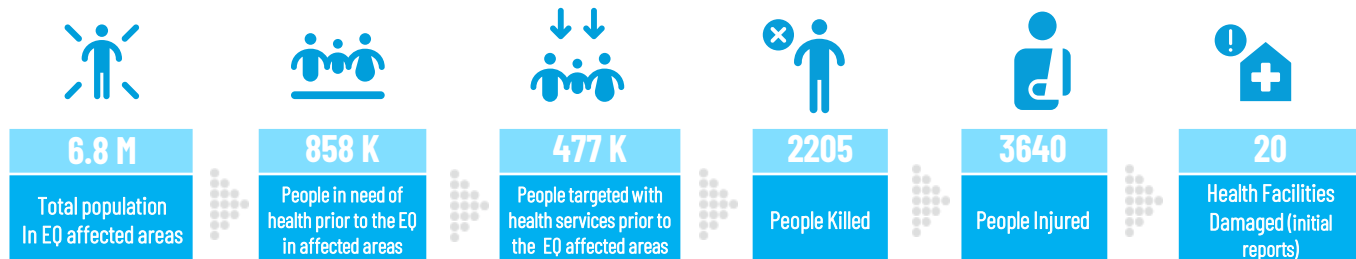


Key Figures



Key Highlights

A magnitude **M6.0 earthquake** struck eastern Afghanistan, at 11:48 PM (GMT +4.30) on 31 August 2025, with epicenter Kama in district, severely impacting communities across **Kunar, Nangarhar, Laghman and Nuristan** provinces.

The earthquake occurred along the Kunar major fault line, the area historically categorized as high seismic risk with severe shake intensity levels.

Preliminary reports indicate widespread destruction of homes, public infrastructure, and critical services, particularly in rural and mountainous areas where building structures are highly vulnerable to seismic shocks. Given the shallow depth and proximity to populated areas, the earthquake caused major structural damage and casualties are anticipated.

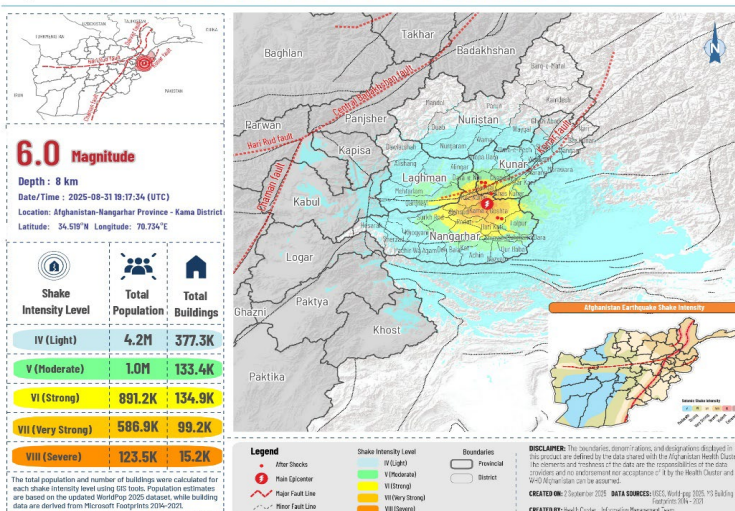
Reports on 8 September indicate:

- Over **2,205 deaths**
- Over **3,640 injuries**, many in remote mountainous areas
- Over **6,700 homes destroyed**
- 6.8 million people living in affected provinces
- 80 health facilities recently closed due to funding cuts
- Chawkay, Nurgal, Chapa Dara, Dara-e- Pech, and Watapur, and Khas Kunar** in Kunar province, **Dara-e-Nur** in Nangarhar province **and Alingar** district in Laghman province are the most impacted districts.
- Access challenges** road closures, geographic constraints, limited phone coverage , uncoordinated direct engagement of some partners outside cluster mechanisms.



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6.0 Magnitude Earthquake in Nangarhar Province - Kama District (31 August 2025)



Medical doctor providing health services to affected people at Kunar-Nurgul district (UNFPA/AADA)

Immediate health needs

- ✓ **Access to essential services** – emergency primary health care, trauma care, MHPSS, maternal/newborn/childcare, delivery services, and referral strengthening, and rehabilitation of 20 damaged health facilities.
- ✓ **Disease surveillance & outbreak response** – including training, investigation, and prepositioning of medicines/supplies.
- ✓ **Health facility rehabilitation** – minor repairs and establishment of temporary/alternative health facilities in damaged or hard-to-reach areas.
- ✓ **Mobile health and Nutrition teams (MHNTs)** – deployment to serve affected populations in remote areas (currently 25 teams, more are planned).
- ✓ **Treatment of injuries & rehabilitation services** – partners already providing support.
- ✓ **Referral services** – provision of ambulances, drivers, referral hospitals support.
- ✓ **Human resources & medical kits** – provision of staff, IEHK kits, RMNCH kits, trauma kits, etc.
- ✓ **MHPSS & risk communication/community engagement** – integrated in response.
- ✓ **Strengthened coordination of the response.**

