**WFP News Video: New Earthquake Hits Afghanistan**

**Shot: 10-15 October 2023**

**Herat Province/Kabul Afghanistan**

**TRT: 2:44**

**SHOTLIST:**

**:00-:06**

(No Sound)

Drone footage of Naib-Rafi village, raised to the ground.

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**Naib-Rafi**

**:06-:12**

(No Sound)

Drone footage of graves of people lost after a 6.3 earthquake struck Herat province in western Afghanistan.

Each stone is a person.

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**Sia-Ab**

**:12-1:08**

Destroyed homes in Naib-Rafi.

A woman mourns while a man salvages grain from the rubble.

People dig through the rubble trying to salvage their belongings.

Those who can afford to, leave with whatever they have left.

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**Naib-Rafi**

**1:08-1:19**

These two boys lost their mother in the earthquake, and are now being looked after by their grandmother, Ziba.

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**Wardhaka**

**1:19-1:38**

**SOT Ziba,  Earthquake survivor (Dari)**

*“I was outside when the earthquake hit and I didn’t know what was happening. When the earthquake passed I came home and saw that my daughters were beneath the collapsed walls of our home. One of them, the mother of this baby, was dead. My other daughter broke her arm.”*

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**1:38-1:41**

Many of the water pumps these villages depend on were damaged in the earthquake.

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**Shish-Moqori**

**1:41-1:50**

People line up at a water truck which provides the only drinking water available.

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**1:50-2:01**

WFP emergency food distribution to earthquake survivors.

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**Wardhaka**

 **2:01-2:35**

**SOT Philippe Kropf, WFP Afghanistan (English)**

*“Two more earthquakes have struck Afghanistan this morning bringing it to a total of 7 earthquakes and multiple aftershocks over the past 8 days. Dozens of villages are affected….some almost entirely flattened. Those who have survived have lost everything. They are left with no shelter or food. WFP has been on the ground within the first hours delivering food to the survivors but we need more as this food is taken from already severely underfunded programs. ”*

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**Kabul**

**2:35-2:44**

WFP distribution in Wardhaka village where 80 families are receiving rations of fortified wheat flour, vegetable oil, pulses and salt – enough to feed a family of seven people for one month.

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**Wardhaka**

**ENDS**

**Seven earthquakes with magnitudes reaching 6.3 and multiple aftershocks have struck Herat Province in Western Afghanistan within eight days. Dozens of villages are affected, many of them entirely flattened with at least 1,400 people killed and more than 1,800 injured, according to official figures. The majority of victims are women and children.**

* The latest two earthquakes at 6.3 and 5.3 magnitude struck 30 kilometers north of Herat City in the morning of 15 October, following a 6.3 magnitude earthquake on 11 October and four earthquakes between 6.3 and 5.8 magnitude on 7 October.
* The earthquakes have struck already vulnerable communities barely able to eke out a living on small plots of land and a few livestock.
* The first five earthquakes on 7 and 11 October have directly impacted at least 20,000 people, with Zindajan and Injil districts of Herat being hit the worst. An estimated 25,000 buildings have been destroyed or badly damaged. The survivors are currently sleeping in tents next to the rubble remains of their homes, desperate and afraid of further earthquakes and aftershocks.

**WFP is assisting the survivors, but the food distributed is taken from an already severely underfunded programme. WFP urgently needs US$18.9 million to support 106,000 people in the aftermath of the devastating earthquakes.**

* WFP dispatched food to the affected areas within hours of the initial earthquake and as of 13 October, WFP had reached nearly 34,000 people with emergency food assistance, including 164 MT of mixed food commodities, 12 MT of fortified biscuits and 3.6 MT of specialized nutritious food to prevent malnutrition with children.
* WFP put up mobile warehouses (MSUs) in Sia Ab and Naif Rafi, two of the villages that are completely destroyed, to protect its own and partners’ supplies.
* WFP plans to assist 106,000 people through in-kind food assistance and cash-based transfers to help cover their food needs for three to seven months and to help rebuild the livelihoods of the affected communities through longer-term resilience programming for another six months.
* While assessments of the impact of the first earthquakes have not yet been finalized, the new earthquakes bring more destruction and the number of families in need of assistance is expected to further increase.

**This latest disaster comes at a time when over 15 million people across Afghanistan do not know where their next meal will come from. Due to a massive funding shortfall, WFP can only support 1 out of 5 people who urgently need assistance to survive. WFP urgently needs US$400 million to help the most vulnerable 7 million people survive winter.**

* Earlier this year, WFP had to reduce the ration size and drop a total of 10 million people entirely from emergency food assistance, due to a massive funding shortfall. WFP’s assistance is down to 3 million from 13 million at the beginning of the year.
* Families across the country are less prepared than ever to face the harsh Afghan winter. They have depleted their resources, and many could be forced to leave their homes if humanitarian aid is not sustained.
* WFP urgently needs US$400 million to be able to preposition food before winter and to help the most vulnerable 7 million people survive winter. In Afghanistan, these include communities experiencing emergency levels of food insecurity and women who are being increasingly pushed out of public life and for whom WFP is often the last lifeline.
* The cost of inaction will be paid by the most vulnerable, disenfranchised women and by children. They are already dealing with the impact of four decades of conflict, a crippled economy and a worsening climate crisis.