



UPDATE ON OUR APPEAL FOR EARTHQUAKE RELIEF IN EASTERN REGION OF AFGHANISTAN

Dear friends,

As you may know, on 31 August 2025 at 23.47 local time, a 6+ magnitude earthquake struck Afghanistan's Nangarhar Province near the Pakistan border. According to OCHA's assessments 8,471 families in the assessed villages were directly impacted by the earthquake (almost 56,000 people), with 1,992 people killed (52% women and girls), 3,631 people injured (54% women and girls) and 8,471 homes destroyed or damaged. Additionally, the earthquake killed more than 7,000 livestock with 96% of affected households having lost food sources. The hardest-hit areas include Nurgal and Chawkay districts in Kunar, Dara-i-Nur district in Nangarhar, and parts of Laghman Province. The situation was made worse by a second powerful quake on 4th September. (Source: OCHA)

Serve Afghanistan was able to support for 237 families with Multi-Purpose Cash Assistance (MPCA) in Kunar Province on September 21, 2025. Each family received 20,000 Afghanis (approx. US\$300) and for widow-headed households 24,000 Afs (US\$360), which helped them to meet their emergency needs and cope with the situation. On the next page are a couple of stories of how this support has helped affected families.

In the coming week we will be supporting another 565 families with MPCA in Kunar and Nangarhar Provinces. In the first week of October, we will be supporting another 159 families in Dara-i-Nur district of Nangarhar. The details are given in the table below. The total funds received/committed are \$342,800. We thank you all for extending your support in meeting the needs of the people affected by the earthquake.

Province	District	No. of villages	Male	Female	Total Beneficiaries	Relief Status
Kunar	Nurgal	5	217	20	237	Cash Distributed
Kunar	Chawkay	13	405	95	500	Yet to be distributed
Nangarhar	Dara-i-Nur	5	44	21	65	Yet to be distributed
Nangarhar	Dara-i-Nur				159	Yet to be surveyed

We are in the process of doing another needs assessment to see the In-kind needs to support the affected families from October – December 2025. We will help them In-kind as a Phase II operation.

We appeal to you to stand along with us in supporting the needy people at this difficult situation.

You can donate through the Friends of Serve Afghanistan website (www.friendsofserveafghanistan.us) stipulating what the money is for, or use the details given at the end of this letter. Please send a brief email to vandermpj@gmail.com to state your donation is for the Earthquake Relief. This will help us to acknowledge your support.

With sincere thanks for your support,

Kennedy Dhanabalan
Executive Director
September 27, 2025



Help for women whose husband was killed by the earthquake

Minha is 35 years old. There were seven members in her family. Her husband was killed when a big rock fell on her husband. Her two daughters were injured. Now she lives Kunar – Norgal –camp with her relatives as her house was destroyed. She said, “At night, it shook heavily, and my house was destroyed. A big rock rolled from the mountain fell on my husband and killed him. My two daughters were injured; we felt is the end of the world, and our lives are finished. She said she will never forget that horrible night in her life.

She was given 24,000AFN (US\$360) with Multi-Purpose Cash Assistance. She thanked Serve Afghanistan and donor support and said, “We really needed cash so that we can buy the things which is important for our life”.



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Fared is the son of Mohammad Abas, He is 15 years old. There were seven members family. His father died when the earthquake struck. Now he lives in Kunar – Norgal Awrak village camp because his house was destroyed in the earthquake.

He said, “In the night about 12 o’clock there was a heavy shake, with a sound of a the roof of our house fell on us. Our neighbors who were sleeping outside of the came to rescue us. All our family members were injured and my father died. I was the fallen roof for two hours in the dark night. Later our neighbors found me and brought me out of the rubble and took me to the nearby clinic. In the morning they transferred me to the city hospital by the government helicopter due the road blockage problems”. When the team visited him there were blood stains on his face.



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He was given 20,000 AFN (US\$300) with the Multi-Purpose Cash Assistance. His face lit up when he received the support. He said, “We can utilize this money to buy things according to the needs of our family”.

How to donate:

1. By bank transfer:

Bank: Lake Michigan Credit Union, PO Box 2848, Grand Rapids, MICH, 49501

Organization: Friends of Serve Afghanistan

Account Number: 101018523015 **Routing/Transit Number:** 272480678

Please notify the Friends of Serve Afghanistan office (vandermpj@gmail.com) with the following information when donating directly to Friends of Serve’s bank account: Amount and date of transfer, sender’s name and address.

2. Use the **PayPal** option at <https://www.friendsofserveafghanistan.us> as an easy way to give.

3. You can also **scan the QR code** here to give via **Venmo**.

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