

**PROJECT DOCUMENT  
EARTHQUAKE RELIEF AND EARLY RECOVERY PROJECT  
IN CHINA**

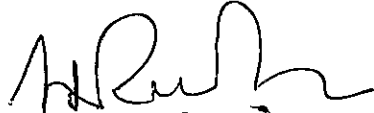
**1. COVER PAGE**

Country: CHINA

Implementing parties \_\_\_\_\_

Programme Period: <u>May 2008 – April 2009</u>
Programme Component: _____
Project Title: <u>Earthquake Relief and Early Recovery Project in China</u>
Project ID: _____
Project Duration: <u>12 months</u>
Management Arrangement: <u>RC Office &amp; DMT</u>

Total Budget	<u>US\$ 100,000</u>
Allocated resources:	<u>TRAC 1.1.3</u>
• Government	_____
• Regular	_____
• Other:	
○ Donor	_____
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• In kind contributions	_____
Unfunded budget:	_____

Agreed by (UNDP):  \_\_\_\_\_  
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## **2. SITUATION ANALYSIS**

### **Key Facts**

On 12 May 2008 a major earthquake measuring 8 on the Richter scale jolted Wenchuan County, Aba Prefecture some 92km northwest of Chengdu City, the capital of Sichuan Province. The earthquake took place at 14.48 p.m. Beijing-time and tremors were felt as far as Wuhan, Shanghai and Beijing.

As of 18 May the official death toll has exceeded 32,470 with an additional 220,109 injured and a lot still remaining under the rubble. The Chinese government expects the death toll to reach at least 50,000. A total of 15.61 million houses in quake areas were damaged and 3.13 million collapsed in the provinces of Sichuan, Gansu, Shaanxi, Chongqing, Yunnan and Hubei. The Government currently estimates that 5.7 million people have been evacuated.

### **Government Response**

In responding to the emergency, the Government of China is mounting all-out efforts in rescuing affected people and allocating life-saving materials to the areas. In addition, for the first time since 1998, the Government of China is welcoming assistance from the international community. For now, the Government has indicated that cash and in-kind contributions are preferred. Ministry of Commerce (MOC) and Ministry of Civil Affair (MOCA) have specifically requested the lists of relief materials including medicine, first aid kits, ready-to-eat food, tents, tarpaulins, quilts, clothing, flashlights and emergency lanterns in large quantities. Likewise, Ministry of Health (MOH) also requested a list of drugs and medical products. Currently the demand still far outstretches the supply. As of 19 May, four external rescue teams from Japan, Korea, Singapore and Russia have been allowed to enter into to the quake-hit areas to aid local rescue work. However, due to the blocked roads and traffic disruption, the Government is not encouraging international professionals to be dispatched to the ground until further notice.

### **UN System Response**

From the onset of the emergency, the UN China County Team has been in close communication with the Government. UN RC has been leading and coordinating all UN efforts in liaising with government and providing cash and in-kind assistance to the earthquake relief. At programming level, the UN Disaster Management Team (DMT), Chaired by UNICEF and vice-chaired by WFP is responsible for coordinating and implementing emergency response and relief efforts to ensure that UN earthquake relief are well-coordinated, timely delivered and monitored. To further respond to the request of Government and to meet the relief needs, large amount of coordination and communication work within and beyond UN will be needed in the next few months to come.

To support the UN joint relief activities, BCPR has approved USD100,000 from the Immediate Response Category (II) of TRAC 1.1.3. The fund will be utilized to reinforce the UNRC Office and the UNDMT in their coordination efforts, needs assessments and initiating early recovery framework during the immediate response period.

### **3. PROJECT OUTPUTS AND ACTIVITIES**

#### ***1. Strengthened UN coordination on relief operations***

- Organize coordination meetings and updates within the UN system, with bilateral donors and Government counterparts;
- Prepare situation reports, co-facilitate briefings/news conference with embassies, donors and/or media, collecting and disseminating information on relief development
- Assist in monitoring of the implementation of the programmes and tracking funds utilization that has been mobilized as UN earthquake response.

#### ***2. Priority of relief aid further identified***

- Provide short-term expertise to work with government counterparts on quick assessment on the needs and changing priority of relief aid with time.

#### ***3. Early recovery planning initiated***

- Make quick assessment of needs and capacity
- Co-organize workshop with national counterparts on the planning of early rehabilitation and recovery
- Convene technical inputs into the planning and preparation of the recovery

### **4. MANAGEMENT ARRANGEMENTS**

The RC Office as well as the UNDMT will be responsible for coordinating the implementation, monitoring and attaining intended impacts. Managerial and operational services will be provided by the UNDP Country Office, with costs recovered as per corporate guidelines.

