

# OPERATIONS UPDATE



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## PAKISTAN: CYCLONE YEMYIN/FLOODS

**Appeal No. MDRPK001**  
**Glide no. FF-2007-000082-PAK**  
**and TC-2007-000084-PAK**

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### In Brief

**Operations Update no. 02; Period covered: 06 to 09 July 2007; Appeal target: CHF 10.38 million (USD 8.5 million or EUR 6.2 million); Appeal coverage: 2%; Outstanding needs: CHF 10.13 million (USD 8.24 million or EUR 6.11 million)**

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#### Appeal history:

- Preliminary appeal launched on 04 July 2007 for CHF 10.38 million (USD 8.5 million or EUR 6.2 million) for six months to assist 98,000 beneficiaries (14,000 families).
- Disaster Relief Emergency Funds (DREF) allocated: CHF 250,000 on 02 July 2007.

#### Operational Summary:

The Pakistan Red Crescent Society (PRCS) has been actively working in the flood-affected areas since 26 June. The PRCS Sindh provincial branch has distributed various food and non-food items in flood hit areas of the province, while PRCS health teams are giving basic health and care to surviving communities of both Baluchistan and Sindh province. Among the assistance provided, more than 4,000 people have received medical help from the Red Cross Red Crescent operation. In the meantime, Up to 2.1 tonnes of medicine and 3,000 food parcels have reached the Federation's base camp in Turbat city, transported via road from Karachi.

The Federation field assessment and coordination team (FACT) has arrived in the country. They have divided into two sub-teams (one for Sindh province and other for Baluchistan province) and have started their assessments. The FACT team will play a vital role in coordination, liaison and in finalizing the revised appeal. Based on these combined findings and other information, the Preliminary Appeal is likely to be revised.

*For longer-term programmes, please refer to the Federation's Annual Appeal.*



Federation assessment team looking at the destroyed water systems in the union council of Kosh kalat in Kech district, near Turbat, Baluchistan province.

## Background

The combined effects of storms beginning 23 June and Cyclone Yemyin on 26 June have claimed approximately 300 lives across Pakistan. A total of 1.65 million people are affected, while 300,000 are homeless across the disaster hit provinces of Baluchistan and Sindh.

	Baluchistan province	Sindh province
No. of districts affected	18	4
No. of people affected	1.5 million	150,000
No. of people made homeless	250,000	50,000
No. of people displaced	100,000	N/A

**Figure 1: The impact of Cyclone Yemyin and floods to date**

Across Baluchistan, 18 out of 29 districts have been affected, while four districts have been hit in Sindh. Infrastructure has suffered severe damaged, with roads and bridges impassable or destroyed and telecommunications out in many areas since 26 June, though rehabilitation work is underway.

The government of Pakistan appealed for assistance; while it is not requesting international aid this stage, it welcomed international support.

## Operational developments

Surviving families are receiving more relief items with each passing day; however, some are still waiting for basic items such as drinkable water and food. The roads to the affected areas are becoming accessible. According to the Pakistan Meteorological Department, scattered rains and thunderstorms are expected in the southern and southeastern parts of Sindh in the next two days, while isolated rains are expected in the eastern parts of Baluchistan.

The President of Pakistan announced immediate relief of PKR 15,000 (CHF 309) will be available for each affected family. The government had earlier announced a relief package of Pakistan rupees 200 million (CHF 4.12 million) each for both Sindh and Baluchistan provinces.

The national disaster management authority (NDMA) has requested Pakistan Red Crescent to focus on providing assistance in Turbat, Kharan, and Jalmugsi in Baluchistan and Thatta and Qambar-Shadat in Sindh.

In the meantime, the PRCS assessment teams in Turbat, Baluchistan province have completed initial assessments. The teams have verified food/non-food and medical needs of 4,000 families in the unions councils of Nodez and Nasirabad in Kech district. The team leader of the PRCS assessment team has reached Quetta and has been integrated into the National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA) joint assessment team.

Food parcels for 6,000 families have been procured. Three thousand food parcels from Karachi, the capital of Sindh province, have reached Turbat city in Baluchistan on 10 July, while the remainder are being transported to other areas of Baluchistan province. The 2.1 tonnes of medicine arrived at Turbat on 8 July.

The Federation FACT team members assembled in Karachi on 6 July. The team members cover areas including relief, health, water and sanitation (including hygiene promotion), logistics, shelter, recovery and reporting. All the members have been briefed, relevant documents have been shared and objectives have been set. Most of the FACT team members have received no objection certificates (NOC) for Baluchistan province. The team members have also connected with their PRCS counterparts.

The FACT has divided into two teams – one will cover flooded areas in Baluchistan, while the other will head for Sindh province. The FACT team covering Sindh has coordinated with the PRCS Sindh provincial branch, which helped deploy the team to flood hit regions on 8 July so that they can begin assessments immediately. On 7 July, the Baluchistan FACT team reached Turbat and started their assessments as well, after security has given them a go-ahead to travel in the province. In addition, the FACT team leader has been coordinating with various International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) and various United Nation (UN) agencies on regular basis.

For this operation, the Federation Pakistan delegation is establishing a base camp in Turbat, Baluchistan province, as well as a transit logistical base in Karachi, Sindh province.

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A Federation security delegate, along with a senior health manager, arrived in Turbat on 7 July. An information delegate in the Federation South Asia regional delegation has also joined the communications team in the country as communication consultant. In addition, a Federation relief team arrived in Turbat with various support staff on 8 July.

The Federation disaster management manager, who was a part of the two-member team in Turbat, arrived back in Islamabad on 2 July. Based on the initial assessments of this team, a Preliminary Emergency Appeal (MDRPK001) was launched on 4 July.