Key finding from Multi-Sectoral Rapid Assessment Form (MSRAF) – Update 4

- ❑ **46 villages** were visited and interviews conducted with key informants
- ❑ 46 villages comprised of 203,596 individuals of which 33,707 (16.6%) were reported to be affected by the earthquake (17,569 female, 16,138 male)
- ❑ Within this villages **1,445 deaths (788 female, 657 male)** were reported ie. approximately 0.7% of the total population in the affected areas.

Findings on Health needs

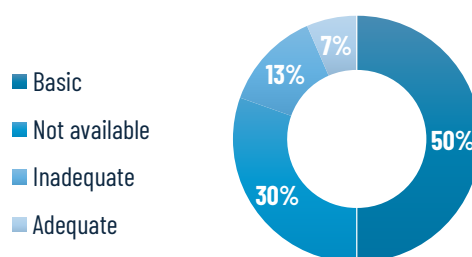
- Trauma was most commonly reported health condition suffered by the population, mostly in 3 villages (Suhel, Jabagi and Massod Ghazi Abad).
- Psychological health conditions were also reported (and only reported) from these villages where high trauma caseloads were seen.

Health service availability

- 21.7% (10) villages reported their health facilities were damaged
- From 46 villages 11% with damaged health services do not have alternate services
- Most commonly affected services were maternal and child health including deliveries, general OPD and primary health care, and inpatient care, followed by first aid, EPI and referral.
- 10 villages reported that it takes more than 30 minutes of walking to reach alternative health services
- AMORI and SAFEDARO in Kunar –chawkay district are the villages that take more than 45 min driving by car to reach to the alternate health services

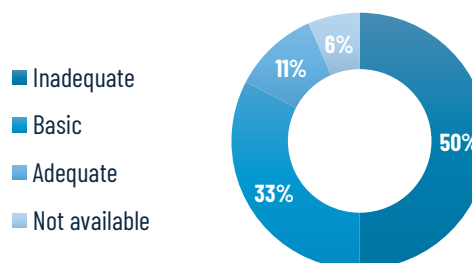
- In the 46 villages 43.5% reported medicines were not available or inadequate below chart for more information:

Medicines Availability



- In the 46 villages 39.1% reported medical supplies were not available or inadequate below chart for more information:

Medical Supplies



Key activity updates from partners

WHO (World Health Organization)

WHO continues to work with health authorities and partners to ensure essential health services and life-saving support reach those who need them most.

- 2 Mobile Health Teams (MHTs) operating in Ghaziabad camp and Dewa Gal village, Nurgal District, providing the full Basic Package of Health Services (BPHS). To date, they have delivered over 4,121 consultations, including trauma care, and referred more than 200 patients for further treatment.
- WHO has deployed 17 Surveillance Support Teams (SSTs) across four provinces; Nangarhar, Kunar, Nuristan, and Laghman for active disease surveillance, between 2-7 September, 743 infectious disease cases were reported in Kunar Province, including 473 Acute Respiratory Infections, 231 Diarrheal Diseases (140 AWD, 91 bloody) 39 Malaria Cases.
- To date, WHO has delivered 43 metric tones of medical supplies to health facilities in the affected areas, sufficient to meet the needs of approximately 86,500 people. An additional 35.9 MT of health items, including PHC and non-communicable disease kits, are being mobilized through the WHO Dubai logistics hub and are expected in the coming days.

UNICEF (United Nations Children's Fund)

Supported health facilities under HER and SAFE projects have treated nearly 3,990 trauma cases and conducted 324 major surgeries.

- 25 ambulances are operating 24/7, transporting injured patients to referral hospitals in Jalalabad and Asadabad.
- Makeshift health facilities were established in seven affected villages in Kunar, where over 1,500 patients have been treated to date.
- Mobile health and nutrition teams from UNICEF's partner AYSO are providing trauma care, basic health services, and malnutrition screening.
- Medical supplies and equipment provided by ECHO for earthquake-affected people have been delivered by UNICEF through temporary and other health facilities.
- Additionally, UNICEF has procured medical equipment, including patient beds, oxygen cylinders, delivery tables, warmers, and a 50 KVA generator, to be used in the hospital camp in Khas Kunar.

