



Emergency Humanitarian Response: June 2022 Earthquake

Provision of essential integrated health services to earthquake-affected people in Spera district of Khost province

Country

Afghanistan

Population

24,000 earthquake-affected people in Spera District, Khost Province

Duration

Sept 2022 - Sept 2023

Donors

Afghan Humanitarian Fund
UNOCHA

Background

On the 22nd June 2022, a powerful 6.1 magnitude earthquake struck the South East region of Afghanistan, whilst people were sleeping in their homes. More than 1,000 people lost their lives and a further 1,500 were injured. The earthquake struck the provinces of Paktika and Khost, with the districts of Spera in Khost province being severely affected. At least 70% of houses in these areas were destroyed.

HealthNet TPO responded sending mobile health teams to support those most affected in the immediate response, providing emergency health services and transporting casualties to the nearest health facilities. Within 24 hours temporary health facilities had been set up, being replaced only weeks later with two fixed health facilities replacing those destroyed to treat people in the worst affected Spera district.

HealthNet TPO-run Khost Provincial Hospital stepped up its supplies and services to assist those people being transferred for emergency care.

Objectives

As the region begins to recover and re-develop, HealthNet TPO sustains the ongoing support in health and mental health care to those affected by the earthquake.

- Increase access to life-saving health services among vulnerable populations within Spera district, particularly children and women;
- Provide essential mental health and psychosocial support services, including psychological first aid and appropriate treatment services to alleviate psychological distress and prevent disability for people affected by the earthquake in Spera district.
- To provide required MHPSS counselling services to the people affected by the recent earthquake in Khost province and provide appropriate medication and treatment services to people who need mental health and psychiatric management.
- To increase awareness of the affected population regarding mental health and psychosocial problems arising from disasters.
- To carry out referral services and provide facility to people with critical mental health problems.
- To promote resilience and coping strategies among the affected communities.

Activities

- Establishment of two temporary fixed health facilities in accessible location of Spera district earthquake-affected villages. Each health facility is staffed with a medical doctor, nurse, midwife, nutrition counsellor, vaccinators, two psychosocial support officers, a laboratory technician and two support staff (guard / cleaner). Each is equipped with the required medical and non-medical equipment along with the reagents for the laboratory section of the health facilities.
- The health facilities provide essential primary healthcare services including reproductive health, child health and immunisation, diagnosis and treatment of common and communicable diseases, nutrition services, MHPSS, basic trauma care, health education, lab diagnostic services and referral for secondary health services.

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