

# UNICEF HUMANITARIAN ACTION

## **BAM, IRAN**

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#### **UNICEF THANKS ALL DONORS FOR THEIR GENEROUS CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE CHILDREN IN BAM**

On 26 December 2003, an earthquake measuring 6.3 on the Richter scale struck the city of Bam and surrounding villages leaving them in a state of complete devastation. 31,000 were killed; 30,000 injured; 75,000 were made homeless. Almost one third of all school children were killed, as well as a third of their teachers. 1,964 children lost both parents; 3,685 lost one parent.

#### **1. ISSUES FOR CHILDREN AND UNICEF'S IMMEDIATE RESPONSE**

UNICEF responded immediately. Within 48 hours of the disaster two planeloads of essential supplies were delivered, including emergency sanitation equipment, health and obstetric kits, blankets, generators and other shelter supplies. In the following months, UNICEF's priority areas of intervention were the provision of potable water and safe sanitation, care for unaccompanied and distressed children, meeting the immediate nutritional needs of vulnerable children, and the mobilization and return of primary aged school children to school as soon as possible. Following are the latest developments in the main intervention areas.



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#### **2. LATEST DEVELOPMENTS**

##### **Water and Sanitation**

Rehabilitation of the water supply network: 47 kilometres of ductile iron pipes and HDPE pipes were delivered in December. 15 kilometres of pipes supplied by UNICEF were installed and tested, and the digging of trenches continues.

Sanitation: Delivery of materials for the construction of 400 shower and latrine units in Baravat continued throughout December, and by mid January deliveries will be complete and installation work can begin.

##### **Education**

From 20 - 22 December ten librarians were trained in the use of two mobile libraries which were donated to the Literacy Movement Organisation (LMO) on 16 December. These libraries will be on the road in January, covering 49 sites, (34 primary schools, mainly in the rural areas of Bam) and 15 LMO classes.

The programme for hygiene promotion in primary and guidance schools began on 1 January. On 4 January psychosocial intervention started in four selected schools, using the emergency tents that were donated immediately after the earthquake. Life skills teaching will also start in selected schools as a result of teacher training in this area.

56 schools were assessed according to child friendly principles in December, and the data gathered will provide UNICEF and its counterpart, the Ministry of Education, with the means to assess the impact of their activities in the education sector in Bam, as well as provide a basis for the planning and implementation of future activities.

#### **Child Protection: Family Reunification and Psychosocial Intervention**

The third training session for social workers took place in December and in January. The database has been implemented and is fully operational; follow-up lists have been created.

Individual support kits made up of sports equipment, personal hygiene items, toys and clothes have been compiled, and was distributed in January to 200 children and 20 most needy families according to a list drawn up by and agreed on with the State Welfare Office (SWO).

#### **Health and Nutrition**

A workshop took place in December, organised by Action Contre la Faim (ACF), to discuss the results of the nutritional survey and to design a proposal for solving the problems of malnutrition in Bam. The survey had found that while the nutritional status of children and women in Bam was poor, it was not dangerous. The main factors leading to malnutrition were the unavailability of good quality food, and individual financial problems. Ten months after the earthquake, 53 per cent of the families questioned were still living in temporary accommodation, and malnutrition was significantly higher amongst those families still living in tents. 13 per cent of mothers questioned were still lacking cooking equipment, and many were still unemployed. Solutions will include equipping those health centres which offer nutritional and pre-natal care, and organising training workshops for health workers and volunteers to promote mothers' training, the monitoring of children's growth, and pregnant mothers' health and education.

Future activities in the field of health will also involve monitoring the supplies which UNICEF donated for the restoration of the cold chain in Kerman province, and organising training workshops on Best Immunization Practice. UNICEF will also start promoting AIDS education in schools and health centres, evaluating the knowledge, attitude and practice of high school students and health workers in Bam on HIV/AIDS, and organising workshops on HIV/AIDS for health workers.

#### **Child Friendly Cities (CFC) Initiative:**

The Letter of Understanding on the CFC intervention in the selected zone in Bam was signed by UNICEF, UNDP, and the Mayor of Bam on 13 December, and key activities for the design of a child-friendly and sustainable zone in the selected area are now moving ahead according to plan. UNICEF's CFC project officer has been requested to take part in the Urban Planning Steering Committee for Bam, in association with the Ministry of Housing and Urban Development, in order to develop child-friendly planning guidelines for the city.

In December the CFC team collaborated with the education team on the planning and design process of child-friendly playgrounds and playground equipment for the 56 selected schools in which UNICEF is working. This innovative UNICEF programme applies a cross-cutting approach which will provide many possibilities for promoting the rights of women and children in Bam, and indeed in Iran as a whole.

### **3. DONOR CONTRIBUTIONS**

The generous contributions received from donors have enabled UNICEF to successfully plan and implement an integrated response to the disaster that has not only addressed the emergency needs of affected children and women, but also looks toward long-term sustainable solutions to revive the communities of Bam district. The table below details those contributions.

**DONOR CONTRIBUTIONS TO UNICEF APPEAL FOR BAM EARTHQUAKE  
AS OF 24 DECEMBER 2004**

<b>Donor</b>	<i>Received (\$)</i>	<i>Pledged (\$)</i>	<b>TOTAL (US\$)</b>
<b>Government/Agencies</b>			
ECHO	1,207,315		<b>1,207,315</b>
USAID/OFDA	2,500,000		<b>2,500,000</b>
DFID/UK Gvt	932,835		<b>932,835</b>
UN OCHA	100,000		<b>100,000</b>
Belgium	622,066		<b>622,066</b>
Sweden	652,750		<b>652,750</b>
Others <sup>1</sup>	24,004		<b>24,004</b>
<b>National Committees</b>			
Andorra	21,426		<b>21,426</b>
Australia	715,239		<b>715,239</b>
Austria	82,056		<b>82,056</b>
Belgium	62,422		<b>62,422</b>
Canada	404,876		<b>404,876</b>
France	405,276		<b>405,276</b>
Germany	7,373,140		<b>7,373,140</b>
Hong Kong	85,000		<b>85,000</b>
Italy	1,779,926		<b>1,779,926</b>
Italy (TG5)	2,407,246		<b>2,407,246</b>
Japan	1,463,906		<b>1,463,906</b>
Korea	100,000		<b>100,000</b>
Netherlands	1,439,499		<b>1,439,499</b>
New Zealand	24,873		<b>24,873</b>
Spain	910,690	185,676	<b>1,096,366</b>
Sweden	49,134		<b>49,134</b>
UK	2,205,665		<b>2,205,665</b>
US	898,146		<b>898,146</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>26,467,415</b>	<b>185,676</b>	<b>26,653,091</b>

In addition to the financial contributions, the Government of Norway provided two warehousing structures and camp accommodation for 40 people working in Bam, up until April 2004. The total value of this in-kind donation is estimated at over US\$2 million.

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