



### Situation Overview

An earthquake of magnitude 5.9 struck in Balochistan province of Pakistan, 97 km east of Quetta, at 03:00 hours early Thursday morning. Provincial Disaster Management Authority Baluchistan (PDMA) confirmed more than 20 people, mostly children died and over 200 injured as of 7<sup>th</sup> October. Over 100 mud houses were estimated to have been completely damaged and almost all homes sustained some minor damage. Two aftershocks measuring of 4.9 with a depth of 12 km were felt in different areas hours after the quake. According to seismological centre, the epicentre was located near Harnai at a depth of 15km, Harnai, located east of the provincial capital Quetta, has a large number of coal mines and is one of worst

hit districts. The death toll is expected to rise as rescue and relief operations continue in the areas. The earthquake also affected additional six districts, Quetta, Sibi, Pishin, Killa Saifullah, Chaman and Zhob in Balochistan. There had been also been landsliding reported in the adjoining mountainous areas. The extent of damage was still being assessed. Unconfirmed reports indicated 41 deaths and over 300 injured and 400 houses and buildings damaged. Initial reports from civil administration have showed that more than 100 houses are fully damaged and operations underway to rescue people stuck the debris.

### Response

Pakistan Army, PDMA, and 1122 rescue teams have been deployed to affected areas and the authorities are distributing food for 500 households. The district health office has dispatched 04 ambulances with



medicine and medical supplies. A number of critically injured people were air-evacuated to the provincial capital Quetta in army helicopters. A medical emergency has been declared at the Civil Hospital Quetta. A Haji Camp has been established in Quetta for attendees of patients under treatment in provincial hospital. PRCS and partners are present on ground to support army's ongoing relief operation. The National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA) has dispatched relief goods for the earthquake-affected people of Balochistan. NDMA

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has sent two helicopters for medical evacuations and rescue in addition to relief goods that include 150 tents, 150 tarpaulins, 750 mosquito nets, and 1,000 ration bags.

The NDMA has indicated that they do not expect to request international assistance and stated that PDMA has the stocks and capacity available to respond to the emergency. The Chief Minister, Governor Balochistan and DG PDMA visited the affected areas of Harnai to meet the affected and assess the extent of damage. PDMA and district administration have initiated a rapid needs assessment in the affected areas and initial findings of which will be shared the following day. The authorities shared that the Prime Minister's office has directed immediate assistance and a rapid assessment for timely relief and compensation for affected people.

The UN agencies and partners in Balochistan are on standby to provide support in case of need.

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