

UNJLC Pakistan Earthquake BULLETIN No. 51

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UNJLC Bulletins aim to provide a clear and concise regular overview of the logistics situation in the earthquake-affected area of Pakistan and adjacent areas as it pertains to humanitarian relief work. They focus on practical issues affecting the welfare of the afflicted populace and related humanitarian work such as the status of transport routes for getting supplies and personnel into the area, relevant administrative or commercial developments, air (including strategic airlift and helicopter operations), customs and immigration matters, and the availability of accommodation and fuels. They further seek to identify major issues for the humanitarian community and other interested parties, to provide relevant background and constructive recommendations on current issues, and to alert responsible parties to emerging factors.

Summary and Highlights

Days since October 8th Earthquake: 249

- UNDSS will take over roads reporting from UNJLC as of 1 July.
- Reports on a supposed ban on distributions in Bagh vary. Agencies/NGOs are advised to contact their local authorities.
- Regarding the 18 villages in AJK: UNHCR's latest estimate on the number of people requiring relocation is 6,000.

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1. UNJLC Mission Update

All roads reported on by **UNJLC** are currently open. With UNJLC ceasing operations on 30 June, road updates will no longer be provided past this date. As information on the status of roads is crucial to the planning of operations, UNJLC has been seeking to identify an agency to take over road reporting. **UNDSS** has now agreed to take on this responsibility and will start sending out road updates at hub level as of 1 July.

The *Monsoon Logistics Planning Snapshot* is available at http://www.unjlc.org/pakistan/infosheets/snapshots/monsoon_logistics_planning.

Requests for hard copy maps (current or new) should be submitted no later than 15 June to unjlcmapping@gmail.com.

2. Bagh Update

There are varying reports on the supposed ban on distribution activities in the district of Bagh. Agencies and NGOs are advised to contact their local authorities for information on the need for an NOC for distribution.

The camp at Chattar has been designated as the official residual camp.

3. Muzaffarabad IDP Update

A second seismic survey has been conducted by a **British geological team**, the **Pakistan military** and the **Pakistan Geological Survey** on the 18 villages in **AJK** which are at risk of landslides and floods during the



Many roads in the Earthquake affected area are at risk of further landslides during the Monsoon season.

coming Monsoon season. The survey identifies high, medium and low risk zones. Only the population in zones at high risk would need to be relocated.

The latest estimate on the number of people that require relocation from **UNHCR**, which was confirmed by the Camp Management Organisation (**CMO**), stands at 6,000 persons. Relocations are planned to be finished by the end of June. Expectations are that, where possible, people will stay with relatives or camp on spare land near their homes/villages. This would reduce the number of people requiring accommodation in camps and implies the need for distribution of relief goods in a wider area.

Intentions are to keep the 43 camps currently operating open. These camps are able to absorb an extra 12,500 persons. Should the demand be higher, five decommissioned camps could be reopened.

4. CASEVAC/MEDEVAC

UNDSS is in the process of drafting a protocol to formalise the agreement between the UN and the Pakistan Military on CASEVAC/MEDEVAC (Casualty Evacuation/Medical Evacuation) for employees of UN Agencies and NGOs. In the interim, please contact the Field Security Coordination Officer (**FSCO**), Mr. Royston Wright, in case of an emergency. Contact numbers are: 051-2800095 or 0345-8543292.

ABOUT UNJLC: UNJLC is an inter-agency facility reporting to the Islamabad-based Humanitarian Coordinator for the South Asia (Pakistan and India) Earthquake and strategically to the Inter Agency Standing Committee. Its mandate is to coordinate and optimise logistics capabilities of humanitarian organisations in large scale emergencies. UNJLC operates under the custodianship of WFP, which is responsible for the administrative and financial management of the unit. UNJLC is funded from voluntary contributions that are channelled through WFP. The UNJLC project document for the Pakistan Earthquake can be viewed at the UNJLC website (www.unjlc.org).
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