



Earthquake hit the country while WHO was discussing the national health emergency response plan with MoH and partners.

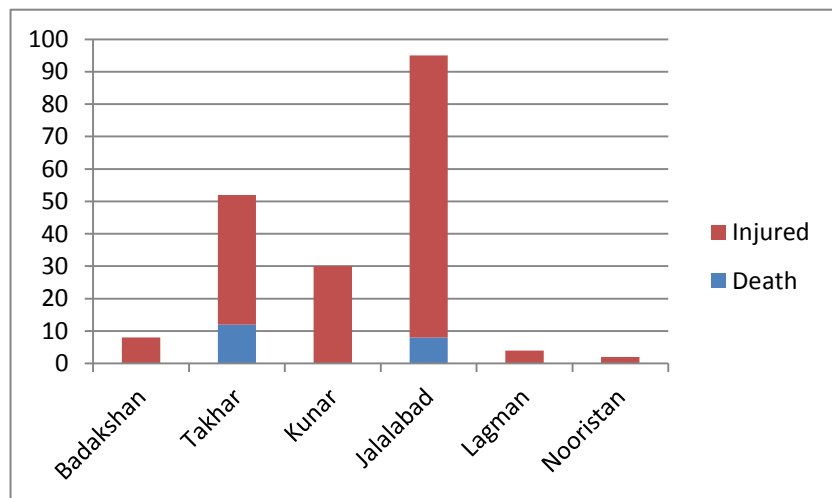
Situation update

A 7.5 magnitude earthquake with 189 km depth struck Afghanistan today causing injuries and deaths, as well as damage in infrastructure in some parts of the country (Source: U.S. Geological Survey). Some 866 060 people live 100 km around the epicentre Jurm district, 65 km South of Faizabad, Badakshan.

Global Disaster Alert and Coordination System has issued RED alert on the Afghanistan earthquake.

WHO is closely monitoring the situation as it unfolds for first-hand information. Information are coming in through phone and email. Initial reports received from the WHO and Ministry of Public Health focal persons on the ground:

Affected Provinces	Death	Injured
Badakhshan		8
Takhar	12	40
Kunar		30
Jalalabad	8	87
Lagman	23	4
Nouristan		2



Data sources: Nangarhar Regional Hospital, Asadabad Provincial Hospital, DEWS through Mehterlam Provincial Hospital

Public health concerns

With the onset of winter season and based on the impact on the number of population, potential public health concerns would be communicable diseases and non-communicable diseases especially among children and elderly population.

WHO action

WHO is currently collecting information in close coordination with the Government authorities. Hospitals in the affected provinces have been contacted and so far, they are reporting sufficient medicine and supplies for the management of injured people. WHO has already supplied an Italian Kit to the Provincial Health Directorate which can be used for management of trauma/injury cases.

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