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In Brief

This Information Bulletin (no. 01/2005) is being issued to provide initial details of the earthquake that occurred this morning in Zarand, southeast Iran. At this stage it is for information only, and will be updated later today when further information is available from the area affected. The Iranian Red Crescent Society (IRCS) is responding to the disaster. The IRCS and the Federation is not seeking funding or other assistance from donors for this operation at this time, and advises no outside teams or personnel are required.

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The Situation

An earthquake of magnitude 6.4 on the Richter scale occurred at 05:55 hrs local time this morning (22 February), with an epicenter located around several villages close to Zarand city, Kerman province in south-eastern Iran (see map below). This area is located about 250 km northwest of Bam and at least 600 kms southeast of Tehran. With the quake at a depth of 42kms, there is reportedly limited surface damage.



Latest details of damage and casualties indicate at least 130 people have been killed with about 500 injured, and these people have already been transferred to Zarand and Kerman hospital facilities. Dahoone village has apparently been 100% destroyed and Houtkan village approximately 80% destroyed, with damage reported from several others. The electricity supply for Zarand city has been cut but telephone lines and gas supplies are reportedly intact.

Red Cross and Red Crescent action

An initial assessment has been done, and ten IRCS rescue and relief teams from Kerman province are now operational, recovering bodies and transferring the injured to hospitals. Relief teams from other provinces (Isfahan, Sistan and Balouchestan, Yazd and Hormozgan) are also backing the operation. Relief supplies from national stocks are mobilized and additional support is in the area. In addition to

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IRCS helicopters, three planes are also provided by the government to carry IRCS relief items to the affected region. The relief action is being managed in close cooperation with the Government, and the IRCS is participating actively in the Provincial Task Force.

Access to some affected villages is difficult and the weather is very cold in the region. The IRCS is distributing tents, blankets, food stuffs, and other relief supplies.

The rescue and relief operation is under control and no external teams or personnel are required. An evaluation of other possible needs is currently underway and will be provided as soon as possible regarding possible needs for cash and/or in kind donations. These details will be communicated shortly via follow-up Information Bulletins.

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