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## Information bulletin Iran: Earthquake

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Iranian Red Crescent deployed its emergency response team providing vital life saving activities,  
Photo: courtesy of the Iranian Red Crescent

[<click here to view the map of the affected area, or here for detailed contact information>](#)

### Summary:

A twin Earthquakes measuring 6.2 and 6 on the Richter scale shook north-western Iran, East Azerbaijan province on 11 August 2012. As per Tehran University's Seismological Centre, the epicenter of the earthquake was located in Orang village, Ahar town.

Number of aftershocks: 85 between 4.8 and 2.5 M (based on International Institute for Seismology)

Number of cities affected: 4 (Varzaghan, Haris, Ahar, Tabriz)

Number of villages affected: 180 (60 in Varzaghan, 42 in Haris, 70 in Ahar, 8 in Tabriz).

Damage percentage: between 70-100 %

Death toll: 306 persons

## The situation

Two Earthquakes with the magnitude of 6.2 and 6.3 on the Richter scale rocked north-western Iran, East Azerbaijan province on 11 August 2012. As per Tehran University's Seismological Centre, the first earthquake hit at 4:53PM local time with an epicentre around 60 KM from Tabriz and the second one took place at 5:04 PM in the vicinity of Varzaghan. The towns of Ahar, Varzaghan and Heris and their surrounding rural areas are the main earthquake stricken places.

The majority of the deaths and injuries have occurred in rural areas. At least 100 villages have been affected, six of which have been completely flattened. The towns of Haris and Varzaqan, believed to be the epicentre, in East Azerbaijan province, were among those that suffered the most severe casualties. Many people have sustained crush injuries, fractures and broken bones are being transported to local hospitals.

**As per latest from the field, during relief & rescue operation in affected zones, 1080 relief workers in terms of 92 teams by back up of necessary equipment, dispatched to the ruined areas and number of 50,415 persons has been sheltered. Also, 2606 persons were rescued and 226 injured were treated.**

## Red Cross and Red Crescent action

### Items distributed:

Accommodated: 50,415 (persons)

Family tents: 9,674 (sets)

Blanket: 11,942 (pieces)

Ground sheet (moquette): 3,042 (pieces)

Heating light: 2,520 (pieces)

Coleman water cooler: 104 (pieces)

Kitchen set: 3,830 (pieces)

Food package: 20,348 (pieces)

Canned fish: 112,104 (tins)

Canned bean: 209,629 (tins)

Potable water: 110,000 (bottles)

Washing powder: 30,000 cartons

Bar of soaps: 33,853

Rice: 50,000 kg

Edible oil: 21,850 kg

Sugar and cubic sugar: 31,000 kg

Tea: 300 kg

Cereals: 25,000 kg

### Staff and Equipment deployed:

Relief & Rescue teams: 92 (1,080 persons)

Ambulance: 97

Relief & Rescue vehicles: 53

Helicopter: 5

Bio radar (life saving) sets: 20

Sniffer dogs: 20

### Air Relief Operation:

Helicopter: 5

Number of flights: 36

Total flight time: 26 hrs.

Consignment transported: 5 tons

Staff transported: 105 persons (15 medical, 90 relief workers, media and authorities)

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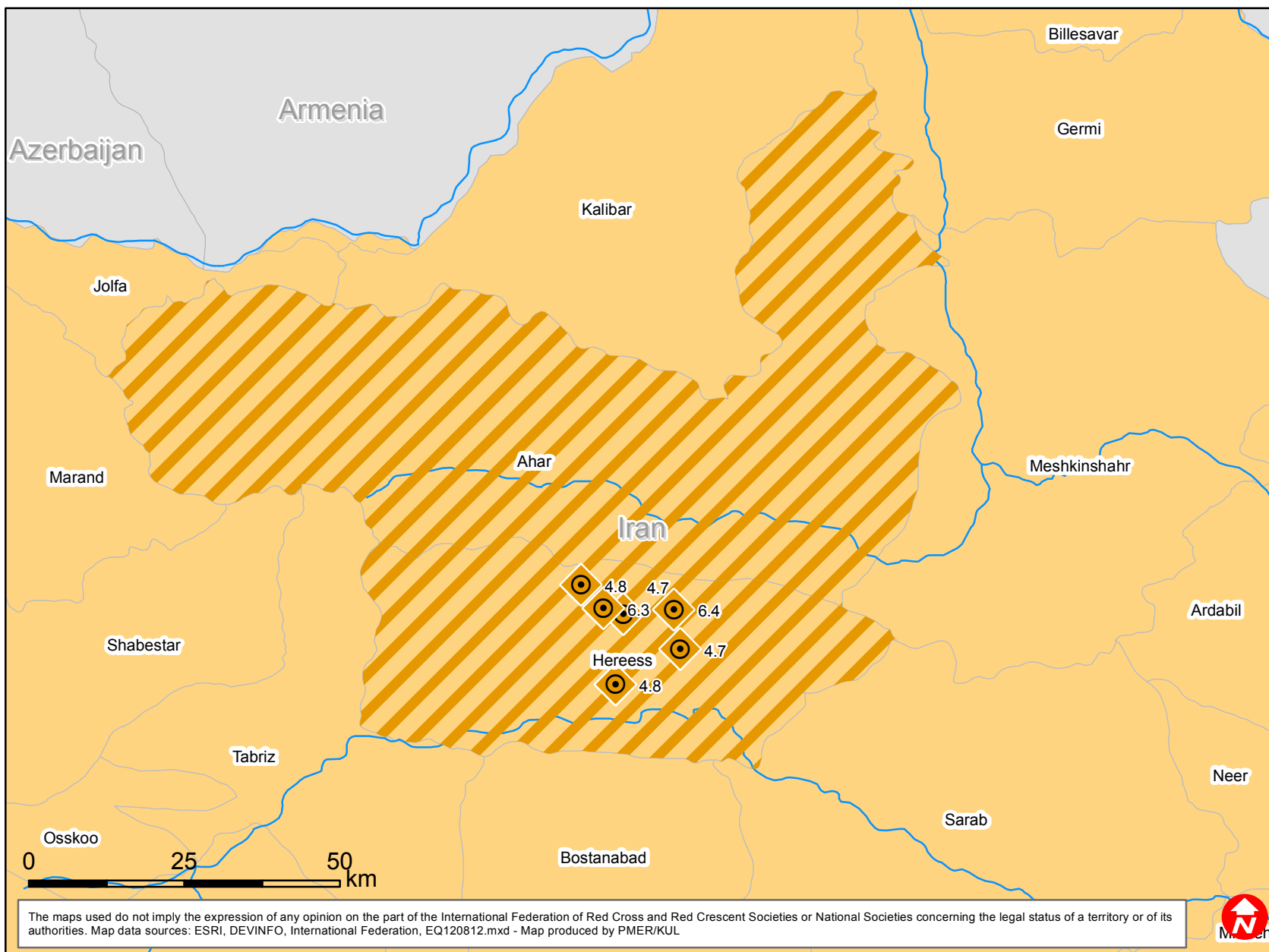


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1. Save lives, protect livelihoods, and strengthen recovery from disaster and crises.
  2. Enable healthy and safe living.
  3. Promote social inclusion and a culture of non-violence and peace.
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