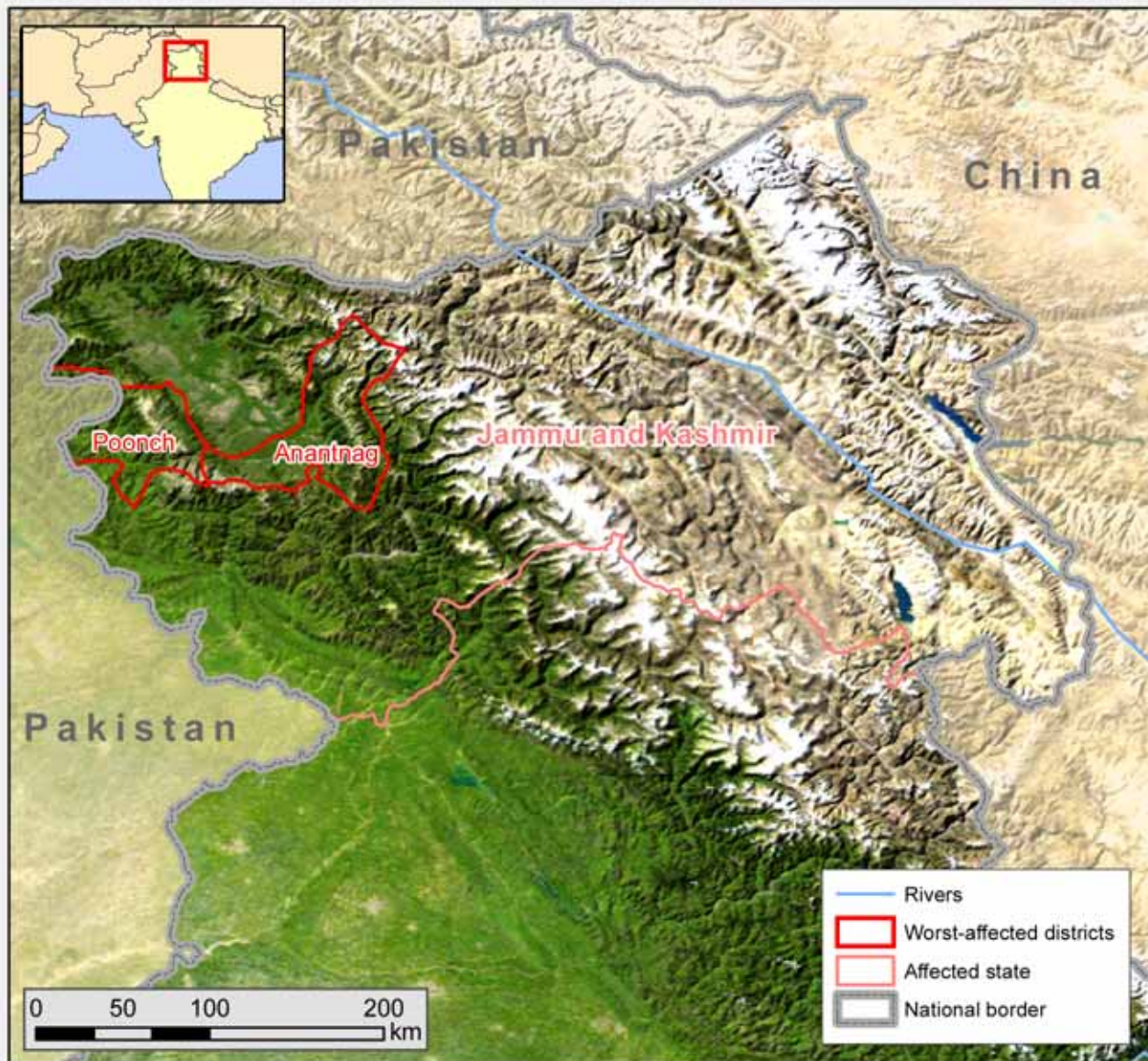


India: Avalanches

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SITUATION

Heavy snowfall of up to two metres occurred in the state of Jammu and Kashmir from 16 to 20 February 2005. State Government reports 230 persons killed; more than 20 persons missing due to snowfall and avalanches. 380 persons rescued, including 40 foreigners. Anantnag and Poonch worst-affected districts. Danger of additional avalanches remains.

ACTION

State Government undertaking necessary rescue and relief operations and has not requested international assistance. OCHA in close contact with UN Resident Coordinator's office in New Delhi.

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