IRC Afghanistan, Earthquake Rapid Assessment
Herat Province, Zindajan, Injil, Kushk, Gulran, and Ghoryan, Districts
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On 7th October 2023, The 6.3 magnitude earthquake struck 25 miles (40 kilometers) west of Herat with it's epicenter in Zinda Jan District

On 8- 10th October 2023, IRC deployed a team to conducted a rapid Key Informant Interview (KII) in the affected districts (Zinda Jan, Ghoryan, Injil, Gulran and Kushk).

The primary objective of the KII was to assess the impact of the disaster and identify key priorities of the affected population that will inform IRC response.

45 KIIs were conveniently conducted with community members (38% women) in the most affected communities. All respondents are above 18 years old.

General Information:

Number of KIIs Conducted : 45
Gender of KII participants: Women 38%, Men 62%

Number of KIIs conducted per District
- Zinda Jan: 32
- Ghoryan: 4
- Khushk: 6
- Gulran: 2
- Injil: 1

5,181 households

Role of the KII participants in the communities
- 72% Community member
- 20% Malik
- 8% Mullah

Proportion of households affected by the disaster per district
- 100% Gulran
- 89% Zindajan
- 44% Kushk
- 17% Injil
- 11% Ghoryan

Proportion of KII Participants reported how the disaster affected their communities (multiple options)
- 96% Shelters Destroyed
- 80% Lost Livestock
- 71% Death/injured

KII participants reported the number of people dead/injured in their communities
- 2,767 Injured
- 2,432 Death

KII participants reported the type of shelter destruction
- Fully Destroyed 70%
- Partially Destroyed 30%

Access to Market and services:

Proportion of KII participants reported that they have access to the following facilities/ services (multiple options)
- 77% Communication
- 18% Market
- 13% Health Facilities

Out of 6 KII participants who reported that people in their communities have access to health facilities, only 2 of them confirms that the health facilities have adequate staff to help the affected people

Protection:

Proportion of KII members reported the type of population who are more at risk (multiple options)
- 100% Girls
- 96% Women
- 82% Boys
- 73% Elders
- 49% Persons with disability

4% of the KII participants (2 persons) reported that there has been instance of violence in their community

Water Sanitation and Hygiene:

Proportion of KII participants reported their community members level of access to water for drinking and cooking
- 47% No Access at all
- 29% Sufficient access
- 24% Insufficient access

Proportion of KII participants reported their community members level of access to latrines
- 67% No access to latrine
- 22% Some people have access
- 11% Most of people have access to latrines

73% of KII participants who reported that their community members have access to latrine confirms that those latrines are not safe for women and girls to use

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Earthquake impacts:

Nutrition:
A total of 27 KIIs (33% women) was conducted to capture following information under nutrition sector.

- 89% of the KII participants reported that there has not been any infant formula, (dried or ready to use) or other milk products and/or baby bottles/teats distributed since the disaster happened.

- 60% of the KII participants reported that they have observed problems in feeding babies or young children (from birth up to 2 years of age) in their community since the disaster happened.

- Majority of the respondents who reported that they observed problems in feeding babies explained the problem as no food for everyone, completely destruction of shelters, and loss of family members.

- 41% of the KII participants reported that there are breast feeding children under 2 years old in their communities who lost their mother during the disaster.

Education:
A total of 18 KIIs (33% women) was conducted to capture following information under education sector.

- Proportion of KII participants reported the type of education opportunity available in their community (multiple options):
  - 53% None
  - 35% Pre-schooling
  - 29% Madrasa
  - 18% ALP
  - 12% CBE
  - 6% Primary formal education
  - 6% High school

- KII participants reported the number of school going children in their communities:
  - Girls: 3,565
  - Boys: 4,615

- Proportion of KII participants reported the type of education opportunity available in their community (multiple options):
  - 76% School damage
  - 65% Teachers not availability
  - 41% Lack of learning materials
  - 29% Safety issues for girls

Assistance delivered:
80% of the KII participants reported that people in their community received assistance after the shock.

- Proportion of KII participants reported the necessary education intervention/services for their communities (multiple options):
  - 100% School repair
  - 78% Learning materials
  - 56% Classroom materials
  - 50% Teachers salary
  - 39% Heating materials
  - 28% Female teachers

Needs and Priorities:
Proportion of KII participants reported their community Needs and priorities (multiple options):

- 100% Shelter
- 80% Blanket
- 78% Food
- 73% Water
- 73% Health services
- 71% Cash
- 67% Tent

Affected Community picture: