



AFGHANISTAN-PAKISTAN EARTHQUAKE

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EARTHQUAKE STRIKES



A powerful, 7.5 magnitude earthquake struck Badakhshan Province in Afghanistan on October 26, 2015, affecting the eastern regions of Afghanistan and northern areas of Pakistan.

397
deaths

2,244
injured

120,178
houses damaged
or destroyed

233,364
people affected

INTERNATIONAL MEDICAL CORPS RESPONDS

Within **48** hours, International Medical Corps had mobilized, deploying medical teams to the hardest-hit areas to meet the emergency needs in both Afghanistan and Pakistan.

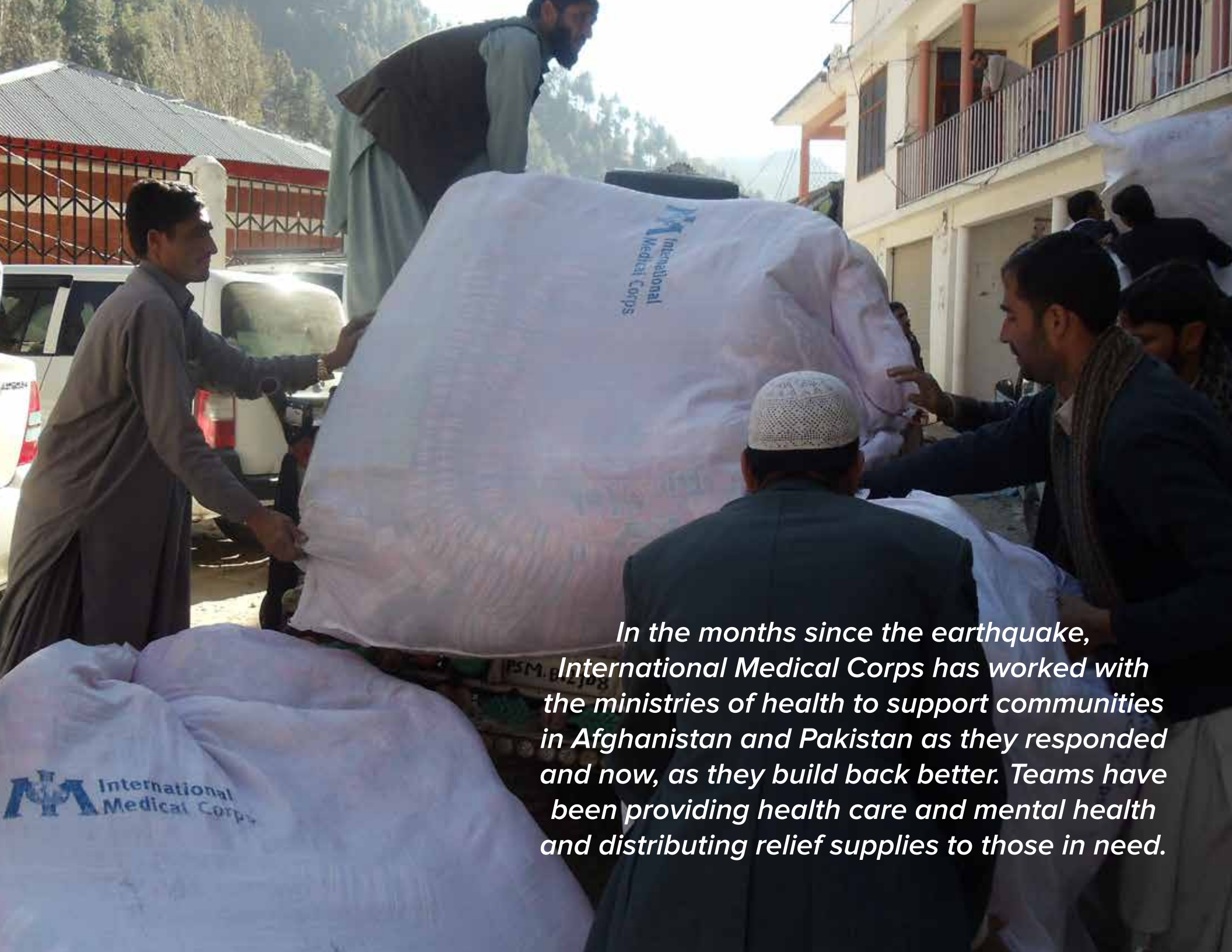
In the first 10 days following the earthquake our teams provided:

