

## Earthquake Crisis: Donate to the Afghanistan Emergency Appeal



On June the 22nd, a 5.9 magnitude earthquake struck eastern Afghanistan at around 1:24 a.m. local time. The epicenter was approximately 28.5 miles southwest of Khost, near the Pakistani border, and was 6.2 miles deep. The impact was limited but widespread. The 5.9 magnitude earthquake killed 1,000 people and injured at least 1,500. The settlements of Gayan, Nika, Barmal, and Zirok in Paktika province were all severely damaged.

The country's resources were already tight before the earthquake, but now local hospitals are overflowing with injured survivors. Health officials are also concerned about the development of cholera among earthquake survivors who do not have access to safe drinking water. Afghanistan's health system has been struggling immensely under the weight of this tragedy.

The recent natural calamity is a severe setback for Afghan families already enduring chronic poverty, misery, and suffering before the disaster. It will now leave them with

lifelong injuries and no place to live. Worse yet, tens of thousands of homes that remain standing have sustained serious damage and are in danger of collapse.

Before this natural disaster, Afghanistan was already in the grip of a humanitarian crisis.

Now people are now suffering from much greater hardships. Drought, economic collapse, and soaring global food costs have brought millions of Afghans to the verge of hunger.

Our employees at Zahra Trust have been working around the clock in the aftermath of Afghanistan's earthquake to offer critical first aid. Our team is on the ground performing a thorough needs assessment and collaborating with locals to deliver immediate help and assistance to affected families.

The Zahra Trust has provided millions of people across hundreds of communities throughout the world with relief and development aid since its establishment in 2008, but our charity does not have the funding to reach every vulnerable individual. It's through your donations that we can continue our work.

We are currently trying to help hundreds of people who have lost loved ones, homes, and livelihoods. Medical care and transportation for the injured, shelter and supplies for the displaced, food and water, and clothes are among the most imminent needs the country is facing.

We need your help to offer critical assistance to injured individuals who have been impacted by this tragic natural catastrophe. Your donations to the Afghanistan appeal will support communities and people living in places with food shortages and a lack of healthcare. With your help, we will be able to provide life-saving resources to those who most need them and guarantee that resources are in place ahead of the future natural disaster in a country at high risk of earthquakes and climate-related disasters.

A crisis of this magnitude does not resolve itself without great action; it necessitates a collaborative effort.

Afghanistan's people need our support now more than ever. We cannot abandon them right now.

**Donate now** to help us reach vulnerable families suffering from this calamity. Every donation makes a difference.