



Pakistan Red Crescent Society
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PRCS HUMANITARIAN OPERATION IN TEHSIL HUNZA (GILGIT-BALTISTAN)

Situation Report - 1

Reporting period – from 4th Jan 2010 to 9th Jan 2010

SITUATION OVERVIEW

A massive landslide hit Hunza District on 4th January 2010 followed by boulders and rocks, sliding two villages including Atta Abad into the Hunza River. The first landslide swept into the valley at 1.30 pm on Monday and a couple of hours later a second slide came down with high intensity completely wiping-out anything in its path.

According to Govt. sources, OCHA Hunza report and local sources: -

- Till 7th January about 1,673 men, women and children of Atabad and the adjacent Sarat and Salmanabad have been registered and settled in camps set up in four schools and with host families.
- At least 15 people are reported to have been killed and others are still missing.
- A total of 34 houses are said to have been destroyed and dozens of others damaged in the two villages that lie in the Gilgit-Baltistan region.

The District Administration has closed a portion of Shahra-e-Karakorum between Hunza and Swat for all types of traffic and declared emergency in Hunza. Chinese engineers have started removing the 263 feet high debris and boulders spread over about 4km stretch of the Karakoram Highway (KKH).

The communication channels are working and mobile networks are functional in Hunza.

PRCS RESPONSE

The debris of the houses also fell down into the Hunza River, blocking its water flow. This sliding debris has completely obstructed the water stream. On 6th January Pakistan Red Crescent Society (PRCS) Gilgit-Baltistan branch reported that the Hunza River is still blocked and its level had risen to 350 feet and still rising. The situation raises fears that low-lying areas across the river would be inundated. The population of these red-zone areas is estimated to be around 20,000 people.



Gilgit – Baltistan branch of the Pakistan Red Crescent Society has actively helped the affected people of Attabad disaster since day one, by supplying tents, medicines, blankets, food and other equipments. Total of four camps have been established in school and colleges.

The details of the affected areas as provided by the PRCS Gilgit-Baltistan Branch are as follows:

Area	Total Households	Population	Households damaged
Attabad (Bala)	103	820	27
Attabad (Paine)	26	278	16
Salamanabad (Bala)	37	492	
Salamanabad (Paine)	9	62	
Sarat		156	

The affected families have been shifted to the camps established in schools and colleges in Karimabad, Hunza. A total of 1652 individuals have been shifted so far.

PRCS team conducted an emergency assessment and distributed the following relief goods to the affected community: -

Area	Tents	Blankets	Plastic Sheet	Hygiene Kits	Lamp Hurricane	Stove	Total Beneficiaries
Ataabad Village	15	91	14	5	15	15	90

The items being immediately dispatched are:-

Sr. No.	Items	Total	Beneficiary Families	Remarks
Non Food Items (NFIs)				
1	Quilts	1200	300	4 per family
2	Jackets	2520	300	7 per family (2 x large size, 2 x medium size and 4 x small size) and additional to cater for large families
3	Shawls	1000	300	500 x male shawls and 500 x female shawls
Food Items				
1	Rice	6 tons	300	Being dispatched by PRCS NHQ
2	Sugar	4 tons	300	

Apart from 6 tons of Rice and 4 tons of sugar, PRCS is trying to arrange for the complete food package¹ for the affected families by coordinating with CSD Gilgit for providing remaining items as per availability and demand. This food package would be sufficient to cater for 20 days rations. Efforts are being made to assemble and gather more food packages so as to provide continued food support to all the affected families.

PRCS Joint Support

USAID

USAID has offered \$50,000 support in kind directly to PRCS for the affectees of Hunza land sliding. The modalities are being finalized and the support will be materialized soon.

¹ Complete Food Package consists of Wheat Flour, rice, beans, sugar, cooking oil, salt and tea.

IFRC and ICRC

IFRC and ICRC, the movement partners of PRCS have offered their services and support for helping the affected community of Hunza land sliding along with PRCS.

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