



- Earthquake struck Balochistan on 24th Sep-2013 at 16:29 and tremors were also felt in Sindh with a magnitude of 7.7 with central point being at Dalbandin. The tremors of earthquake were also felt in neighboring countries India and UAE.
- An island popped up soon after the earthquake. The island is about one and a half kilometer away from the Janta coastline, Gwadar District, which is created due to eruption of methane gas. The island appears to be about 200 meters long, 20 meters high and 100 meters wide.
- According to the Balochistan government the affected districts are Awaran, Panjghor, Ketch, Khuzdar, Chaghi and Turbat while some areas of Gawader have also been affected. District Awaran has been declared as severely damaged specifically at village Teertaij, Mashkey, Awaran town, Labash and village Malaar.
- District Awaran has maximum scattered population living in mud houses. The magnitude was so high that around 90% of the infrastructure collapsed including shops, houses and schools while communication system was also disrupted.
- An Emergency Cell has been activated at the Director General Health office for coordination and information sharing on relief activities and addressing emergency health needs.
- Communication systems are still disrupted and army helicopters are flying assistance teams to the earthquake hit areas while Pakistan army and FC is providing support in the search and rescue operations.

- Fatalities data is varying as it is being reported by different sources from government and media. The representative of Balochistan government declared 272 deaths from Awaran and Kech.
- There have been reports of numerous injuries at Awaran and Kech. Kech district is at the border area of district Awaran and its villages Hoshap and Dandaar have also been severely affected where 8 casualties have been reported. According to spokesperson of Balochistan government more than 500 people are injured. Approximately 50 severely injured people have been air lifted to tertiary hospital (Jinnah Hospital) in Karachi.
- DEWS Surveillance Officer is based at Kech while another Surveillance Officer is taking care of adjacent Awaran district. District Awaran is highly security compromised area and easy movement is not possible there. There is an extreme shortage of skilled health care providers in the district.
- Provincial health department immediately responded to the situation through one Mobile Health Unit carrying 2 doctors and 3 Paramedics were moved from Uthal (Lasbela) to Awaran along with another ambulance full of medicines.
- Health Department team, consisting of two Para-medics and an orthopedic surgeon has moved from Quetta to Awaran district. The team will be collecting information on the status of health facilities (damaged/destroyed, functional/nonfunctional) to fill immediate gap in the health service delivery. According to the EDO-H Awaran, the DHQ hospital is functional and is catering patients.
- 4 doctors from Kech moved to Awaran to cope with the emergency. The essential medicines available at WHO Warehouse at Kech and Lasbela were also provided during the emergency.
- Secretary Health Baluchistan has sent request to WHO for provision of 1 Trauma kit and 5 Emergency Health Kits (EHKs) which will be handed over today for air lifting from Quetta to the affected areas. These customized kits are enough for a population of 102,000 population for delivery of emergency Primary Health Care (PHC) services.
- Following stock is available is Quetta

Stock Status at Quetta, Baluchistan

- EHK and IEHK kits to cover Primary health care needs of 102,000 population 13 kits
- Trauma kit (A+B) for traumatic Treatments for 100 intervention 1 kit
- Bed Nets -----500 Unit

Stock Status at Karachi, Sindh

- EHK kits to cover Primary health care needs of 54,000 population 6 kits
- DDKs for 2,500 Diarrheal treatments 5 kits

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