

UNJLC Pakistan Earthquake

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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: 256

- All main roads are open, but the risk for landslides remains high.
- In AJK, 31 villages have been identified to be at risk of landslides and flooding during Monsoon season. Relocation is due to start at the end of this week.
- UNJLC ceases operations.

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1. Road Access

All main roads in the earthquake affected area are open. However, caution is advised as many roads are at risk of further landslides caused by rains. The coming Monsoon season will exacerbate this risk.

As road conditions are expected to depreciate in the coming months, some organisations, for instance WFP and Premier Urgence, are planning on prepositioning stocks in forward bases. From these bases, goods could be further dispatched by Jeeps, which are able to negotiate roads under difficult circumstances. Suggested sites for forward locating of stocks are contained in the *UNJLC Monsoon Logistic Planning Snapshot* available at www.unjlc.org/pakistan/infosheets/snapshots



Landslides can cause roads to be cut off completely. Photo: UNJLC.



A Jeep trying to negotiate a road where landslides have occurred recently. Photo: UNJLC.

2. Muzaffarabad IDP Update

A total of 31 villages has been identified to be at risk of landslides and floods during Monsoon season. 22 of these villages are located in the Tehsil of Muzaffarabad and 9 in the Tehsil of Hattian. The Camp Management Organisation (CMO) has announced that a total of approximately 1400 families or 8,500 persons will have to be relocated.

In Tehsil Muzaffarabad, approximately 300 of 1000 families identified to be housed in a high risk zone have already left for existing camps. This leaves a number of 700 families to be relocated.

Relocation is planned to start before the end of this week and to be finished by 1 July. The CMO is due to ensure that all families are informed. Discussions are ongoing between CMO, IOM and UNHCR on the organising of transport for the relocation. UNHCR will continue to support the CMO until at least the end of this year.

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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3. UNJLC Ceases Operations

UNJLC will cease operations on 30 June. Field offices in Muzaffarabad, Bagh and Mansehra will close. A presence will be maintained in Islamabad until 31 July.

A Road Atlas of the earthquake affected area which consists of a series of detailed (1:100,000 scale) road maps will be distributed in the second half of July to those authorities and Agencies/NGOs who plan to continue humanitarian operations in the affected area.

UNJLC is also preparing a Logistics Capacity Assessment (LCA) which will be distributed with the Road Atlas.

In line with the phase-out of UNJLC's operations, the last bulletin will be published next week.

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