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Information bulletin Iran: Earthquake



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This bulletin is being issued for information of the earthquake that took place in West Azerbaijan province of Islamic Republic of Iran and reflects the current situation and details available at this time. Although international appeal has not been launched for this disaster, direct international donations to IRCS are welcomed to support the ongoing operation.

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Summary:

A twin Earthquake 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 epicentre of the first earthquake was Owrang village located in Ahar city and epicentre of the second one was between Ali Abad and Zang Abad villages in Varzaghan city.

Number of aftershocks: More than 1,400 (based on International Institute for Seismology)

- **Number of cities affected:** 5 (Varzaghan, Haris, Ahar, Tabri, caliber)
- **Number of villages affected:** 399
- **Damage percentage:**
 - 356 villages between 30- 100%
 - 46 villages 100%
- **Number of the destroyed houses above 60%:** 11,908
- **Death toll:** 306 persons
- **Number of the supportive provinces:** 15

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. 399 villages have been affected, 46 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.

As per latest from the field, during relief & rescue operation in affected areas, 2,400 relief workers in terms of 478 teams by back up of necessary equipment, 105 Ambulances, 180 rescue vehicles, 20 life detector sets, 19 teams of sniffer dogs dispatched to the ruined zones and number of 125,280 persons have been sheltered.

Number of Population Affected: 157,403 (34,200 families):

- Varzeghan: 43%
- Ahar: 38%
- Haris: 17%
- Tabriz: 2%

Total Items Distributed:

- Relief tent: 26,359
- Non-food items: 66,809
- Food items: 501,039 packages
- Hygiene kits: 35,430 kits
- Mobile latrines: 1328 units

Red Cross and Red Crescent action

Services rendered to the earthquake stricken people

- Environmental health services: 4,145 Cases persons
- Visiting patients: 13,646 persons
- Nursing Services: 5,583 persons
- Obstetrics services: 5,584 persons
- Psycho-social services: 3,853 persons
- WATSAN services: 2,425
- Nutrition – consultation services : 1,092 cases

NFI distributed:

- Ground sheet (moquette): 12,305 (pcs)
- Blanket: 37,500 (pcs)
- Kitchen set: 3,830 (sets)
- Water dispenser: 11,348 (pcs)
- Water/oil container (foldable): 15,000 (pcs)
- Heating light: 7,520 (pcs)
- Small Light: 4,500 (pcs)
- Washing powder: 35,040 packs
- Soap: 42,893 (bars)
- Family notebook: 21,983 (pcs)
- Tent for prayer: 200 (sets)
- Tooth brush: 5,184 (pcs)
- Empty food baskets: 7,400
- Tooth paste: 5,136
- Hand washing liquid: 408 kg Family notebook: 21,983 (pcs)

Distributed Food items:

- Food basket: 7,400 (pcs)
- Food package: 501,039 (pieces)
- Canned fish: 112,104 (tins)
- Canned bean: 209,629 (tins)
- Potable water: 110,000 (bottles)
- Rice: 56,070 kg
- Cooking oil: 57,571 kg
- Sugar and cubic sugar: 31,000 kg
- Tea: 5,300 kg
- Cereals: 25,000 kg
- Dates: 18,000 kg

Distributed Food and Non Food Items donated by Iranian People:

- Blanket: 4,764 (pcs)
- Pillows: 100 (pcs)
- Canned food: 11,592 (tins)
- Mineral Water: 58,871 bottles
- Dates: 1,607 kg
- Food baskets: 650 packs

- Bread: 21,136 loafs
- Hygiene kits: 384 sets
- Clothes: 867 sets

Operation: An appraisal group including Treatment & Rehabilitation Division, Relief & Rescue Organization and International Affairs & IHL Division headed to affected zones of East Azerbaijan to implement capacity building projects of recovery phase. In coordination with East Azerbaijan provincial branch the requirements of recovery phase were raised as follows:

- Establishing administration and operational center in Varzaghan city.
- Establishing medical center in Ahar city.
- Establishing and implementing road relief base.
- Establishing administration center, warehouse, dormitory and specialized Relief & Rescue training centers in Saeed Abad, Tabriz branch.
- Purchasing physiotherapy equipment for orthopedic center of Ahar city.

In line with above, those stakeholders who might be interested in participation on recovery phase are highly welcomed.

International Aid received:

With deep IRCS appreciation, the following countries/partners have sent their international assistance to the affected areas until now:

- Turkey Red Crescent Society
- Azerbaijan Red Crescent Society
- Red Crescent Society of Pakistan
- Swiss Government
- The Government of Qatar
- Nakhchivan autonomous Republic
- Humedica of Germany
- Government of Armenia
- Government of Japan
- JICA from Japan
- China Red Cross Society
- Government of Italy

The IRCS priority for In-kind donation for the ongoing operation:

The needs for the affected areas are as follow:

1. Mobile latrines
2. Mobile showers
3. Power generators with different capacity
4. Water tankers 200 liters and above
5. Plastic sheet: (24 square meters)
6. Family winter tent with 2 covers for winter time
7. Stove for heating
8. Solar lamp to be used inside the tent
9. Sleeping bag
10. Winter clothes
11. Prefabricated houses

All the needed items could be purchased locally and should be delivered to Tabriz Red Crescent Provincial branch.

