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## Information Bulletin

### Iran Earthquake

This bulletin is being issued for information, and reflects the current situation and details available at this time. The Iranian Red Crescent Society (IRCS), has determined that external assistance is not required at this moment, and is therefore not seeking funding or other assistance from donors and within the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement at this time.

### The situation

An earthquake measuring 5.1 on the Richter scale hit Iran's southern city of Khonj in Fars province, killing four people and injuring four others. Those killed were Afghan nationals, living in a house in Khonj. - More than 2.5 million Afghan nationals have been living in Iran for about four decades, mostly in eastern and southern areas.

As a result of the earthquake, which occurred at 6 a.m. local time at a depth of 4 kilometers (above the surface of the earth) on late Friday, January 6th, the walls and roofs of old buildings crumbled and the local power grid was shut down.

### Magnitude 5.3 earthquake

15 km from Eslamabad, Fars Province · Dey 17 AP, 6:03 AM



## **Iranian Red Crescent action**

Feyzullah Jafari, Managing Director for Red Crescent Provincial branch in Fars referred to the magnitude and size of earthquake and said that this tremor in Fars province had some effects in 4 villages of Seifabad, ChahTala, Takhte and Kheirabad in the vicinity of Khonj areas in Fars province of Iran.

"Red Crescent assessment teams from Shiraz provincial branch immediately deployed to assess earthquake-stricken rural areas in Khonj after getting the notice of quake," Jafari said.

Jafari noted that 15 operational teams including 18 Red Crescent staff and relief workers plus 36 rescuers with the help of 15 operational heavy and light vehicles together with relief ambulances provided search and rescue, relief and rescue as well as emergency humanitarian sheltering services to quake affected people in humanitarian operations.

"A number of people received outpatient services, residents immediately evacuated to safer places and two more have been transferred to medical centres by Red Crescent relief and medical forces," said Jafari. "181 relief tents, 1570 blankets, 739 moquettes (ground sheets), 2643 cans of canned food, 64 boxes of tea, and 186 kg of sugar cube have been distributed amongst the affected and 905 persons received emergency sheltering up to now,".

Earthquakes are common in Iran as the country sits on a series of seismic fault lines. In August 2012, two quakes in northwestern Iran claimed the lives of 306 people and injured more than 4,500 others. In 2003, some 26,000 people were killed by a magnitude-6.6 quake that jolted historic southeastern city of Bam.

### **Current situation**

Search and rescue operation has been conducted and finalized. The relief operation is underway with providing food, health, sanitation, and hygiene.

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