I. HIGHLIGHTS/KEY PRIORITIES

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- According to the Provincial Governor a rescue and medical team has been dispatched to the affected area.
- An emergency PDMC will be held on 12 June, 2012 at 07.30am, where the Head of Police who has gone to the affected area will be expected to brief the meeting.
- OCHA is liaising with local authorities and humanitarian partners to identify need and priorities for humanitarian response.

II. Situation Overview

According to USGS, on 11 June, Afghanistan’s Hindu Kush region was hit by three earthquakes that occurred at intervals of 26 minutes and one hour three minutes. Around 20 houses were destroyed as a result of the earthquakes in five districts (Nahrin, Burka, Guzargahi Nur, Khost wa Firing and Khwj Hjr) in Baghlan province. According to ANDMA three people are confirmed to have died in Jan Mohammad village in Burka district and unconfirmed reports suggest that others may be buried under the debris from the mountain landslide following the earthquake. A rescue operation by ARCS, Afghan Police and local communities is underway.

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III. Humanitarian Needs and Response

While search and rescue is going on, combined with rapid needs assessment the need are likely to be on emergency shelter, food, health (medical treatment), WASH and protection of civilians.

IV. Coordination

ANDMA and OCHA are coordinating the response in collaboration with humanitarian actors.

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