



Iranian
Red Crescent

Information bulletin

Iran: Earthquake

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This bulletin is being issued for information, and reflects the current situation and details available at this time.

The Situation

The earthquake with magnitude of 5.9 that struck northwestern Iran early Friday, 8 November 2019, has left 5 people dead and 584 injured so far.

About 30 kilometer from the epicenter of the earthquake has been affected which includes 6 cities and 145 villages with a population of 121,307. More than 159 aftershocks were felt with the largest 4.8 magnitudes across Turkamanchay in Sarab.

The most affected areas in East Azerbaijan are the cities of Miyaneh, Sarab, Tark, Turkamanchay, Bostanabad, Hashtrood and the villages are varnakesh, Balsin, Gavineh Rood, Shurabil Sarab, and Tinali.

The quake also trembled and was felt in the cities of Nir, Kosar and Sarain in Ardebil province and Miyaneh, Sarab, Tark, Torkamanchay, Bostan Abad and Hashtrood in East Azerbaijan province. The quake caused rock avalanche across transportation routes telecommunication, water sewages, and fire due to the damage of gas pipelines.

As much as 5 people have lost their lives and 584 injured (66 due to falling of debris and 518 due to the fear and stress).



Red Crescent action

In immediate response to the earthquake, the IRCS has deployed 2 relief helicopters to the affected regions, as well as mobilized 41 assessment, relief and rescue teams including 135 relief workers and rescuers.

A number of 81 villages have been assessed by IRCS assessment teams so far. Based on the assessment reports, 17 villages have been affected (in 7 villages, emergency sheltering should be provided). 1100 families are in need of emergency sheltering. Cracked walls and debris drops in 17 villages have also been reported. The Iranian Red Crescent is responding to the disaster by providing the below services:

- Alert announcement to the provincial branches of East Azerbaijan, West Azerbaijan, Gilan, Ardebil and Zanjan to fully stay on standby;
- Deployment of Field Assessment Teams from Red Crescent provincial branches of Zanjan and West Azerbaijan (neighboring branch)

- Loading and sending food and livelihood items to affected cities and villages,
- Emergency sheltering and food distribution in the villages of Miyaneh city,
 - 3572 people were sheltered in Emergency Sheltering Camp
 - Distribution of relief items:
 - Tent: 1572
 - Food parcels:1242 (for 72 hours)
 - Blanket: 2370
 - Drinking water: 2100 bottles
 - kerosene lamp: 1336
 - Plastic cover: 3700 Kg
 - Ground sheet: 909
 - Kitchen :440

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