

EARTHQUAKE EMERGENCY

NRC PAKISTAN EARTHQUAKE SITUATION REPORT – WEEK ENDING 5TH FEB 2006

Situation overview

During the reporting week earthquake affected areas have again been blessed by fine weather.

The Norwegian Refugee Council is closely monitoring continuing fallout from the 12 controversial caricatures of the Prophet Mohammed published in the Danish newspaper “Jyllands Posten” back in September 2005, and reprinted recently in a small Norwegian Paper “Magazinet”. The ongoing protests mean there is now more negative attention to particular Norwegian and Danish humanitarian aid workers and the international presence in the earthquake affected areas in general.

NRC was one of the first humanitarian agencies to publicly condemn the publication of the caricatures of the Prophet Mohammed.. NRC has likewise condemned the violence against humanitarian aid workers and innocent individuals, which has come as a result of the publication of the caricatures. Already on 2 February, NRC released a statement saying that **“Respect and tolerance is essential to avoid conflict. To show disrespect for other people’s beliefs cannot be done in the name of freedom of speech. This is unacceptable and unnecessary, and has unfortunate consequences for the humanitarian relief work”**.

FOCUS – Back to School in Thakot

The Norwegian Refugee Council (NRC) has re-opened the primary school at Thakot. On a Monday morning 46 excited boys sat in one of three tents erected by NRC for Urdu and History lessons. Their shoes were piled up outside to keep the new floor clean.

Thakot is 27 kilometres north of Balakot, where the Karakoram highway meets the Indus river. The school building there was badly damaged by the earthquake, and has not been usable since.

Ensuring that education continues despite the devastation is vital, according to NRC’s Emergency Education Coordinator in Pakistan, Goeril Tomren. “NRC has been helping affectees look after their emergency shelter and other needs,” she said. “And education is one of the most important factors in these children’s future.”

“If we didn’t get the schools going now, children would miss out on a year of learning.” Ms. Tomren continued. “Many of them would end up working to assist their parents, and may not return to education at all. It is also important to remember the psychosocial needs of children. Just as many adult affectees help heal themselves by getting on with their lives, children benefit from a return to normality.”

Mr Khan Bahadar and Mr Ali Akbar are teachers at the Thakot school. They are both very happy to be teaching again, and explain that they were in the school teaching when the earthquake struck. As well as leaving the school building unusable it badly damaged both of their homes.

All but one of the students attending this week were in the school when the earthquake hit. Mehboob Ur Rehman, 10 years old, stands shyly to explain his experience of the disaster: “It was just after assembly, and we were all in class for first period. I was very frightened, and I was also very worried about my brothers. They were at another school, and so I went there and they were alright. They were also very worried about me.”

Many of the students are now living in tents. Khatim Ul Allah is about 12 years old, and has been living in a tent along with his parents, two sisters, and brother. Ten year old Shah Feroz Khan’s family home was destroyed, along with all their furniture and possessions. Students Zakir Ullah and Nizam Uidn Bashir each lost family members.

Life is not easy for the children, but when asked if they are glad to be back at school there is a resounding chorus “YES!” And what do they want to do after leaving school? A show of hands indicates that about one third of the students plan to join Pakistan’s cricket team. If their batting and bowling is not up to scratch at least they will have some other options because of their education.

Using resources provided by UNICEF, NRC has constructed three large classroom tents, at Thakot. It is the first of 55 schools NRC will re-open in the area around Balakot.

Achievements This Week

- **Alpine Support Team:**

The Alpine Support Team supported NRC Assessment and Distribution Teams in Jigga, Batain and Allai. The team undertook a three full day long range monitoring trip in Allai in cooperation with UNOPS High Altitude Team and CARE. This included walking cross country, across administrative and humanitarian borders with the aim to monitor the humanitarian situation in the valleys.

