

## **SOUTH ASIA EARTHQUAKE**

**Situation Report (8) 15 October 2005**

### **Highlights**

- Survivors continue to struggle with lack of adequate shelter, lack of safe water, cold weather and insufficient provision of emergency care in remote areas.
- The number of injured survivors in need of trauma care and surgery seems to be very high.
- Hospitals are unable to discharge patients who have nowhere to go. Winterized tents need to be installed around hospitals to ease this problem.
- Capacity of hospital emergency beds has been increased in Islamabad.
- Heavy rains resulted in flooding of tents and temporary shelters and people living in the open are at risk of Acute Respiratory Disease from exposure.
- 22 International Field Hospitals and medical staff are operational in the affected areas.
- Due to limited accessibility and bad weather conditions, relief efforts are concentrated in urban areas.

### **WHO Response:**

- The Italian government is supporting WHO and UNHRD Brindisi for the delivery of additional medical supplies which should arrive 17 October: 10 NEHKs, 7 Trauma Kits A and B and 5 Diarrhoea Profile Kits D and F.
- Five additional Trauma A and B kits scheduled to arrive on 17 October.
- WHO is purchasing more medical supplies locally.
- WHO is recruiting additional staff from other regional offices as well as external consultants.
- Following a meeting with HE Minister of Health, 25 to 35 public health officers are being recruited from different regions of Pakistan.
- WHO / MOH Health Coordinating Centre in Islamabad is being strengthened with additional expertise.
- EMRO sent 24 tents for staff, each accommodating 4 persons, to WR Islamabad on Friday.
- Two logisticians from PAHO, one logistician from Sudan, and one logistician from SEARO are on their way to Islamabad.
- WFP has offered to second logisticians to WHO.

### **Urgent needs:**

- Winterized tents and blankets are urgently required with the weather becoming colder every day.
- Mobile operation theatres are still needed.
- Staff. Criteria for assisting teams: language, field self sufficiency, experience.
- Vehicles for operation at least 10 are urgently needed.
- Government requesting at least 25 ambulances

### **Donations:**

- The British Government has donated USD 252,951 for WHO support to the disaster response.
- The Swiss Government has donated USD 100,000 for WHO support to the disaster response.
- The Norwegian Government has donated USD 250,000 for WHO support to the disaster response.
- The Principality of Monaco has donated EURO 100,000 for WHO support to the disaster response.
- The Government of Italy has donated EURO 250,000 for WHO support to the disaster response plus in-kind donation of 5 Trauma kits A, 5 Trauma kits B, 5 New Emergency Health Kits and transport.
- The Government of Australia has donated USD 1,899,696.
- The Government of Ireland has donated EURO 100,000 for WHO support to the disaster response.
- The Government of Sweden has donated USD 1,928,020 against the Flash Appeal.
- The Government of the United States has donated USD 2,000,000 against the Flash Appeal.
- The Government of Canada has donated CDN 1,750,000.