5,196
medical consultations

7,028
individuals with urgently needed non-food items, including winterization and hygiene material

360
psychosocial consultations in Pakistan





In the months since the earthquake, International Medical Corps has worked with the ministries of health to support communities in Afghanistan and Pakistan as they responded and now, as they build back better. Teams have been providing health care and mental health and distributing relief supplies to those in need.



HEALTH

International Medical Corps deployed **8** mobile medical units in Afghanistan and **2** mobile teams in Pakistan, while scaling ongoing support at static health facilities. Teams walked up to **10** hours to reach individuals in need of emergency care.



8,000

medical consultations through MMUs in Afghanistan



28,298

medical consultations in Afghanistan



5,391

medical consultations in Pakistan

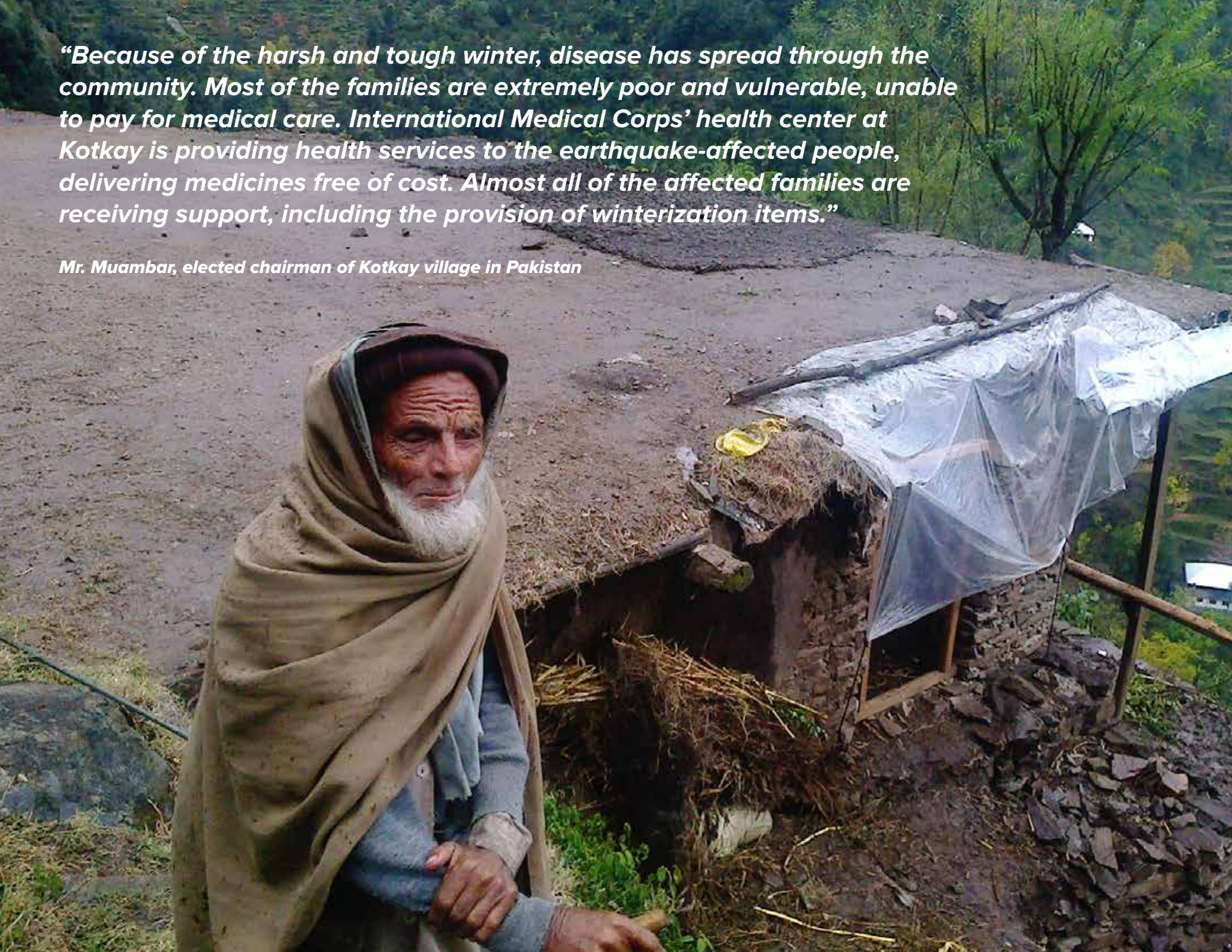


547

people reached with **58** health education sessions in Pakistan

“Because of the harsh and tough winter, disease has spread through the community. Most of the families are extremely poor and vulnerable, unable to pay for medical care. International Medical Corps’ health center at Kotkay is providing health services to the earthquake-affected people, delivering medicines free of cost. Almost all of the affected families are receiving support, including the provision of winterization items.”

Mr. Muambar, elected chairman of Kotkay village in Pakistan



EMERGENCY RELIEF SUPPLIES

The onset of the harsh winter weather conditions, including heavy rainfall and below freezing temperatures, augmented the need for relief supplies, particularly for those residing in temporary shelter. International Medical Corps met the most urgent needs through immediate relief item distribution.

-  **6,048** people reached with winterization material, including warm clothing, blankets, and bedding
-  **9,919** people reached with relief supplies, including tarp and hygiene materials to prevent the spread of disease
-  **238** people reached with cash distribution in the aftermath of the quake. **34** families received **\$135** each to access lifesaving material
-  **372** women reached with dignity kits, clean delivery kits, or newborn kits in Pakistan



MENTAL HEALTH AND PSYCHOSOCIAL SUPPORT

International Medical Corps implemented mental health and psychosocial support services in response to the increased need as many people faced stress, depression, and insecurity due to the loss of their homes and livelihoods.



