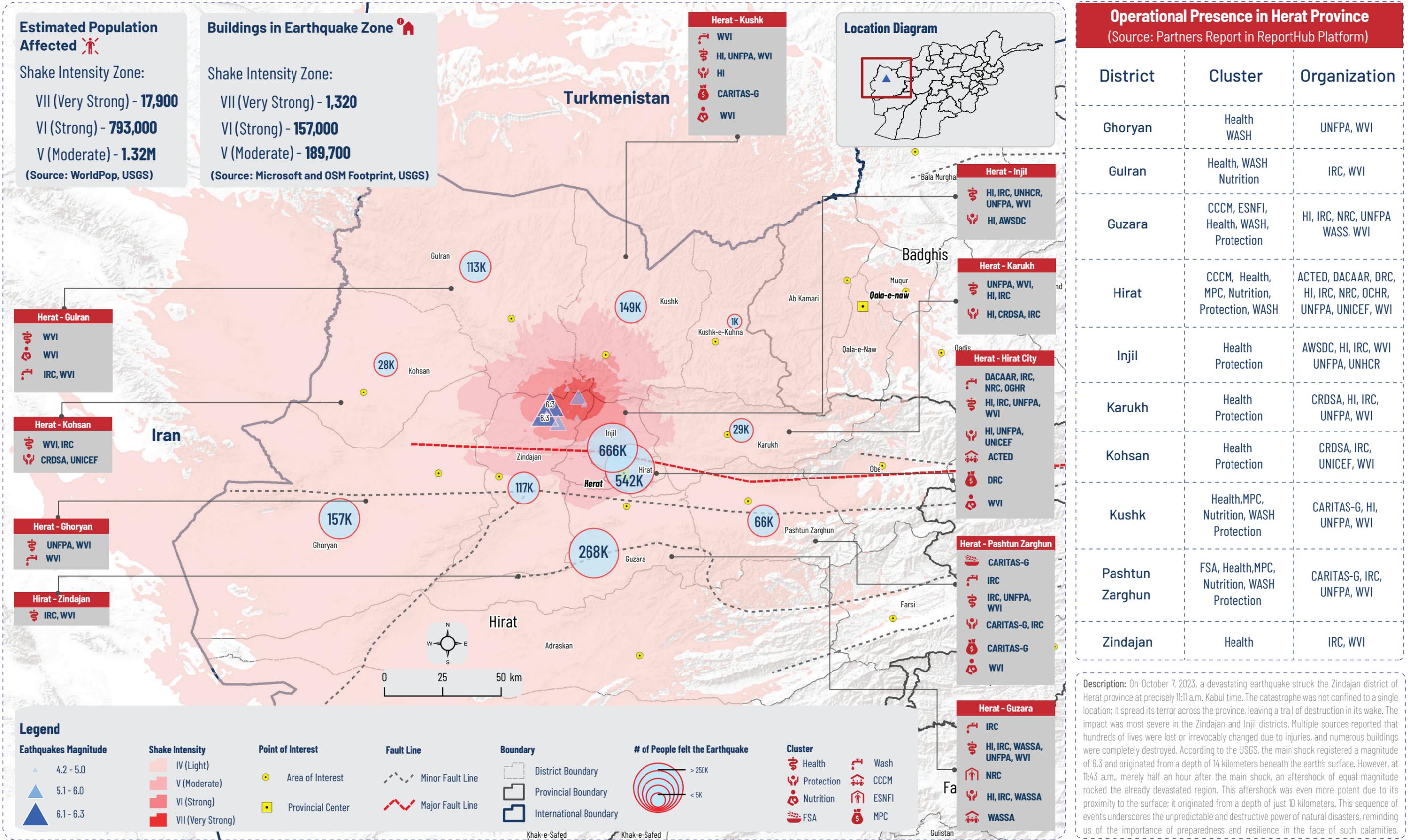


HERAT EARTHQUAKE : OPERATIONAL PARTNERS PRESENCE MAP

MAP UPDATE # 1

6.3 Magnitude Earthquake occurred in Zindajan District of Herat Province on October 7, 2023

As of 9 October 2023



Description: On October 7, 2023, a devastating earthquake struck the Zindajan district of Herat province at precisely 11:11 a.m. Kabul time. The catastrophe was not confined to a single location; it spread its terror across the province, leaving a trail of destruction in its wake. The impact was most severe in the Zindajan and Injil districts. Multiple sources reported that hundreds of lives were lost or irrevocably changed due to injuries, and numerous buildings were completely destroyed. According to the USGS, the main shock registered a magnitude of 6.3 and originated from a depth of 14 kilometers beneath the earth's surface. However, at 11:43 a.m., merely half an hour after the main shock, an aftershock of equal magnitude rocked the already devastated region. This aftershock was even more potent due to its proximity to the surface; it originated from a depth of just 10 kilometers. This sequence of events underscores the unpredictable and destructive power of natural disasters, reminding us of the importance of preparedness and resilience in the face of such calamities.