

EARHTQUAKE 6.8 MAGNITUDE – HINDUKUSH REGION, AFGHANISTAN

2345HRS – 21 MARCH 2023

INITIAL FEEDBACK REPORT - NEOC

1. **General.** An earthquake of 6.8 magnitude was reported from Hindukush region of Afghanistan. Shockwaves were felt in most of the northern parts of Pakistan; including KP, GB, AJ&K, ICT and Northern Punjab with lesser degree in Northern Balochistan. The earthquake was followed by one aftershock of 3.7 magnitude. The details of earthquake are as under: -

- a. Originated on 21-03-2023 at 21:47 PST.
- b. Mag: 6.8.
- c. Depth: 180 km.
- d. Lat: 36.51 N.
- e. Long: 70.96 E.
- f. Epicenter: Hindukush Region, Afghanistan.



2. **Initial Feedback from Provinces**

- a. **KP.** 2 x deaths, 66 x injuries (60 x minor injuries) however all patients are in stable condition.
 - (1) Swabi – Roof collapse; five persons reported injured.
 - (2) Chitral – Roof and boundary wall collapse, 2 x persons injured.
 - (3) Khyber – Roof damage/ collapse, no injuries reported.
 - (4) Swat – Roof collapse and boundary wall damage reports. 1 x child reported dead due to wall collapse in Madyan.
 - (5) Lower Dir – Roof collapse resulting in one death and one person injured.
 - (6) Mardan, Bajour and Lower Chitral – one person reported injured.
 - (7) Approximately 60 people with minor injuries are also reported from different areas however exact numbers and details are being collected.
- b. **GB**
 - (1) Ghizer - Cattle shed and boundary wall damage repots. A minor landslide in Tehsil Phander resulted in loss of 1 x animal. Partial damage of a culvert also reported.
 - (2) Astore valley road (AVR) is reported closed due to landslide.
- c. **ICT.** Reports of cracks in apartment buildings are received, especially in E11 sector; Khudad Heights. All residents were evacuated safely. No other structural collapse or endangered building is reported so far.
- d. **Punjab/ Balochistan/ AJ&K.** No reports of damages or losses so far.

3. Detailed feedback/ reports are being collected from field units/ local administration by respective PDMAs/ GBDMA/ SDMA and ICT Administration. It is likely that more reports of house/ roof and boundary wall damage may be received. As per contact with Rescue 1122 offices no other emergencies are reported so far. Provincial authorities are compiling reports from DDMA/ local administration which will be compiled for detailed follow-up report.