1,611 individual psychosocial consultations in Afghanistan



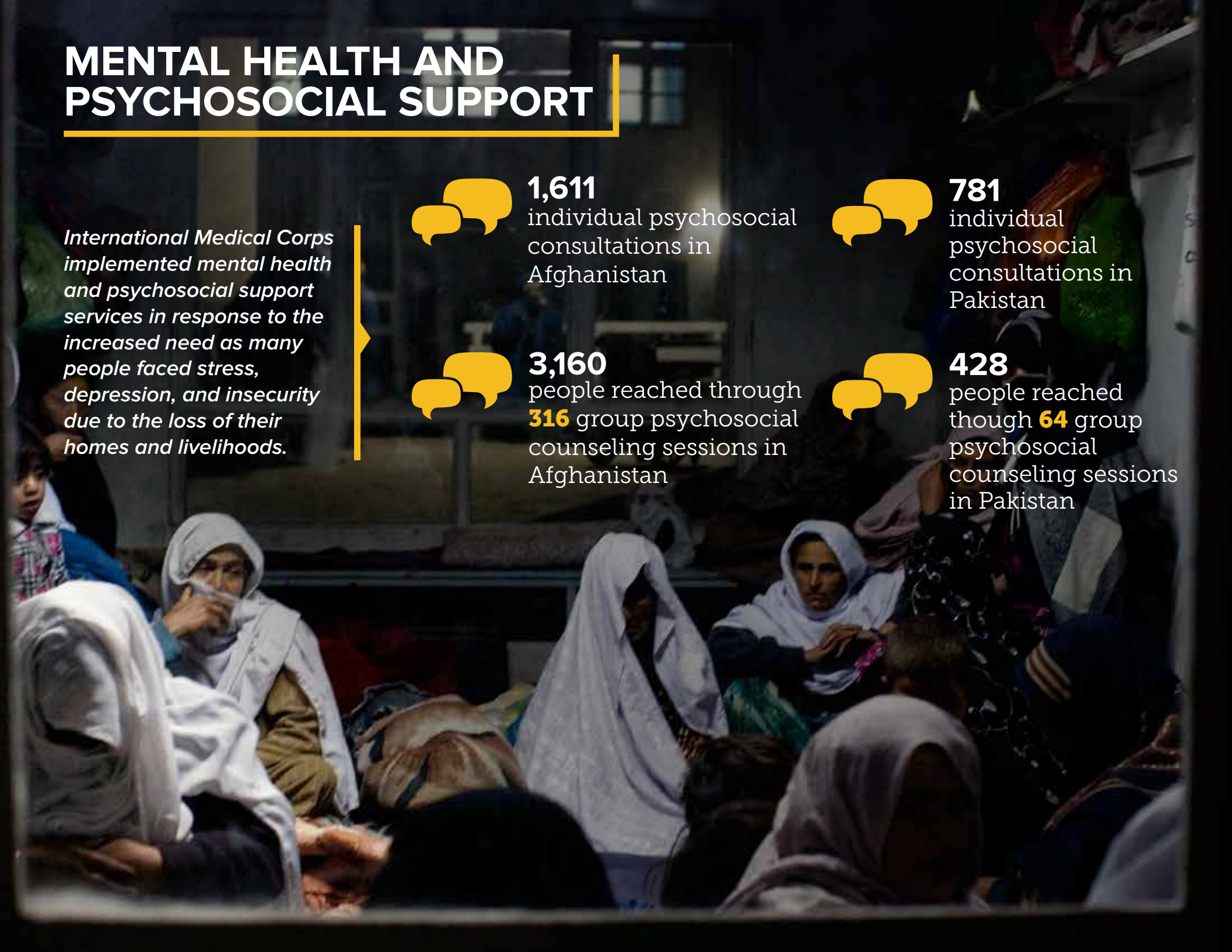
781 individual psychosocial consultations in Pakistan



3,160 people reached through **316** group psychosocial counseling sessions in Afghanistan



428 people reached through **64** group psychosocial counseling sessions in Pakistan





Our team located a 16-year old girl trembling with palpitations after the earthquake. The quake had frightened her so much that she refused to go to back to her bedroom. International Medical Corps provided individual counseling, and after 6 weeks, she was ready to enter her room. Her family members thanked International Medical Corps for the unique support, providing immediate services, including psychosocial counseling, to the disaster-affected people.





HELPING COMMUNITIES BE THEIR OWN BEST FIRST RESPONDERS

*Since 2011 International Medical Corps has been building local response capacity in at-risk communities. We've trained more than **19,000** male and female community volunteers to provide first aid, conduct search-and-rescue operations, and perform damage and loss assessments.*



After the October 26 earthquake:


Volunteers collected earthquake-related casualty and damage data to inform timely and effective national response.

Utilizing their training, first aid and tool kits, and pre-positioned relief supplies, they responded immediately to the destruction.

In Kunar, the emergency response trained team utilized their tools, including pickaxes and shovels, to rescue buried people from a collapsed house and rubble piles.



In Nuristan, an emergency response team conducted search and rescue, finding one child severely wounded. They provided immediate care as they used their shovels and tools to remove the road barriers and transfer the child to the hospital for continued relief.



In a small village in Chawki district of Kunar province, a team of volunteers trained in first aid by International Medical Corps received news of a house that had collapsed in the earthquake. Led by Mr. Malawi Delawar Kahn, the team began a search-and-rescue operation and found three injured people under the rubble. Thanks to their training, the team was able to control the victims' bleeding before helping with their transfer to a district hospital for further treatment.

Thanks to International Medical Corps emergency preparedness and response training, Mr. Fazal-Ur-Rehman knew how to help his community when the ground started shaking violently during the earthquake. After escaping his house to avoid being injured by falling debris, he and the other villagers started to dig through the rubble searching for survivors. They called the police and army squad for additional support. Within just 30 minutes, International Medical Corps-trained Community Emergency Response Team volunteers also responded to the scene. Together, these groups rescued the men, women and children buried under their destroyed homes. Miraculously, everyone was safe and sound.