UNPFA (United Nation Population Fund)

(AADA, MOVE, HNTPO, AFGA)

There are total 4 active MHNTs of UNPFA working in the earthquake area of Kunar province in which (3 MHNTs of IP MOVE & 1 MHT of IP ADDA).

- UNPFA delivered 26 sets of inter-agency reproductive health kits to Fatima-Zuhara provincial hospital, Kunar provincial hospital, and Nangarhar regional hospital.
- Two Psychosocial Counseling centers (PSCCs) and one Mother and Child Health Center (MCHC) are being operated in the Kunar province, implemented by the HNTPO organization.
- UNPFA, in collaboration with its implementing partner AFGA, distributed a total of 206 RH kits, 428 MHM kits for adolescent girls, 496 Dignity kits.

IOM (International Organization for Migration)

- One Mobile Health team is providing the essential medical health services to the affected population in Dewa gal valley of Sawki District of Kunar province.
- One CBVC with one outreach team is providing essential medical health services to the affected population in Kuz Kunar area of Nangarhar province.
- One PMT (Psychosocial Mobile Team) will be deployed soon to Dewa gal valley of Chawkay District of Kunar province.

AYSO (Afghan Youth Services Organization)

- AYSO has been actively participating in the earthquake response from the first day up to the present.
- They three health facilities supported through WHO and one supported through UNICEF and one from Save the children supported through ECHO for this response.

IRC (International Rescue Committee)

- IRC has deployed a Mobile Health and Nutrition Team in Dewa-gal Dara, Chawkay district of Kunar province, to deliver essential primary health care services to earthquake-affected communities.
- The team is providing outpatient consultations, sexual and reproductive health services, MHPSS support through awareness sessions and individual consultations, as well as nutrition screening for children under five and pregnant and lactating women.

HealthNet TPO (Healthnet International and Transcultural Psychosocial Organization)

- 5 teams deployed, including first access to Arit area in Nurgal district with medicines, supplies, and food.
- Essential medicines dispatched; coordination ongoing with partners for trauma kits and consumables. Relief items (blankets, tents, food, hygiene kits, fuel,) delivered to Ghaziabad, Chalas, and Mamagul HSCs.
- 2,000 kits (including dignity and adolescent girls' kits) under preparation.
- 3 teams mobilized, focusing on women and children.
- In close collaboration with PPHDs, ANDMA, WHO, Health Cluster, authorities, and community leaders.

WADAN (Welfare Association for the Development of Afghanistan)

- Nurgal, Mazar Dara, Kunar province deployed 9 experienced team members (Male and female doctors, Nurses, Health workers) equipped with essential medicines and supplies to provide immediate medical care.

JACK (Just for Afghan Capacity and Knowledge)

- Rapidly activated all health facilities, assessed damages, and pre-positioned emergency kits with medicines and trauma supplies.
- Deployed 14 ambulances with doctors and nurses to Kunar (including Dara-e-Noor) and reassigned six to NRH for patient transfers.
- Managed 1,078 injured patients at NRH, including 566 admissions, 172 major surgeries, 298 blood transfusions, and 470 radiographs.

AKDN (Aga Khan Development Network)

- AKDN health teams and specialized search and rescue units reached the most affected areas after the earthquake in Kunar province, providing emergency medical care, conducting life-saving operations, and distributing essential non-food items and emergency food assistance.
- Provide emergency shelter and water, sanitation, and hygiene support, installing temporary latrines and distributing hygiene packages to vulnerable families.

ARCS (Afghan Red Crescent Society)

- Currently, 5 MHTs from ARCS remain operational in Nurgul and Chawkey districts of Kunar province, delivering essential health services including PHC, trauma care, MCH, and MHPSS to the affected population.

MEDAIR

- Reaffirmed readiness to support earthquake response in Kunar, Nangarhar, Laghman, and Nuristan provinces.
- Operational presence in Afghanistan with capacity to mobilize teams and resources in Health and Nutrition sectors.
- Prepared to deploy a Health and Nutrition mobile team in Kunar province.
- Actively engaged in joint assessments with IOM, Nutrition Cluster, WFP, and WASH Cluster in Nurgul district, Kunar.

ORCD (Organization for Research & Community Development)

- ORCD Afghanistan deployed an emergency health team on 1 Sept 2025, consisting of two medical specialists and one pharmacist and an assessment team in Kunar province Chawky district, - Dawa Gul Valley and Badenzai villages .
- The team has been providing emergency health services, including trauma care, treatment of acute conditions, psychosocial support (PSS), and the distribution of hygiene kits, Mama & Baby (M&B) kits, and Long-Lasting Insecticidal Nets (LLINs) to the affected population.

