



**PRIME MINISTER'S SECRETARIAT
NATIONAL DISASTER MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY
ISLAMABAD**



Earthquake – January 2011

1. An earthquake measuring 7.3 on the Richter scale was recorded at **0123 hours** on **19 Jan 11**, with its **epicenter 150 km** North-West of **Kharan, Balochistan** The affected area is scarcely populated.
2. No deaths have so far been reported.
3. Damage to houses in areas close to the epicenter of the earthquake has been reported.
4. NDMA has coordinated following to provide to affected populated:-
 - a. 300 Tents, Ready to Eat Meals and mineral water through C-130 aircrafts of Pakistan Air Force, are being dispatched.
 - b. Transportation of 7000 Blankets and 500 tents from Quetta for handing over to DC Dalbandin.
 - c. On request of NDMA UNHCR has agreed to make available 1500 Tents, if required.
 - d. Three Army Medical Teams alongwith one MI-17 & Bell Helicopter each and one Cessna aircraft, have been kept on stand-by at Quetta for airlifting to affected areas (if needed).
 - e. Pakistan Army and Pakistan Air Force have been requested to earmark troops and assets respectively for undertaking relief operation at short notice.
 - f. A Bell helicopter from Southern Command flew at 0830 hours on 19 January for undertaking aerial reconnaissance of the affected area to ascertain extent of damages. Preliminary reports by the said mission do not indicate significant damage.
 - g. NDMA has also instructed 50 Aviation Squadron to undertake damage assessment through Cessna aircraft.
 - h. The local authorities of the area are undertaking assessment through their Revenue Staff and Levis.
 - i. Southern Command and Frontier Corps, Balochistan have already moved troops to the affected areas to undertake rescue & relief operation (if required) and damage assessment.
5. Following Foreign Missions/organizations working in Pakistan, immediately after the earthquake, contacted NDMA and offered their assistance which was appreciated but not accepted as yet:
 - a. USA
 - b. Peoples Republic of China
 - c. Japan
 - d. Turkish Red Crescent
 - e. AUSAID
 - f. World bank
6. NDMA is maintaining a close liaison with provincial authorities, Armed Forces and the humanitarian agencies to meet any unforeseen situation.