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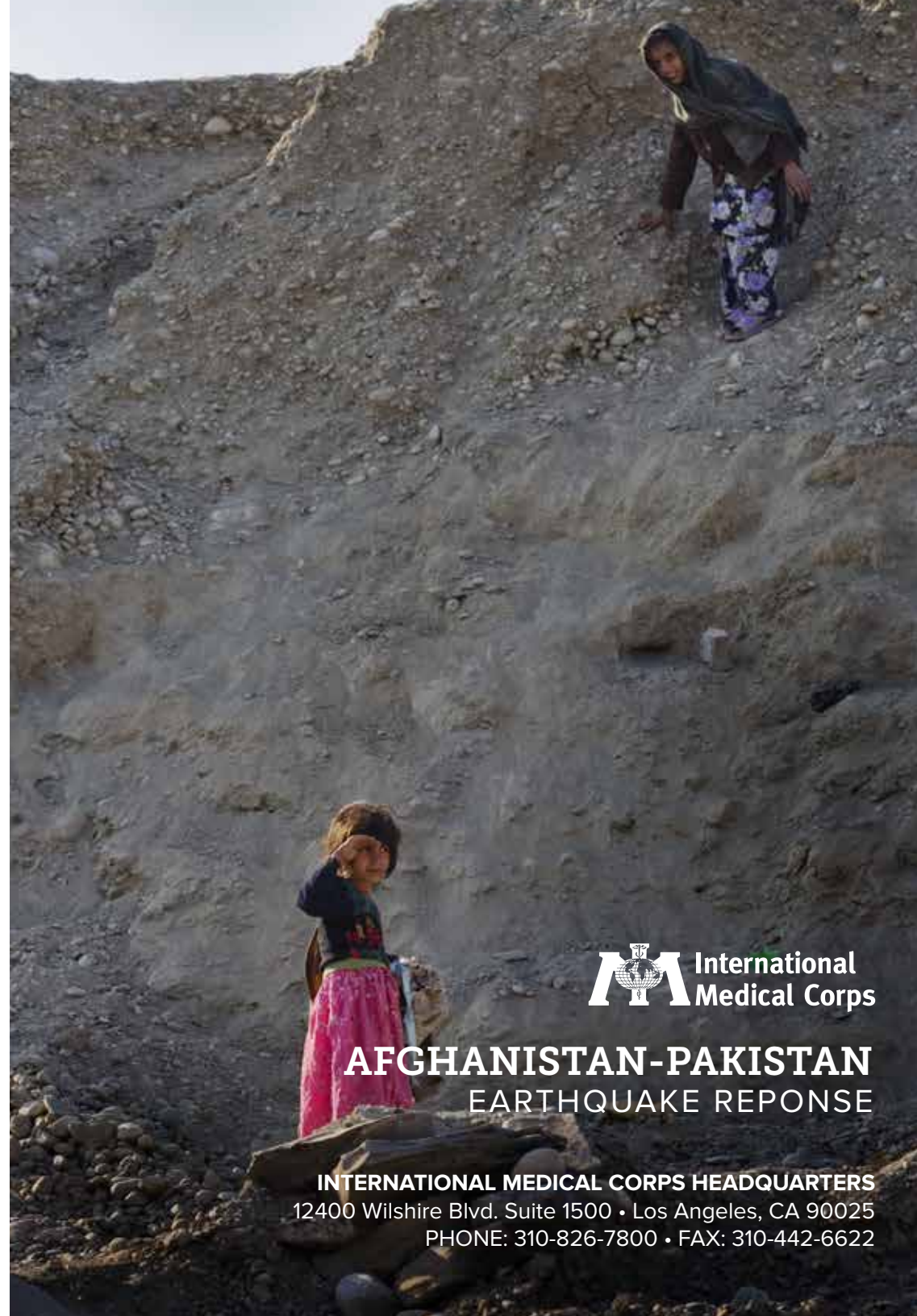
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