

## ADVOCACY NOTES WESTERN AFGHANISTAN EARTHQUAKE - OCTOBER 2023



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Families in need of emergency shelter (tents & tarpaulin)

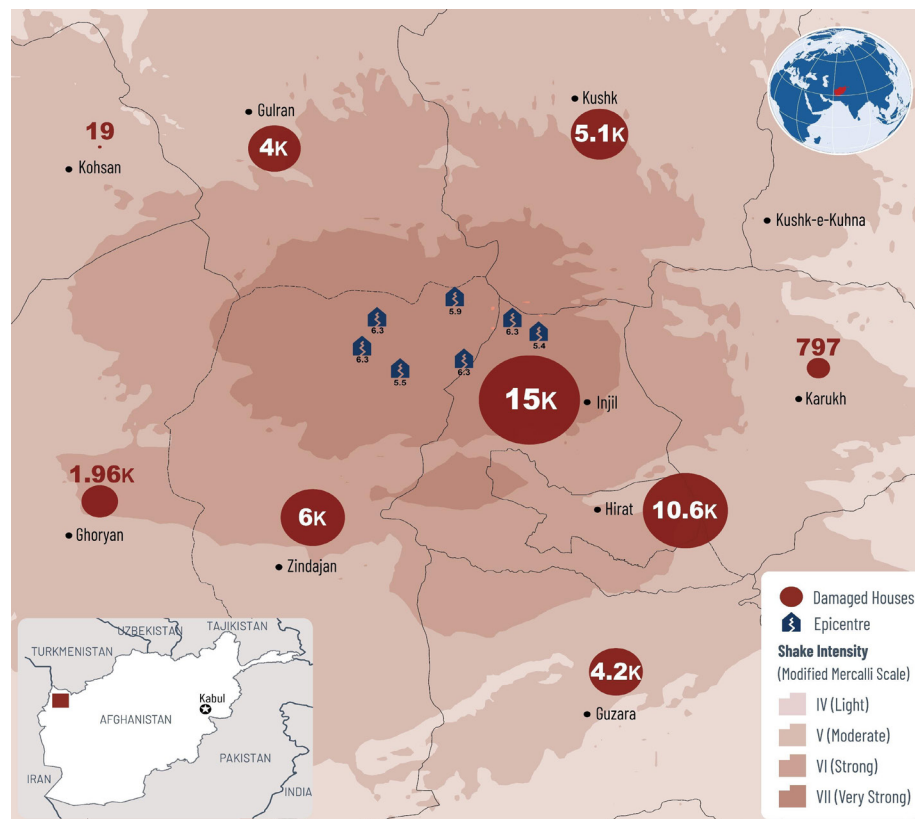
**23k**  
Families in need of seasonal winter assistance.

**21k**  
Families in need of repair, retrofitting and transitional shelter support

**\$72M**  
Funding required

### SITUATION OVERVIEW

Between 7 and 15 October, three powerful (6.3 magnitude) earthquakes struck Herat Province, western Afghanistan resulting in wide-scale destruction across 382 villages. Approximately 275,000 people living in high intensity impact areas (MMI 6+) were affected, with over 1,480 deaths and 2,066 injuries



Map of damaged housed in Herat province

### KEY FIGURES

**20k**  
Houses severely damaged

**18k**  
Houses moderately damaged

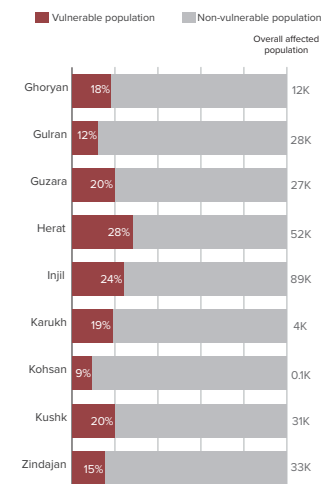
**10k**  
Houses destroyed

**59k**  
Individuals with vulnerabilities

### HIGHLIGHTS

- One-third of all earthquakes affected people are in Injil, with more than 3,330 destroyed homes located in Zindajan.
- Approximately 37,139 families now reside in makeshift tents, open spaces, damaged shelters, 8,801 families are in tents and 1,268 families are residing in informal settlements.
- Notable needs for persons with specific needs, including 17,358 pregnant women, 17,146 infants, 3,976 individuals living with severe disabilities, 3,207 vulnerable elderly families, 3,139 unaccompanied children, 6,806 female headed households and 3,176 people chronically ill have been identified.
- These events have also resulted in extensive damage to vital water and sanitation facilities.
- Humanitarian efforts are underway, but the situation remains dire. As the winter sets in Herat, affected families are in urgent need of shelter for both people and livestock, core relief items, safe water and WASH supplies, and seasonal winter support to avert exposure to extremely cold temperatures

### Vulnerable population per district





## KEY MESSAGES

Due to funding shortfalls, more than 13,300 families have yet to receive emergency shelter assistance. As the winter sets in Herat, these families remain in open space, makeshift shelters, damaged or destroyed houses, that are unsafe and lack privacy, dignity, exposed to severe sandstorms, and the cold harsh weather.

With the onset of winter, the situation has taken a critical turn. More than 27,000 families will not receive winter seasonal assistance, leaving them exposed to harsh weather conditions, increasing their risk of hypothermia, acute respiratory infections (ARIs), and potential fatalities, particularly for children U-5 constituting 24 per cent of affected people, and a significant number of pregnant women (17,358) and infants (17,146).

Urgent need to replenish Cluster emergency shelter and NFI stockpiles. In country stockpiles have severely diminished, and partners have no capacity, funding and /or stockpiles to address the remaining emergency shelter, NFI, seasonal assistance needs for the affected families.

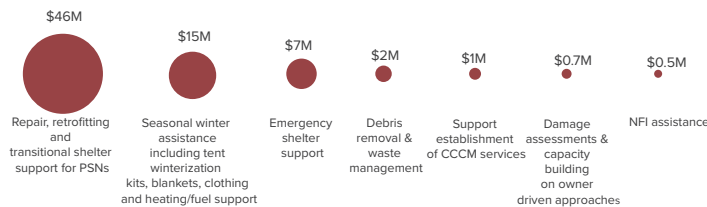
Need to identify resources to urgently initiate debris removal, repair, retrofitting and the construction of transitional shelter for more than 21,000 families with persons of specific needs including female headed households, individuals living with severe disabilities, unaccompanied elderly, unaccompanied children, and individuals with chronicle illnesses



Compound completely destroyed in Chinar Village, Herat province , Afghanistan October 2023 , © UNHCR

Priority Activities	Target ( families)	Budget
Emergency shelter support	13,347	\$6,673,500
NFI assistance	5,427	\$710,937
Seasonal winter assistance including tent winterization kits, blankets, clothing and heating/fuel support	23,439	\$15,217,552
Debris removal & waste management	21,210	\$1,951,360
Repair, retrofitting and transitional shelter support for Person with Specific needs (PSN)	21,210	\$45,809,482
Damage assessments & capacity building on owner driven approaches	48,020	\$462,100
Support establishment of CCCM services	175	\$1,020,750
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$71,845,681</b>

### Funding requirement for priority activities



Source: Shelter Cluster Afghanistan

Special thanks to cluster partners who are providing assistance to the population affected by the earthquake.

