

# THE AID WORKER: MOVING MOUNTAINS

FACTUAL



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**An earthquake kills more than 80 thousand people. But that's just one part of the tragedy. Concern now is for the 3 million homeless.**

## SYNOPSIS

Getting food and other aid delivered to isolated villages after the deadly earthquake that rocked Pakistan is the job of Canadian Keith Ussel, a Program Officer with the UN's World Food Programme.

The WFP announced that in the earthquake zone "2.3 million people will require food assistance at least through April 2006."

While reporting from Kashmir, the CBC's Paul Workman met Ussel and this documentary is the inside story of WFP's efforts, including the joys and frustrations, the dedication and the bureaucracy,

the accomplishments and the mistakes.

The earthquake that hit south Asia on October 8, 2005 killed over 87,000 people. But the quake's destruction left three million survivors in Pakistan's Kashmir province without homes or communities.

Many of those survivors live in mountain villages, further isolated by the destruction of the few roads -- usually just one road -- that reach them. Now that the snow and cold has arrived, the first deaths of survivors have been reported. Unless shelter can be provided quickly, more will die.

Keith Ussel has been with the World Food Programme since 1998, working in places like Kosovo, Afghanistan, Central Africa and the Middle East. He interrupted his work in Gaza to help out in Indonesia after the tsunami hit in December 2004, then he left Gaza again for Pakistan shortly after the earthquake.



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