

Pakistan/India Earthquake Affected Area and Surrounding Region Winter Weather and Elevation

Harsh Winter Predicted: From December through February 2006 day temperatures in the earthquake affected area are likely to stay below freezing. Above-average snowfall is expected.

With the onset of winter and over 3 million people now homeless in the area, the incidence of acute respiratory infections (ARI) - including pneumonia and bronchitis - is of particular concern. According to WHO, ARI "is the most common diagnosis reported by almost all health facilities, field hospitals and mobile teams in Muzaffarabad, Bagh, and Rawalkot."

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	Area of designated crossing point		Elevation (m)
	Epicenter		250 - 500
	City		500 - 1,000
	Capital		1,000 - 1,500
	Builtup area		1,500 - 2,000
	Pass		2,000 - 2,500
	1972 line of control		2,500 - 3,000
	International boundary		3,000 - 3,500
	Claim line		3,500 - 4,000
	District boundary		4,000 - 4,500
	Road		4,500 - 5,000

Sources: Roads, builtup areas - VMAPO
Background - DTED1
Historical average snow depth 1987 to 1996 - NOAA
Weather prediction - Pakistan Meteorological Dept. Oct. 28, 2005
ARI information - OCHA, Nov. 2, 2005; WHO, Oct. 29, 2005

Names and boundary representation are not necessarily authoritative.



India and Pakistan on October 30 announced an agreement to allow divided families and relief goods to cross the 1972 Line of Control at five locations starting on November 7. Designated crossing points include Nauseri-Tithwal, Chakothi-Uri, Hajipur-Uri, Rawalakot-Punch, and Tattapani-Mendhar.

Average Monthly Snow Cover and Snow Depth (November to April)

	0 - 1		Epicenter
	1 to 10		Islamabad
	10 to 20		Area of main map