The monitoring undertaken in Allai showed that although most high altitude areas have or are now receiving transitional shelter and food aid. Furthermore, families in high altitude areas have considerable lesser amounts of food, NFIs and shelter items compared to families situated in lower areas.

At the same time – given the benevolent winter - the population in high altitude villages is no longer in a "high risk group". Shelter items, in particular CGI sheets, and food remain the most needed supplies in the high altitude areas.

A new map defining the borders of areas of intervention between the different agencies will be developed to ensure that all villages have or are being covered.

- **Camp Management:**

The Camp Management Coordinator left for a well deserved R & R in the beginning of the reporting week and will return on the 13th of February. The Unit is currently preparing for the next round of training on the NRC CM Toolkit from 18 – 19 February and 20 – 21 February if there still is a demand. Furthermore preparations are currently underway for assessing the impact of the training

Muzaffarabad: Programme Officers visited participants in the CM Toolkit training sessions in order to provide support and counselling. NRC are preparing for the next two-day sessions in Muzaffarabad from February 18th. Invitations are currently being distributed to relevant stakeholders. Assessments have been done in cooperation with IOM and Food for the Hungry in camps of less than 50 tents. Distribution should commence next week.

Batagram: Team members in Batagram, have been working to improve living condition in the NRC guest house. The office has additionally hosted four Assessment and Distribution team members and 1 RRC trainer. There is now a common understanding among the UN and NGOs regarding the number of spontaneous camps in AoR. These camps are already history. Except for the big camps in which UNHCR has concentrated its efforts, the majority of Earthquake affected people have gone back to their villages. This has been observed by the team during its assessments. Three training session on the CM Toolkit have successfully been completed on the 31st of January. A total of 50 participants responded positively regarding the training sessions. The CM team will continue to fill up the list for the next training as planned for 18th and 19th of February. Now the NRC team will target NGOs working in Mera and Medan Camps.

- **Distribution:**

During the reporting week distributions in Rajdhari (Batimori) finished on the 4th of February. After a 2 days gap, distribution will commence in Chappergram ARMY Camp. Three Assessment Officers went to Bagh on February 4th to assist in the assessment of Bagh and surrounding areas.

- **Education:**

The Education Coordinator has also left for well deserved leave during the reporting week.

- **Logistics:**

Clearing of the CGI sheets imported from India continues to be problematic, as packing was damaged during offloading, requiring the whole shipment to be repacked. A new forwarding agent has been retained (extra costs will be deducted from the suppliers due balance). Hopefully trucks will start leaving for Chatter Plain on the 5th of February.

Accommodation & Office containers have been made ready from supplier and they are currently on route to Bagh, where they are expected to arrive late on the 4th or during 5th of February.

- **Reconstruction & Shelter:**

The Reconstruction Coordinator returned during the reporting week to again take full responsibility of the Reconstruction and Shelter Unit. The Reconstruction Coordinator accordingly spent most of his time together with the Distribution Coordinator, to resume his duties as head of the unit.



TARGET POPULATIONS / BENEFICIARIES

Target areas:	Activities <i>this week</i> :	Activities <i>next week</i>
AST		
Batain	Establishment of new base camp for NRC Field Team 4.	
Jiggan	On the job training for NRC Field Team 3. Preparations for helicopter operations.	
Allai	Assessments / monitoring of hard to reach areas.	Assessments / monitoring of hard to reach areas.
CM:	Distribution this week	Ongoing next week
Batamori Union Council	4741 families with 25545 individuals received 12990 blankets, 12990 children clothes and 3079 trousers	
Rajhari Union Council		Distribution to commence with Chappargram as distribution point.
Distribution:	Distribution this week	Ongoing next week
Battimori	25,300 Winterized kits, 12,400 Trousers, 22,800 Blankets, 6,200 Jerry Cans and 1,430 Special Packages	Nil
Oghi	300 Blankets, 300 Winterized Kits	Nil
Jiggan	Approx. 8 tons of Sheets, shelter kit and blankets to Jiggan	Nil
Chappergram	Nil	9,000 Trousers, 9,000 Winterized Kits, 9,000 Blankets and 4,000 Jerry Cans.
Bagh	Nil	1073 Wnterized Kits.
Khaki & surrounding areas	Nil	370 Blankets, 370 Winterized Kits
Jocha, Pattian, Danna	Nil	150 Shelter Kits sent for 300 families excluding CGI Sheets.
See also annex A for details of all NRC distributions undertaken by the end of the reporting week.		
Education (Battagram)	Activities this week	
Balakot UC	14 assessments completed and 7 in progress	
Balakot UC	School establishment status: 21 in progress	
Thakot UC	19 assessment completed and 0 in progress.	
Thakot UC	School establishment status: 2 completed and 17 in progress.	
Reconstruction:		
See Annex B for full details on all reconstruction and shelter operations until today.		

