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LATEST ASSESSMENT NUMBERS

The final death toll in the region is 617. Among the reported deaths, 526 were in Ludian County and 78 in Qiaojia County. The quake also caused one death in Zhaotong City and another 12 in Huize County. In addition to the deaths, 112 people are still missing and 3,143 were injured. Additionally, more than 80,000 houses collapsed, 129,100 houses were seriously damaged and 466,100 houses were moderately damaged.

According to the Yunnan Civil Affairs Department, the province has accepted more than 797 million yuan of monetary donations (about USD 130 million) and supplies worth over 113 million yuan to date.

With 1.09 million people affected, the Chinese Government calculated the value of the economic losses to total 61 billion yuan (almost USD 10 billion). The Government of China has reportedly invested 70 billion yuan (more than USD 11 billion) in reconstruction efforts.

Highlights

A 6.5 magnitude earthquake struck Yunnan Province in southwest China at 4:30 p.m. on 3 August 2014. With a depth of 12 km, the epicenter was initially determined to be 27.1 degree north latitude and 103.3 degree east longitude, which was located 40 miles away from the center of Longtoushan Township.

Ludian County, the epicenter of the earthquake, is one of the nationally designated poverty counties, where many families and their children are vulnerable. Ludian’s per capita GDP is only one third that of Yunnan province and much lower than national average. The average annual income per capita is less than 2,300 RMB (approximately 1 USD per day per capita). There are 150,000 people living below the national poverty line, accounting for the 34.88 percentage of the total population.

The Government of China immediately launched a Level-III secondary disaster emergency response plan, sending a coordination team and enlisting the support of the People’s Armed Police to work on disaster relief, water facilities investigation, recovery and reconstruction, and public information.

In mid-August, post-earthquake recovery and reconstruction work began. According to the Yunnan Civil Affairs Department, 231 schools have been repaired and rebuilt in Ludian County with no delays to the start of the new school semester in September. Over 50 new water purification units have been installed in affected areas where water quality has significantly deteriorated. Moreover, the construction of first group of steel-framed houses that are more suitable for earthquake-prone areas will be completed by the end of September 2014.

Latest Updates on Programme Response

As a designated national poverty county, Ludian County has been a UNICEF China partner for many years. UNICEF is currently working with local Government counterparts to gauge the damage to social sector services and how we can ensure that our existing programmes can be further expanded to quickly meet the additional services needed in the

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aftermath of the earthquake. UNICEF is working to provide support to rehabilitation and reconstruction efforts through its partnership with local authorities.

**CHILD PROTECTION**

UNICEF is in the process of establishing 5 Child Friendly Spaces (CFS) in three counties of the earthquake zone, with National Working Committee on Children and Women (NWCCW) as the implementing partner. Thus far, 1 CFS site in Ludian County and 2 CFS sites in Qiaojia County have been identified during the needs assessment field trip. The remaining two locations (tentatively 1 in Ludian County and 1 in Huize County) will be identified during the next field trip.

UNICEF has already delivered key CFS supplies, including tents, toys and equipment, to the affected regions of Zhaotong County, Huize County and Qiaojia County. In Ludian County, because the weather will soon to become cold and rainy, UNICEF is in process of local procurement of prefabricated houses (60 square meters of space) to provide local facilities which can withstand the winter climate in Ludian.

Currently, NWCCW is in the process of recruiting 4 local volunteers for each CFS site. A training program for volunteers recruited thus far was carried out from 18-19 September, focusing on topics such as the introduction of CFS/child protection and child rights, basic skills relevant to working with children, and overall management of CFS sites. Ten experienced CFS volunteers, some of whom have supported CFS operations following the Wenchuan and Lushan earthquakes, will provide back up support to the 5 selected CFS sites.

**HEALTH, NUTRITION & WASH**

UNICEF has supplied three batches of medical supplies and equipment for women and children in Ludian and Qiaojia county maternal and child heath hospitals/facilities to support the recovery and resumption of health service provision. The first batch of supplies and equipment included newborn incubators, neonatal resuscitation tables, radiation tables and resuscitation packs, quills, delivery kits, and portable fetal heart dopplers. The second batch included delivery kits, vacuum extractors, forceps, neonatal resuscitation packs, quills, neonatal endotracheal tubes, portable ECGs, weight scales, height measurement tools, neonatal laryngoscope sets and blood pressure monitors. The third batch of supplies is focused on highly-affected townships in Qiaojia County that did not received significant government support, with medical supplies provided for essential healthcare provisions. In addition to the hardware support, the UNICEF Health & Nutrition team is discussing UNICEF support in the recovery phase with national and local counterparts; this will focus on local capacity building and standardization of service provision.

Given the poor local sanitary conditions, UNICEF WASH colleagues will visit the selected project sites for Child Friendly Spaces (CFS) to install toilets and solar-powered water heating systems, possibly support the provision of hygiene kits, carry out sanitation and hygiene promotion activities, and trial a newly developed model for quick installation toilets in temporary settlements.

UNICEF also continues to work with the China Center for Disease Control and Patriotic Health Campaign Committee to determine medium to longer term prospects of rebuilding and rehabilitating public sanitation facilities at health centres, hospitals and schools.

**Supply and Logistics**

As mentioned, for the child protection CFS, all items were delivered to the local implementing partner. Major items include baby bath kits, tents, Early Childhood Development (ECD) kits, slide castles, tables and chairs for kids, toys and sports equipment.

For the health programme, two lots of medical equipment and supplies have already been procured and delivered to the local affected areas. Currently, the third supply request is being processed. The major items delivered include infant incubators, infant resuscitation tables, quills, radiators for infants, blood analyzers and portable ECGs, while the other items procured are mentioned above.

**Funding**

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