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EPC Summary:

The Emergency and Post-Conflict (EPC) Division coordinates and assists IOM's response to migration emergencies, the Division also acts as IOM's early warning instrument and maintains a close watch on emerging humanitarian crises. It initiates contingency planning for IOM and early intervention action by supporting Field Missions in addressing emergency situations. EPC maintains liaison with the emergency division of the United Nations and other agencies.

Pakistan

Summary of EPC activities:

After the earthquake IOM has carried out health assessments and arranged escorts for the population at risk. IOM is in the process of relocating families living in "red zone" villages to safe locations.

IOM is engaged in the demolition and rubble removal of buildings damaged by the quake.

IOM will oversee a constraints survey of IDPs which will identify impediments to return of the IDPs.

IOM is processing a request for 10,000 transitional shelters from ERRA.

Achievements:

- ✓ As of June 12, IOM has screened 69,572 individuals as part of the health assessment for travel risk categorization of IDPs before movement, and has arranged 119 escort for the population at risk.
- ✓ As of July 7, IOM has relocated 767 individuals from "red zone" villages.
- ✓ Since March 20, 2006 IOM has assisted more than 14,000 families with returning to their places of origin from temporary settlements in quake-affected areas.

On October 8, 2005 an earthquake measuring 7.6 on the Richter scale hit Pakistan, North India and Afghanistan. The greatest part of the affected area is located in Pakistan, and the quake has been cited as the worst natural disaster Pakistan has suffered both in terms of lives lost and injuries sustained, as well as the devastating impact on economy and infrastructure in the affected areas.

IOM immediately responded to the urgent needs for humanitarian assistance, focusing on medical evacuations, delivery of shelter and non-food items and provision of transport assistance.

Overall the **security and political situation** in Pakistan remains calm.

As of June 12, 2006 69,572 individuals of 13,006 families have been screened as part of the **health assessment** for travel risk categorization of IDPs before movement. IOM has arranged 119 escorts for the population at risk. Health activities have dropped drastically since the end of IDP returns.

Families living in so-called "red zones" are in the process of being **relocated** following a joint assessment survey carried out by a British geological team, the Pakistan military and the Pakistan Geological Survey. The "red zone" covers villages that are considered at risk from landslides and floods during the monsoon season. The relocation process was initiated on June 28, but early monsoon rains have delayed and complicated the process. As of July 7 IOM had assisted 120 families (767 individuals) to relocate to safe locations. 1025 families are still in the process of being relocated.

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OCHA Pakistan has confirmed that \$ 200,000 will be made available to IOM in order to oversee a **constraints survey of IDPs**. The survey will help identify specific impediments to return and assist the government of Pakistan and the international community to address the unique needs of each family.

The number of residual **camps** has dropped, and no additional camps for the residual IDP caseload will be put up. The residual caseload includes landless families already in camps and those families that will move from the “red zone” villages to the camps, until they are allocated land by the Revenue Department.

In addition to camp management and relocation of “red zone” villagers IOM carries out **rubble removal**. Demolition and accordingly the rubble removal of government buildings in Muzaffarabad has been contracted out and started as of June 5. IOM has provided all the required tools and tractor trolleys.

4 urban centers in the Earthquake Affected Areas are in the process of being re-planned. During the re-planning process Earthquake Reconstruction and Rehabilitation Agency (ERRA) will not be able to provide permanent housing to the urban displaced, who will need 20,000 **transitional shelters**. Through other sponsors ERRA has arranged for 10,000 transitional shelters and has requested that IOM fills the remaining gap. At this time the request is being processed.

Since March 20, 2006 IOM has assisted more than 14,000 families with returning to their places of origin from temporary settlements in quake-affected areas.

"IOM is committed to ensuring that the particular needs of all migrant women are identified, taken into consideration and addressed by IOM projects and services."



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A mountain to move, one rock at a time. Locals in Muzaffarabad begin to clear the rubble so public buildings can be rebuilt.

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