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MATERNAL HEALTH IN PAKISTAN ALMOST A YEAR AND A HALF AFTER EARTHQUAKE

NARRATION

LARMIRJAN, WALKING
THROUGH CAMP/DESTROYED
HOME

Larmirjan's home collapsed and her 18-year-old son was killed when a terrible earthquake rocked northern Pakistan in October 2005. Seventy-three thousand people died and 3.5 million were displaced. (14")

UNDER TENT WITH FAMILY

Now, Larmirjan's family of six still lives in a tent. (5")

ENTERING MOBILE CLINIC

Nine months pregnant, Larmirjan will at least have the chance to give birth safely, in a fully equipped hospital. A female doctor and a midwife regularly visit her camp to give prenatal care. (11")

M/S WOMEN IN CAMP/ WIDE
SHOT OF BALAKOT/SHACKS

At least five thousand women give birth each month in the earthquake-affected areas. Families have returned to their villages, but reconstruction is slow. (13")

WOMAN COOKING

Exposure, crowding, weak diets and bad sanitation compound health problems that existed in this poor region before the earthquake. (8")

WOMEN WAITING IN PREFAB
CLINIC/
PATIENTS RECEIVE
TREATMENT

Restoring medical services is a priority for the Government and many aid groups that responded to the crisis. Care for children and mothers is a major concern. (9”)

INTRO JAN VANDEMOORTELE

Jan Vandemoortele is the UN’s Humanitarian Coordinator in Pakistan. (4”)

JAN ON-CAMERA

VANDEMOORTELE: (In English)

“The achievement is that we had a successful relief operation. We have a very complex reconstruction. Eighty percent of the health facilities were destroyed – that’s over five hundred facilities. This winter the acid test of our preparedness will be the health sector.” (15”)

DESTROYED CLINIC

NARRATION

WOMAN WALKING TO PREFAB
CLINIC OF CHATTAR PLAIN

Now, pre-fabricated units have replaced medical tents. UNPFA, the UN Population Fund, is putting up 34 maternal and child health facilities in areas hardest-hit. (11”)

WOMEN WAITING, DR. SEEMI
KHAN WITH PATIENT/VEILED
WOMEN

An all female, live-in staff provides primary care, prenatal checkups, and skilled deliveries in areas where male physicians cannot examine women. (10”)

DR. SEEMI KHAN SHOWING
FAMILY PLANNING METHODS

At the Chattar Plain health centre, Nargis, mother of four, seeks advice from Dr. Seemi Khan about

family planning methods. (6")

WIDE SHOT OF MOBILE CLINIC
IN MOUNTAINS OF
PAKISTAN-ADMINISTERED
KASHMIR

For the first time ever, mobile service teams are visiting isolated Kashmiri villages like Mastana Gali, where the earthquake wrecked 80% of the homes. (8")

NASEEMA GETTING PRENATAL
EXAM

Naseema, two months pregnant, gets a prenatal exam and advice on nutrition, health and safe childbirth. (8")

NASEEMA GOING HOME WITH
HUSBAND/CLINIC

Women in northern Pakistan typically have six or seven children. Most give birth at home, and maternal mortality is high. (7")

WOMEN AT ENTRANCE OF
PREFAB CLINIC

MATERNITY WARD

But with new access to health care, more and more women are coming to life-saving facilities like the pre-fab maternity centre at Hattian Bala, in the Jhelum Valley. (9")

NAZIA IN MATERNITY WARD

Nazia, 19, has just given birth. She was married a month before the earthquake. Her home village was buried under a landslide, killing most of her family. (9")

AMBULANCE ON MOUNTAIN
ROAD

Patients with potential complications can be referred to the more advanced AIMS Hospital in Muzaffarabad, where 406 babies were born last month. (8")

AIMS HOSPITAL IN
MUZAFFARABAD
NEWBORN

Doctors delivered Perveen's baby by
Caesarean-section. Three of Perveen's five
children died in the earthquake. One was just a day
old. (8")

WOMAN LOOKING AT VALLEY IN
MUZAFFARABAD

A baby boom continues in the devastated region.
Rebuilding will take years, but health care for many
mothers and infants is already better than before
the earthquake. (9")

UN LOGO

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