Cash Donation

While the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies has not launched an emergency appeal in response to the earthquake since there is no request so far, The Iranian Red Crescent Society (IRCS) appreciates receiving cash donation through following given account numbers.

1) Mellat Bank

BKMTIRTH015 63404/99999 Euro

BKMTIRTH015 63404/1401400 US Dollar

Mellat Bank, Hejrat Branch

Branch Code: 63404

Account Beneficiary: Iranian Red Crescent Society (IRCS)

2) Melli Bank

MELIIRTH060 /702070 US Dollar

MELIIRTH060/800300 Euro

Central Branch

Branch Code 0060

Account Beneficiary: Iranian Red Crescent Society (IRCS)

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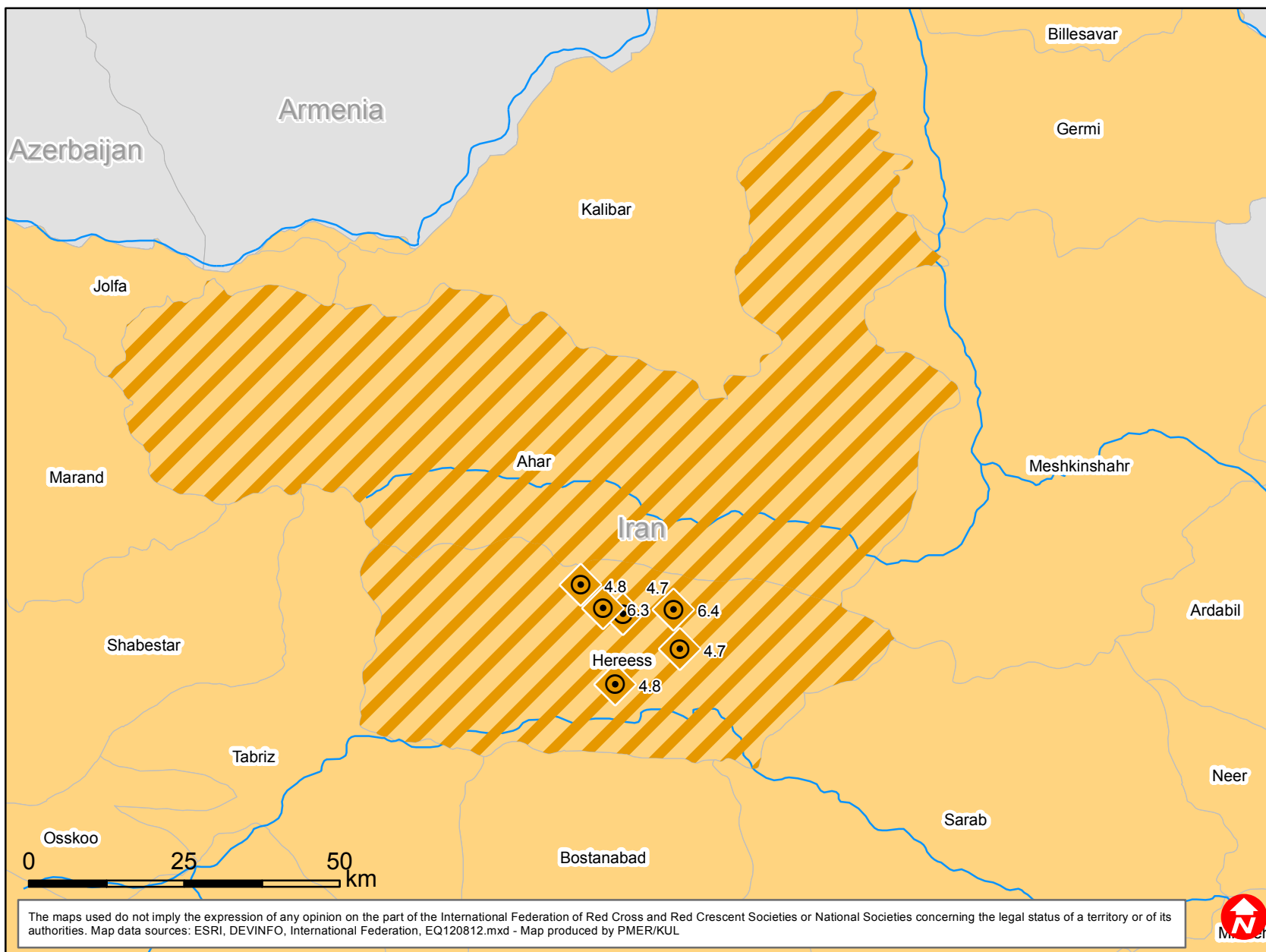


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