AADA (Agency for Assistance and Development of Afghanistan)

- AADA deployed two well-equipped Mobile Health Teams (MHTs) from Nangarhar to Soheil Tangi, Nurgul district, Kunar, each staffed with a doctor, midwife, psychosocial counsellor, vaccinator, guard, and driver.
- The teams are delivering a full package of health services, including primary health care and psychosocial support, to earthquake-affected populations in Kunar and Laghman provinces.
- The teams visited Sohil Banda, Bar Sohil, Kuz Sohil, and Paman villages, reaching 678 people with health/PSS services and 181 individuals with health promotion and education.

SCI (Save the Children)

- Currently providing primary health care consultations and nutrition services through 3 Mobile Health and Nutrition Teams (MHNTs) in earthquake-affected areas.
- Kunar Province: Two MHNTs are operational, one team is covering Nugal district (Mazar Valley, Wadir Village), the second team is serving Sawki District (Dewagal Valley, Undelachak Village).
- Nangarhar Province: One MHNT is active in Dara-e-Noor District (Shimal and Candak Villages).

UNHCR (United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees)

- supporting tents for affected families.

MSF (Medecins sans Frontières)

- MSF teams on the ground donated trauma and dressing kits to Laghman Provincial Hospital and Nangarhar Regional Hospital.
- Surgical team reorganizing to support Nangarhar Teaching Hospital with technical assistance and additional kit donations.

PU-AMI (Premiere Urgence - Aide Médicale Internationale)

- PU-AMI supporting one HSC in Shumash village and providing health, nutrition, MHPSS, and hygiene promotion as well as SRH services.
- Supporting one mobile health team in Wadeer village of Nurgul district and providing health, MHPSS, hygiene promotion, and SRH.
- Supporting BPHS/ Health Net for HR support, PU-AMI recruited staff for (Karchando CHC, and Dewagal BHC), and they have already deployed to these HF.

TDH (Terre des hommes)

- TDH is also present in 8 districts of Nangarhar province by covering 7 basic health center and 1 MHNTs.

MMRCA (Medical Management and Research Courses for Afghanistan)

- Supported by WHO, MMRCA implements the DATC project in Nangarhar
- Deployed one team (doctors, nurses and a hospital manager) to Nangarhar regional hospital

IRW (Islamic Relief Worldwide)

- IRW is also present in the earthquake affected areas and providing health services to affected people.
- 337 cases of injured and trauma has been treated
- In addition, 613 patients with other illnesses were treated. Nutritional support was provided to 19 pregnant and lactating women, 15 cases of moderate acute malnutrition (MAM), and 8 cases of severe acute malnutrition (SAM). Furthermore, 12 patients requiring advanced medical care were referred to higher-level facilities.

HDDO (Health, Disability and Development Organization)

- HDDO deployed one Mobile Physical Rehabilitation Unit, to support victims of the recent earthquake in Kunar. The unit is staffed by a qualified Physiotherapist and a Prosthetics & Orthotics (P&O) Technician, providing on-the-spot assessments, treatment, and the distribution of mobility and assistive devices.
- As part of this response, distributed a total of 446 assistive devices and essential items to those affected. These were tailored to meet urgent mobility and orthopedic needs identified on-site.

SAF (Solidarity for Afghan Families)

- SAF has donated and supplied medicines to the Kunar PPHD and is actively providing health services to earthquake-affected people

BARAN (Bu Ali Rehabilitation and Aid Network)

- Fully equipped ambulance with health personnel, mobilized resources and extended immediate life-saving support for the affected population such as Emergency Trauma Kits, Emergency Medicine Kit, Non-Food Items(NFIs), Four Technical and operational volunteers.
- BARAN team evaluate the needs and participate in the support committee for any further assistance and service provision.

Captured photos from the earthquake affected areas and response



Provision of OPD and Trauma Service at Salam Pur MHNT of Kunar province on Sep-7-2025 - IRC



Medical Doctor providing Health services to affected people at Kunar province - UNFPA/MOVE



Provision of health services for affected population in Kunar province by WADAN organization



Provision of health and nutrition services to the affected population in Nurgal district of Kunar province by HINTPO



Medical doctor providing Health services to affected people at Kunar Dare Pech district - MOVE



Provides essential healthcare through Mobile Health Team deployed in Nangarhar Province AADA

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