

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: 263

- UNJLC ceases operations on 30 June. A presence will be maintained in Islamabad until 31 July.
- Most primary roads are open at time of writing, though recent heavy rains have caused an increased risk of landslides.
- The alleged ban on distribution in Bagh is not in force for Agencies/NGOs that are not financed by the government.
- UNJLC has a substantial amount of furniture available for donation to Agencies/NGOs registered with OCHA.

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1. UNJLC Ceases Operations

UNJLC ceases operations on 30 June. The field offices in Muzaffarabad, Bagh and Mansehra close on this date. A presence will be maintained in Islamabad until 31 July.

In line with the phase-out of UNJLC's operations, this is the final bulletin issued by UNJLC Pakistan.

In the second half of July, UNJLC will distribute the following products to those authorities and Agencies/NGOs who plan to continue humanitarian operations in the affected area.

- A pocket-sized overview map of the earthquake affected area.
- A Road Atlas of the earthquake affected area which consists of a series of detailed (1:100,000 scale) road maps.
- A Logistics Capacity Assessment.

UNJLC can no longer accept new requests for maps. However, residual stocks of hard copy maps are available until 15 July. Agencies/NGOs are welcome to visit the UNJLC office to collect maps. UNJLC has asked WFP (VAM) to consider taking on some of the GIS roles that UNJLC has fulfilled. The request is under consideration and UNJLC will advise the outcome when details are known.

The UNJLC website for the operation in Pakistan (www.unjlc.org/pakistan) will remain available, but will



UNJLC road assessment in Kaghan/Upper Neelum Valley.

no longer be updated past 30 June. Particular sections of the website, such as *Map Centre* and *Info Sheets* will receive one final update in July.

2. Road Access and Reporting

Most primary roads were open at time of writing. However, during the past week, heavy rains have caused an increased risk of landslides resulting in **UNDSS** deeming some roads RED NO GO for short periods of time. Roads in Neelum Valley are especially vulnerable to landslides.

UNJLC will no longer provide road updates past 30 June. UNDSS has agreed to take on this responsibility and will send out regular road updates as of 1 July. UNJLC will transfer its mailing lists for road updates to UNDSS.

3. CASEVAC/MEDEVAC

A protocol to formalise the agreement between the **UN** and the **Pakistan Military** for the provision of CASEVAC/MEDEVAC (Casualty Evacuation/Medical Evacuation) for employees of UN Agencies and NGOs on a cost-recovery basis has not been finalised yet. 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).

4. Ban on Distribution

OCHA has advised that the alleged ban on distribution activities in the district of Bagh is intended solely to prevent distribution by Agencies/NGOs financed through the government or by local NGOs with political affiliations. A letter is available signed by the Officer in Charge of SERRA confirming that a No Objection Certificate (NOC) is not needed for distribution activities of Agencies/NGOs not financed by the government. The letter has been distributed by OCHA to Agencies/NGOs in the area of Bagh.

5. Muzaffarabad IDP Update

Relocation of the population of the villages in Muzaffarabad and Hattian Tehsil at risk of landslides and flooding during the coming Monsoon season is ongoing. IOM and UNHCR are assisting the Camp Management Organisation (CMO) in the process. Relocations have been delayed by heavy rains and may take up to 4 July to be completed.

6. UNJLC Furniture Donations

UNJLC has a substantial amount of furniture that it is willing to donate to Agencies/NGOs registered with OCHA. Heads of Agencies/NGOs can express their interest in writing to the UNJLC Administration Officer no later than 7 July. E-mails can be sent to lisa.limahken@wfp.org;

letters can be sent to UNJLC, house 10A, street 2, F-8/3, Islamabad. UNJLC will subsequently advise on availability and dates for collection.

7. UNJLC Contacts

With UNJLC closing down operations, there are some changes in contact information. UNJLC generic e-mail addresses (pakistan@unjlc.org, pakistan.roads@unjlc.org and pakistan.infoteam@unjlc.org) and personal e-mail addresses will remain active without change until 31 July. unjlcmapping@gmail.com will remain active past 31 July.

Mobile phone numbers change effective 12 July. New numbers are:

- Head UNJLC: 0302 5584896
- Operations Coordinator: 0302 5584936
- Administration Officer: 0302 5584883
- Reports and Information Officer: 0302 5584832

8. Thank You

UNJLC would like to thank all Agencies/NGOs/authorities with whom it has cooperated over the past nine months. As an interagency service dedicated to providing coordination and optimisation of logistics capabilities, UNJLC is largely dependent on its communications and data exchange with the humanitarian community for making its operation into a success. UNJLC looks forward to working with you again in future operations.



A landslide in Kaghan Valley in the process of being cleared. Photos: UNJLC

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Additional information on the humanitarian response to the Pakistan Earthquake is available on www.un.org.pk and on www.reliefweb.int.

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