

China: Relief Efforts in Quake Affected Areas (As of May 13, 2008)

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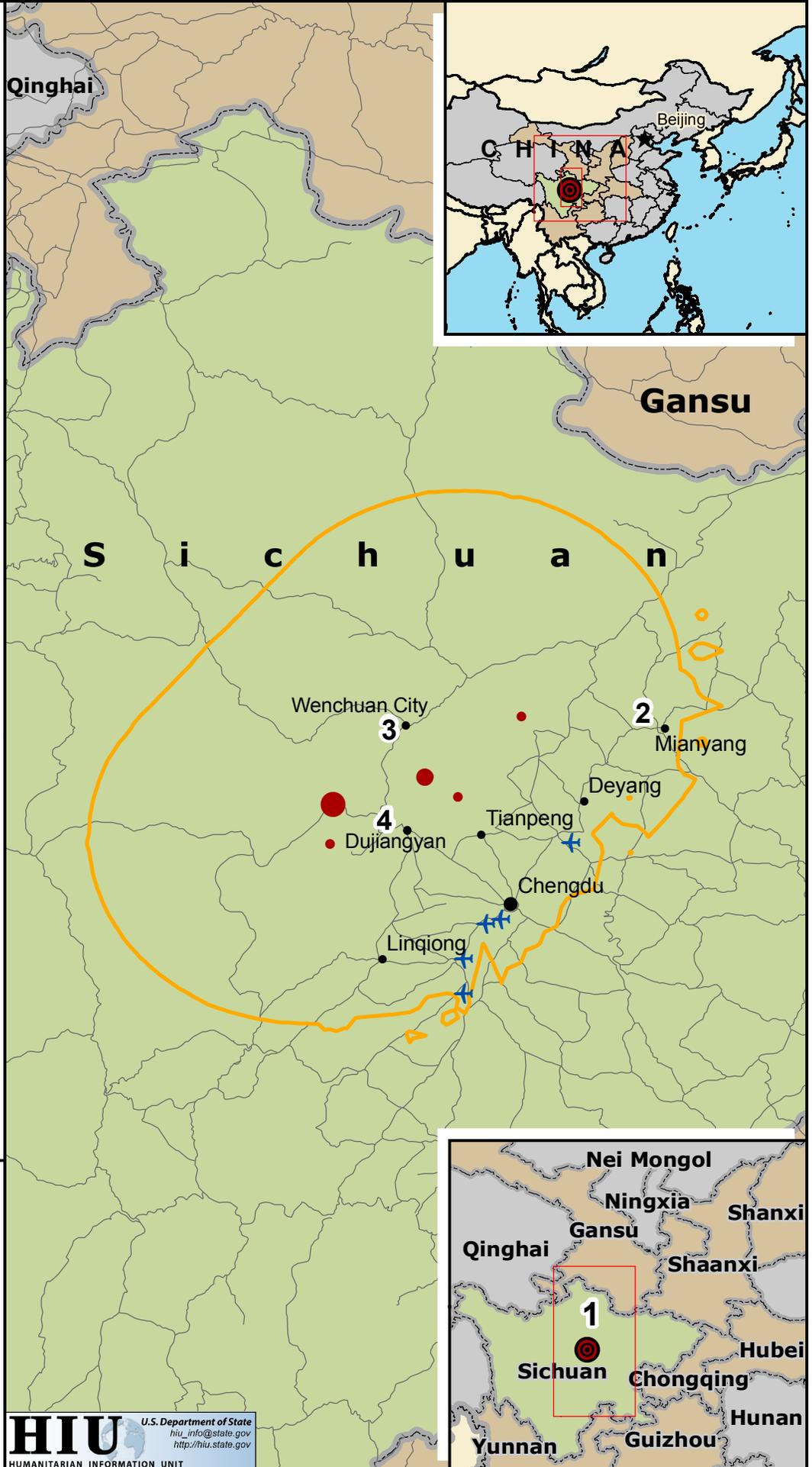
As of May 13, 2008, over 16,000 Chinese soldiers have joined relief efforts in Sichuan; another 34,000 are expected. UNOCHA reports that China is managing the situation well. The country has requested Japanese aid and Tokyo is providing \$4.8 million in cash and goods. The International Olympic Committee plans to donate \$1 million. The United States, Britain, Russia, the European Union, South Korea and Taiwan have also offered assistance. Though conditions may be hazardous, China will allow foreign journalists access to affected areas, including areas previously closed to the media due to ethnic tensions.

1. The Chinese government reports more than 12,000 people were killed in the following provinces and municipalities: Sichuan, Gansu, Shaanxi, Chongqing, Yunnan, Shanxi, Guizhou and Hubei. While there are no accounts of missing Americans, at least 15 Britons are reported missing.

2. According to Xinhua, over 18,600 people are trapped under debris in Mianyang city, including over 1,000 students and teachers caught after the collapse of Beichuan Middle School—raising fears that the death toll may rise significantly. Rescue efforts continue in this area.

3. To circumvent blocked roads, China International Search and Rescue (CISAR) teams parachuted into the epicenter area amid mountainous terrain and altitudes up to 3000 meters. 1,300 rescue workers are now working in or near Wenchuan City (population 100,000).

4. A mudslide has blocked the road from Dujiangyan to Wenchuan, slowing rescue workers and emergency supplies.



Epicenters (magnitude)

- 5.5 - 5.9
- 6.0
- 7.9

Strongly affected populations

Provincial boundary

✈ Airport

— Road 0 20 40 80 Km

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