

Alert Note**Afghanistan Earthquake
(3 July 2022)**

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Forum: There is no forum in Afghanistan instead ACT members with presence in the country coordinate informally

Type of emergency: Earthquake
Date of emergency (if rapid onset): starting from June 22, 2022

1. The nature of the emergency
An earthquake of 5.9 magnitude have struck southeastern Afghanistan on June 22, 2022, leading to wide-scale destruction across already vulnerable districts in Paktika and Khost provinces.
2. The impact and scale of the emergency (please include your source of information)
The event is categorized as medium level emergency as it has badly impacted Barmal, Ziruk, Nikka and Giyan districts of Paktika province, and Spera and Shamal districts in Khost province. Provincial officials initially reported that nearly 1,000 people had been killed, while the UN OCHA has estimated that at least 770 people have been killed and 1,500 people have been wounded. Some 1,500 houses have been damaged in district Giyan only. It is estimated that at least 70% of the houses in the high impact areas have been damaged or destroyed, leaving families without shelter and sleeping outdoor due to damage to houses and fear of aftershocks. In addition to loss of life and devastating injury, the earthquake has resulted in the destruction of critical infrastructures, including health facilities, schools and water sources.
The earthquake affected provinces were already under the crisis level and acute food insecurity. The lean season is underway at the moment when the food resources are already at the borderline of consumption. A rapid onset of the Acute Watery Diarrhoea (AWD) has been reported across most of the earthquake affected areas. Immediate attention is required to this issue to curtail the spread of the outbreak.
3. Local and national capacity
The earthquake has hit the country at a time when its already struggling with a severe economic crisis. Since the Taliban reclaimed office, the international community has been hesitant to maintain ties and many states have retracted billions worth of development aid and imposed sanctions on Afghanistan's banking sector. ¹ This has naturally translated into a further deterioration of the service delivery systems, most importantly, healthcare, education, income generation, social services, human rights related activities and others. The Taliban administration has requested the international community to revoke sanctions and release country's central bank assets amid the recent crisis and promised not to interfere with the aid distribution process. ² While, UN, EU and various humanitarian aid agencies were quick to respond to the current crisis, they're still facing a shortage of medicines, shelters, NFIs, WASH, food assistance and supplies owing to the accessibility challenges.
4. Key needs and gaps
It is estimated that a total of 361,634 people is in need of humanitarian assistance across 17 districts in Paktika, Khost and Paktya provinces ³ . The response sectors as stated in the Afghanistan Emergency Earthquake Response Plan (July - September 2022), include emergency shelter and NFIs, food security and agriculture, health, nutrition, protection, and WASH (Water, Sanitation and Hygiene).
Please indicate whether you are considering:

¹ <https://www.aljazeera.com/news/2022/6/22/dozens-killed-as-6-1-magnitude-quake-shakes-afghanistan-pakistan>

² <https://www.aljazeera.com/news/2022/6/25/taliban-call-for-release-of-frozen-funds-after-deadly-earthquake>

³ <https://reliefweb.int/report/afghanistan/afghanistan-emergency-earthquake-response-plan-july-september-2022>

	Indicate your intention with an X below
Rapid Response Fund (<i>intended for small and medium scale emergencies</i>)	X
Appeal (<i>intended for large scale emergencies</i>)	

Capacity details of forum members with the intention to respond are given below.

ACT Member	Geographical focus	Sectors of expertise	Support required	Estimated Budget range
Community World Service Asia	District Gyan in Paktika province	Emergency Response	Financial	USD 100,000

5. Potential responses

CWSA is currently active in provision of humanitarian response to the earthquake affected families and is mostly providing cash assistance for food and other household needs. It will scale up its response with additional resources from ACT Alliance to reach to more vulnerable communities with cash assistance.

Community World Service Asia will be targeting district Gyan in Paktika province for this response with cash distribution for food and other essentials for 3 months to 300 families.

The proposed response plan is for **three months**, and it will require approx. **USD 100,000**.