



Situation update

A 7.7 magnitude earthquake with 189km depth struck Afghanistan 26 October 2015 causing injuries and deaths, as well as damage in infrastructure in some parts of the country. Some 866 060 people live 100 km around the epicentre Jurm district, 65 km South of Faizabad, Badakshan.

WHO's concern is for the population of 1700 households that were damaged or completely destroyed by the earthquake. Affected population are still living in the disaster site in the damaged houses.

As of today, reports received from the WHO and Ministry of Health focal persons on the ground shows the trend of injuries in the affected areas

Injury Trend:

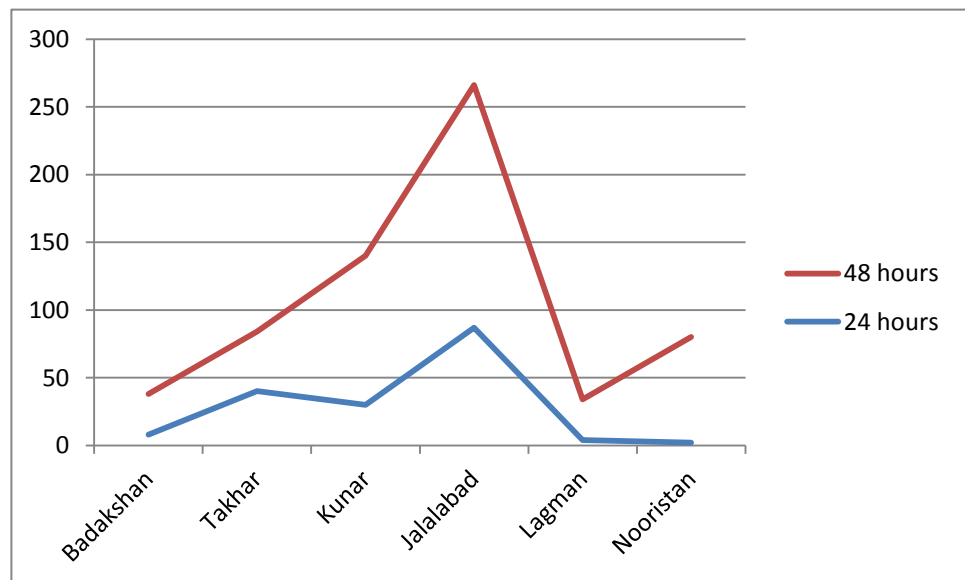


Table showing total reported deaths and injuries from MOH health facilities:

Affected Provinces	Death	Injured
Badakhshan		4
Takhar	12	44
Kunar	19	110
Jalalabad	22	179
Lagman	7	30
Nouristan	6	78
Total	66	445

Data sources: PHD Nanagrahar, Lagman, Kunnar, ANDMA in Nuristan .

Public health concerns

With the onset of winter season and with the falling temperature, WHO continues to closely monitor the situation for any public health alert in the aftermath of the event. Anticipated public health concerns would be communicable diseases and non-communicable diseases especially among children and elderly population. WHO has strengthened the surveillance for the incidence of the communicable diseases in the affected areas including pneumonia.

WHO action

WHO is currently collecting information in close coordination with Government authorities. Hospitals in the affected provinces continue to provide services to the injured through effective mass casualty management plans. The MOH requested for supplies for the hospitals of Nangarhar, Kunar, Badakhshan and Takhar. WHO is dispatching the basic care kit immediately and 8 more trauma kits have been mobilized that are expected to arrive in a couple of days.

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