



## PROVINCIAL DISASTER MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY

An avalanche hit village Shershal of UC Karimabad, Tehsil Garam Chashma of District Chitral in the wee hours of Sunday, 5th of February 2017, resulting in the deaths of 9 while injuring another 3 out of which 1 is critical. The locality comprised of a total of 22 houses out of which 17 had already moved to safer places following PDMA's weather alert issued on the 1st of Feb, 2017. On receipt of the news, Chief Minister KP issued directions to the Secretary RRS Department Ahmad Hanif Orakzai and DG, PDMA to immediately mount a rescue/relief operation in the affected area.

The Spokes-man added that NDMA has agreed to provide a Helicopter for rescue and relief operation and relief items consisting of 100 blankets, 50 Quilts, 2 cottons of winter Shawls, 50 coal stoves, 30 packets of flour (20 KG each) and plastic mats from PDMA warehouse are being transported to affected area subject to weather condition. In addition, Four Stretchers and medicines are also being dispatched. Earlier a specialized search and rescue team consisting of Pakistan Army, Chitral Scouts, Police and local Administration was deputed to carry out joint search and rescue.

It is important to mention here that PDMA-KP is in close contact with DC Chitral and all other DCs so as to closely monitor the situation. The spokes-man further added that PDMA control room is operational 24/7 and is in contact with all districts. People from each affected district can contact PDMA control room on 1700 or 0919223662 for any guidance. Chief Minister Khyber Pakhtunkhwa has expressed his grief over the loss of lives and properties and has directed PDMA and all district administrations to immediately provide relief goods and compensation to the affected families.

**Spokesman PDMA**