human resources and administrative manager.

To support the operation and liaise with Red Cross Movement partners, the International Federation country office has deployed an operations coordinator in Quetta.

In addition, the International Federation Shelter Department in Geneva, together with the International Federation country office, have mobilized a Shelter Coordination Team, consisting of a Coordinator, an Advisor, a Shelter Information Manager from Netherlands Red Cross, and a Technical Coordinator to support the shelter cluster in Pakistan for this disaster. A Recovery Advisor is being identified.

Budget summary

See attached budget (Annex 1) for details.

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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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APPEAL BUDGET SUMMARY

Annex 1

Pakistan : Baluchistan Earthquake

MDRPK002

ORIGINAL

RELIEF NEEDS

Shelter	1,920,000
Other Supplies & Services	3,000
Total Relief Needs	1,923,000

CAPITAL EQUIPMENT

Computers & Telecom Equipment	5,714
Office / Household furniture & Equipment	2,000

TRANSPORT, STORAGE & VEHICLES

Storage - Warehouse	9,500
Distribution & Monitoring	10,000
Transport & Vehicles Costs	60,271

PERSONNEL

International Staff	36,000
National Staff	60,014
National Society Staff	129,519
Consultants	45,857

GENERAL EXPENSES

Travel	31,714
Information & Public Relations	6,900
Office running costs	9,457
Communication Costs	7,136

PROGRAMME SUPPORT

Programme Support - PSR (6.5% of total)	162,471
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Total Operational Needs	576,553
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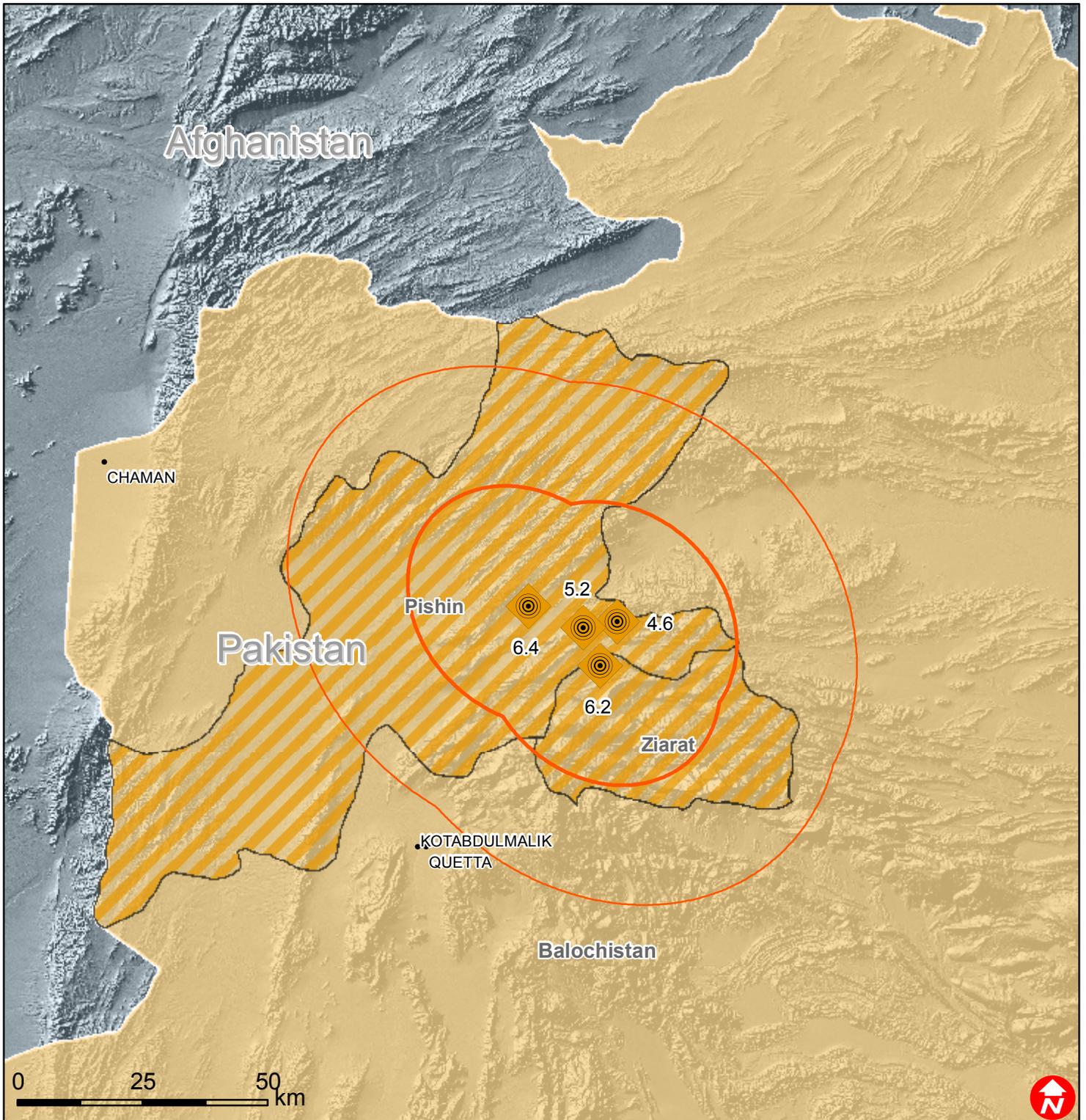
Total Appeal Budget (Cash & Kind)	2,499,553
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Less Available Resources

Net Request	2,499,553
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Pakistan: Baluchistan earthquake



- Earthquakes
- Cities
- Districts affected
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