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Salaam/Peace be upon you:

In the heart of Herat, Afghanistan, the earth trembles, and hearts ache. Over the past several days, Herat has experienced several earthquakes, resulting in deaths of over 1,000 people and possibly over 2,000. This is the deadliest earthquake in two decades.

Herat needs your help. Are you looking to turn your solidarity into action? Here's how you can help:

Donate to the following fundraising efforts, verified by AYEDI:

- IDRF Afghanistan Earthquake Relief: <https://idrf.ca/project/afghanistan-earthquake/>
- Islamic Relief Canada Afghanistan Earthquake Emergency Appeal: <https://www.islamicreliefcanada.org/emergencies/afghanistan-appeal>
- Children Without Borders Emergency Herat Relief: www.gofundme.com/reliefforherat2023
- Aseel Disaster Fund: Urgent Relief Aid for Herat Earthquake Victims: https://aseelapp.com/do_good/herat-earthquake-disaster-fund.html
- Fundraiser organized by Farhad Darya and other Afghan media figures: <https://gofund.me/ba5ff60a>
- Dream Fund fundraiser led by Afghan girls robotics team: <https://gofund.me/ce7a446f>

Other ways you can help:

- You can raise awareness and spread the word about the situation in Herat and the urgent need for humanitarian assistance
- You can advocate for the rights and needs of the affected people and urge your government and other stakeholders to take action and provide support
- In Canada, you can contact:
 - **Minister of Foreign Affairs Melanie Joly:** melanie.joly@international.gc.ca
 - **Minister of International Development Ahmed Hussen:** ahmed.hussen@international.gc.ca
- Encourage your networks, friends, and family to donate and raise awareness

In solidarity,
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Contact khalidha@ayedi.ca for comment, or to add a fundraiser.