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Russia's Humanitarian Assistance to Pakistan

Responding to the request of the Government of Pakistan for emergency relief in order to overcome the consequences of the devastating earthquake of 8 October 2005, the Russian Federation was among the first to come to help the population in need.

On October 9, 2005, an aircraft of the Ministry of Emergency Situations of the Russian Federation (EMERCOM) delivered an autonomous search-and-rescue team to the affected area.

On October 10, 2005, two EMERCOM cargo aircraft delivered to Islamabad humanitarian supplies that included winterised tents, blankets, folding beds, as well as a multipurpose fully staffed field hospital with a set of medical equipment, surgery equipment, diagnostic facilities, stock of medicines.

On October 16, 2006, an additional search-and-rescue team was sent to Pakistan with an EMERCOM aircraft that also delivered to Pakistan humanitarian supplies consisting of blankets, folding beds, food, and mobile power generator systems.

On October, 2005, additional medicines and heating sets were delivered to Pakistan.

EMERCOM's specialists were involved in the UNDAC activities focusing on coordination efforts within the international humanitarian operation in Pakistan.

As of October 31, 2005, the Ministry of Emergency Situations of the Russian Federation has carried out 5 flights with 100 tons of humanitarian supplies on board delivered to the affected region, for the total amount of about US\$ 3 million.

The Russian Federation intends to continue to participate in the humanitarian operation in Pakistan in accordance with the request of the Pakistani Government and in partnership with other contributors.