

# India Earthquake

Day of celebration turns to terror

On January 26, 2001 India celebrated Republic Day. As the colourful parades and processions got under way the continent reverberated to the worst earthquake in India's history, measuring 7.9 on the richter scale.

The epicentre in Gujrat was the scene of maximum devastation. The city of Bhuj, home to 150,000 people was turned into rubble almost instantly, with hardly a building left standing.

More than 70,000 people died that dreadful day. India's national day soon became a day of international sorrow.

Muslim Hands aid teams in the area immediately setup feeding centres and provided shelter to the homeless. Our emergency centre at Luni, just outside Bhuj, distributed food, tents and other essentials including blankets and torches to surrounding villages and towns.

## How your donations helped

- **58,900** people received emergency food supply
- **9300 blankets** distributed for winter
- **1000 families given tents**
- **15 tubewells** installed
- **3 mosques** rebuilt
- Over **100** people receive **business start-up** loan
- 200 higher education **students** sponsored
- Higher **Secondary School built** in Jamnagar
- **42 new homes** built
- Over **500** children received **books and clothes**

