USAID is collaborating with the Ethiopian Ministry of Health to build the National Blood Transfusion Service (NBTS) Center in Addis Ababa. The new facility will enable the Ministry of Health to build internal capacity and expand blood donation, processing, and life-saving transfusion services, which are currently hosted by the Ethiopian Red Cross.

**EARTHQUAKE RESISTANT DESIGN**

Addis Ababa is located in a destructive earthquake intensity zone - the highest intensity in Africa. The NBTS Center has been designed to safely withstand an earthquake similar to magnitude 6.0 on the Richter Scale.

**Source:** UN OCHA (2007), *Earthquake Risk in Africa*

**BY THE NUMBERS**

- **5,390** square meters of space
- **25** parking spaces
- **5** floors

**THE NBTS CENTER WILL PROVIDE NEW CAPACITY TO COLLECT, SCREEN, PROCESS, AND DISTRIBUTE BLOOD PRODUCTS TO SERVE 26 MILLION PEOPLE — MORE THAN 1/4 OF ETHIOPIA’S POPULATION.**