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South Asia Earthquake

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RUBBLE REMOVAL CLEARS PATH TO RECOVERY

Many roads in the mountainous terrain of northern Pakistan were severely damaged by the earthquake in October and the ensuing landslides. As winter draws to a close and families begin to move out of camps back to their homes, keeping the roads clear will be vital to the rebuilding process.

To enable the transport of food, supplies and manpower, USAID supports cash-for-work programs that clear transportation routes and also help households earn temporary income.

Men in the Allai Valley earn approximately \$5 per day to keep roads and paths clear. As the rainy season approaches, bringing further landslides in the mountains, the efforts of these men and the Government of Pakistan will allow tractors and trucks to deliver supplies to remote villages. Road transportation will also replace airlifts as the primary means of delivery for relief commodities.



Cash-for-work recipients labor to clear roads and paths in the Allai Valley.

Photo: USAID

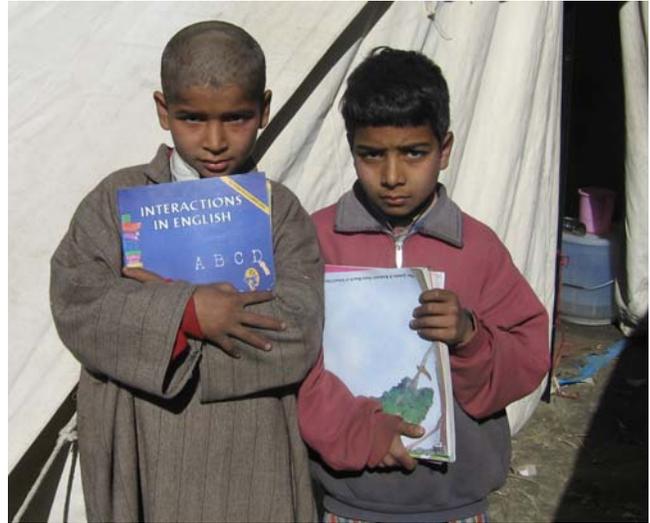


Photo: Save the children

Children receive educational material and warm clothing at Dringla, Tangdhar.

WINTER CLOTHING SAVES LIVES IN INDIA

According to a leading Indian national newspaper, The Hindu, there has not been a single exposure-related death in Indian-administered Jammu and Kashmir this winter.

Quick and timely response from USAID to earthquake victims in Jammu and Kashmir has helped them survive a harsh winter.

USAID has contributed more than \$600,000 for emergency relief supplies and shelter in India, including warm clothes and blankets distributed to 650 families in the region to protect them against harsh winter conditions.

The items distributed included long coats called *phirans* which are worn in the area during the cold winter months. *Phirans* were provided in children's sizes, as well as adult's sizes, and families appreciated the special attention given to children's needs. Wool hats and socks were also given to children to provide extra warmth.



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Data entry assistants in earthquake-ravaged Pakistan document needs and resources.

OUTREACH CENTER TARGETS GREATEST NEEDS

A USAID funded program has provided eight computers and data entry personnel to document the process of providing compensation checks to individuals through the District Coordinating Office in Manshera. This systematic collection of data about widows, children and the elderly can be matched with loss of homes, animals and other property.

USAID, through the Manshera District's emergency outreach center, consolidates information from:

- Individuals needing help
- Village councils that determine loss of life and property
- Government officials setting up relief camps to help those displaced in the disaster.

With this information, donor agencies are now able to quickly assess and address needs, thus allowing them to target assistance to those with the greatest need.

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FAST FACTS:

Government of Pakistan estimates:

Death toll: 73,338
Injured: 69,412
Homeless: 2.8 million

Government of India estimates :

Death toll: 1,309
Injured: 6,622
Homeless: 150,000

U.S. Assistance as of February 24, 2006:

Total U.S. Government Humanitarian and Reconstruction Assistance Pledged: \$510,000,000

- \$300 million in economic assistance
- \$110 million in U.S. military in-kind support for relief operations
- at least \$100 million anticipated from U.S. private contributions

To date, USAID has provided nearly \$70 million in humanitarian assistance, including nearly \$6.4 million in emergency relief commodities and associated transport costs, for earthquake-affected populations in Pakistan.

As part of our overall response, USAID has provided more than \$22.6 million in funding to the U.N. South Asia Earthquake Flash Appeal, to support transitional shelter programs, food, health, water and sanitation, humanitarian air service, logistical coordination, and the transport of supplies to affected populations and movement of those populations to safe areas.

For more information on the earthquake and USAID's work, please see "South Asia Earthquake" at www.usaid.gov.

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