

## Press Statement on the recent earthquake in Herat Province, Afghanistan

It is with profound sadness that we address today on behalf of our organization the devastating earthquake that struck Herat province of Afghanistan. We stand in solidarity with the people who have been tragically affected by a powerful earthquake that struck their region.

A devastating earthquake, measuring 6.3 in magnitude, occurred near the Iranian border in western Afghanistan, specifically impacting the province of Herat. This calamity has left hundreds of people dead, with the initial estimates suggesting a figure exceeding 2,000 casualties.

Tragically, thousands of individuals have been injured, placing immense strain on Afghanistan's already stretched medical facilities. Hospitals are grappling with the overwhelming influx of patients, highlighting the urgent need for medical supplies and support. In response to this crisis, the United Nations and various humanitarian organizations have initiated efforts to provide emergency aid to those affected.

We would like to extend our deepest gratitude and appreciation to the countries and organizations that have swiftly mobilized humanitarian aid to alleviate the suffering of the affected communities. We want to acknowledge the tireless efforts of those on the ground who are working day and night to deliver vital aid and assistance to the affected communities. Your selflessness and courage in the face of challenging circumstances inspire us all.

However, the devastation caused by this earthquake is immense, and the needs are overwhelming. As we express our profound gratitude for the support provided thus far, we must also emphasize the urgency of continuing this vital assistance.

More aid is needed—food, clean water, shelter, and medical supplies are just some of the pressing requirements. We call upon the international community, governments, NGOs, and individuals to stand in solidarity with the people of Herat and Afghanistan. Every contribution, no matter how small, can make a meaningful difference in the lives of those affected by this tragedy.

In times of crisis, solidarity and cooperation are paramount, and we call upon the global community to join hands in supporting the people of Herat and Afghanistan as they confront this daunting challenge. Our hearts go out to the victims and their families, and we remain hopeful that, together, we can alleviate their suffering and work towards a more resilient future.

