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# AFGHANISTAN EARTHQUAKE EMERGENCY

*Feedback Report December 2023*



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*Reflecting on the Ongoing Crisis*

It's been two months since four large earthquakes shook the western region of Afghanistan in early October 2023.

Afghanistan remains one of the most poverty-stricken countries in the world, enduring years of war and conflict, and as such the devastation caused by this calamity was immense. While the affected areas continue to grapple with the aftermath, your support has played a crucial role in providing aid and alleviating the suffering of those affected.



# A GLIMPSE INTO THE REALITY

As you may recall, the earthquakes had a significant impact on communities in Zinda Jan, Ghoryan, Gulran, Injil, and Kushka-e-Rabat Sanghi Districts. Over the past two months, our teams have been working tirelessly on the ground to address the immediate needs of the affected population.

Behind the numbers and reports, the urgency persists. Lives are still in jeopardy, and the path to recovery is fraught with challenges. Families, displaced and shattered, are in dire need of continued support.



# YOUR IMPACT MATTERS

## **Lifesaving Support:**

Your immediate response has provided critical lifelines to families facing the ruins of their lives. The delivery of essential items has brought dignity and comfort in the midst of unimaginable chaos.

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## **Easing Hunger:**

Your contributions ensured families, grappling with the urgent threat to their lives, had enough food to sustain them. Your support touched lives that were on the brink of despair.

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## **Nights Made Warmer:**

In the cold, harsh nights, your generosity supplied warm clothing and blankets, offering a small comfort to those who lost everything.

# HOW YOU HAVE HELPED



**SO FAR, YOU HAVE PROVIDED 387 FAMILIES (1,624 INDIVIDUALS) WITH ESSENTIAL ITEMS**

including cooking pots, pressure cookers, kettles, cutlery, crockery, soaps and detergents, gas cylinders, blankets and more, as well as food packs including rice, beans, water, cooking oil, flour, and other essentials.



# CHALLENGES STILL AHEAD

The resilience of the Afghan people is awe-inspiring, and your contributions are instrumental in helping them rebuild their lives. Efforts are underway to create sustainable livelihoods for the communities that have been severely affected.

Despite the progress, challenges persist. The harsh winter months approaching pose additional threats to the displaced families.



Adequate shelter, heating, and medical care remain urgent priorities. With your continued support, we aim to address these challenges head-on and ensure that the affected populations not only recover but thrive in the aftermath of this devastating natural disaster.

Your ongoing commitment provides a lifeline to those whose lives have been torn apart, offering a chance at rebuilding.

Thank you for being a source of urgency and hope in the face of this devastating crisis.





# YOUR DONATIONS HAVE HELPED SAVE LIVES

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**A message from Ridwana Wallace-Laher, CEO**



On behalf of everyone at Penny Appeal, I extend my heartfelt appreciation for your compassion, generosity, and commitment to making the world a better place. Together, we are not just rebuilding communities; we are restoring faith and resilience in the face of adversity.

As we navigate through the aftermath of the recent earthquakes in Afghanistan, I am moved to express my deepest gratitude for the unwavering support we have received from each and every one of you.

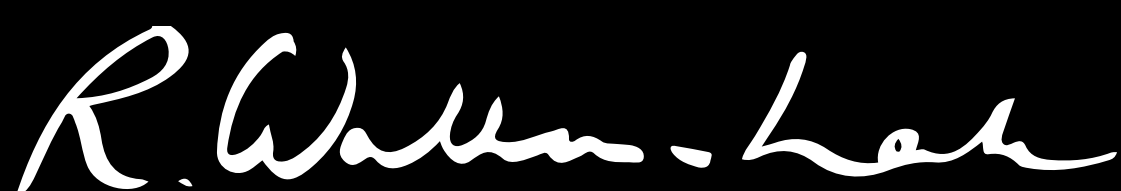
In these challenging times, your care and consideration have been a source of hope for those grappling with the impact of this natural disaster.

As we continue our efforts to rebuild and rehabilitate, I want to assure you that your contributions are making a tangible difference in the lives of those affected. The journey to recovery is ongoing, and with your continued support, we are determined to overcome the challenges that lie ahead.

Let us not forget the profound impact we can have when we come together for a shared purpose. Your kindness has created a ripple effect of hope, touching the lives of families who need it the most across Afghanistan. Jazak'Allah.

***“So, surely with hardship comes ease. So, surely with that hardship comes more ease. So, once you have fulfilled your duty, strive in devotion, turning to your Lord alone with hope.”***

Qur'an 94:5-8



**Ridwana Wallace-Laher**

Chief Executive Officer

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