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Annex A

Norwegian Refugee Council

N.W.F.P severely affected population Shelter / NFI Distribution
SUMMARY OF DISTRIBUTION REPORT (FEBRUARY 06, 2006)



District	Tehsil	Shelter / NFI Items Distribution										Total
		Winter Tents	Stoves	Blankets Quilts	Coal	Shelter Kits	School Kits	Children Kits	Children Trouser	Jeri Can	Special Pack	
Mansehra District Dcode: 2072	Balakot Tehsil Tcode: 3180	3,527	4,016	4,419	20,590	281	-	-	-	-	-	32,833
	Mansehra Tehsil Tcode: 3182	2,714	1,940	1,720	7,253	105	-	-	-	-	-	13,732
	Oghi Tehsil Tcode: 3183	914	911	-	9,140	-	-	-	-	-	-	10,965
ATD (2055)	Abbottabad Tcode: 3153	156	156	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	312
Sub-Total	Mansehra	7,311	7,023	6,139	36,983	386	-	-	-	-	-	57,842
Battagram Dcode: 2063	Allai Tehsil Tcode: 3155	2,139	2,139	6,014	9,550	234	1,865	-	-	-	-	20,076
	Battagram T Tcode: 3156	-	-	19,759	-	-	-	19,759	3,079	126	454	19,759
Sub-Total	Battagram	2,139	2,139	25,773	9,550	234	1,865	19,759	3,079	126	454	39,835
Shangla District Dcode: 2074	Chakisar Tehsil Tcode: 3190	595	252	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	847
	Bisham Tehsil Tcode: 3189	443	193	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	636
	Alpuri Tehsil Tcode: 3188	487	100	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	587
	Poran Tehsil Tcode: 3192	475	475	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	950
Sub-Total	Shangla	2,000	1,020	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3,020
Unit	Nos.	Nos.	Nos.	Kgs.	Pack	Pack	Pack	Pack	Pack	Pack	↓ Total	
Total Received	12,077	15,000	49,910	50,000	2,500	1,865	55,218	3,079	24,020	3,079	131,352	
Distribution Total	11,450	10,182	31,912	46,533	620	1,865	19,759	3,079	126	454	100,697	
Balance	627	4,818	17,998	3,467	1,880	-	35,459	-	23,894	2,625	30,655	



Annex B**Norwegian Refugee Council**

N.W.F.P severely affected population Shelter / NFI Distribution
SUMMARY OF SHELTERS REPORT (FEBRUARY 02, 2006)



Description	N.W.F.P			Total
	Battagram	Mansehra		
	Allai	Mansehra	Bala Kot	
Total Families	908	2,682	3,014	6,604
Constructed Shelter Frames	903	728	998	2,629
Fully Completed Shelters	234	394	474	1,102
Partially Completed Shelters	-	23	23	46
Needed Wooded Frames	-	55	55	110
Shelters in need of CGI Sheets	669	289	479	1,437
Required CGI Sheets needed	9,366	4,300	6,960	20,626