Meanwhile, the rest of the country continues receiving scattered rains and thunderstorms. In Kohistan district, North West Frontier Province (NWFP), heavy rains triggered landslides and flash floods causing 22 people deaths and 11 injuries on 8 July.

### Red Cross and Red Crescent action - objectives, progress, impact

#### Emergency relief (food and non-food)

**Objective 1 - Food: to provide food rations for 14,000 families to support their basic nutrition needs for six weeks in targeted areas in Baluchistan and across four districts of Sindh with all families to have received a ration within 20 days of the launch of this appeal.**

#### Progress/Achievements/Impact:

PRCS Sindh provincial branch distributed 500 food parcels in Larkana and Dadu districts (300 food parcels in Larkana and 200 in Dadu) between 7 to 8 July.

The PRCS provincial branches have procured food items for 6,000 families (3,000 family packs procured in Karachi and 3,000 procured in Quetta). The food rations from Karachi reached Turbat on 10 July, while the rations in Quetta are being transported.

Five hundred one-week family food rations were distributed in Gadaab in Karachi on 3 July, while 500 rice packs have been distributed in the districts of Dadu and Thatta.

**Objective 2 - Non-food items: Provision of non-food items for 14,000 families in the targeted union councils over a period of two months from the launch of this appeal to meet basic household item needs.**

#### Progress/Achievements/Impact:

A Federation team in Islamabad has completed the procurement of 25,000 hygiene kits, which are part of the PRCS disaster preparedness stock. Each hygiene kit contains 13 body soaps, seven tooth brushes, seven tooth paste tubes, 15 disposable shaving razors, 26 sanitary napkin packs, one Vaseline box, six laundry soaps, one scissors and seven towels. Hygiene kits have been delivered to the following places: 3,000 in the PRCS national headquarters, 3,000 in PRCS Sindh provincial branch, 3,000 in PRCS Baluchistan provincial branch and 1,000 in the PRCS branch in Pakistan-administered Kashmir.

The PRCS national headquarters have sent the following items via road to the Baluchistan provincial branch (which will be sent on to Turbat and Kharan for distribution); 3,000 tents, 3,000 jerry cans, 3,000 plastic tarpaulin sheets and 6,000 blankets.

The PRCS assessment teams in Turbat, Baluchistan province carried out initial assessments and verification of 4,000 families, including for the distribution of non-food items in Nodez and Nasirabad union councils.

The PRCS Sindh provincial branch has distributed non-food relief items to 300 families in Dadu and Larkana districts. The details are as follows:



A group of women receive relief items from the Red Cross Red Crescent operation

Items	Quantity distributed in Sindh
Blankets	291
Utensil sets	179
Plastic tarpaulin sheets	161
Stoves	86

**Figure 2: Items distributed in Sindh province**

**Objective 3- Shelter: To meet the short term shelter needs of up to 14,000 affected families in Baluchistan and Sindh.**

**Progress/Achievements/Impact:**

This activity will be dependant on the findings of the FACT and recommendations from the interagency shelter working group. A shelter coordinator arrived in Islamabad on 6 July from Geneva and has started coordinating with various government and UN agencies. He is providing in-country support for shelter-related activities and is leading the interagency shelter cluster.

Pakistan Red Crescent has distributed 2,000 tents to date from disaster preparedness stocks across Sindh, Baluchistan and NWFP, and a further 3,000 were sent to PRCS Baluchistan on 8 July. In addition, to meet the shelter needs of the affected population, the PRCS, with Federation secretariat support, is considering providing traditional shelter materials plus tools, as well as promoting safe building techniques to affected households in the reconstruction of their dwellings.

**Objective 4- Health: To meet the basic health needs (including water, sanitation, and hygiene promotion materials) of 14,000 families in targeted areas of Baluchistan and Sindh over three months from the launch of the appeal.**

**Progress/Achievements/Impact:**

The 2.1 tonnes of medicines, provided from the International Federation's surplus stock for the earthquake operation, arrived in Turbat on 8 July; it was transported there via the coastal highway from Karachi. More than 4,00 people have received services from the mobile health teams, while 782 families have better access to drinking water.

The teams in Turbat have treated approximately 775 patients since 3 July. The common diseases prevailing in the area are diarrhea, acute respiratory infections and skin diseases. The detailed breakdown of the patients<sup>1</sup> between 5-8 July; is as follows:

Patients seen by Turbat team	TOTAL	Percentage
Male	177	47%
Female	198	53%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>375</b>	<b>100%</b>

**Figure 3: Patients seen in Turbat from 5-8 July**

In Kambar (Larkana district), one health team has treated 1,850 patients during 2-8 July. Another team from Karachi replaced the original team on 5 July. Health teams are on standby at PRCS Khairpur district branch to provide medical support in Kambar. Common diseases in the area are diarrhea, upper respiratory track infection, skin diseases and anemia. The team has also come across 12 children with measles. The details of the patients between 6-8 July; are as follow:

Patients seen by Kambar team	TOTAL	Percentage
Male	234	35%
Female	214	33%
Children	203	32%

<sup>1</sup> The teams didn't treat any patients on 6<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> July.

TOTAL	651	100%
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**Figure 4: Patients seen in Kamar from 6-8 July**

Three more medical teams from Lahore (Punjab province) have reached the coastal area of Pasni, Baluchistan province, on 5 July and treated approximately 150 patients. They have now moved to another coastal area in Baluchistan called Ormara.

The Federation two-member team in Turbat, has already procured four water pumps and tanks in four communities in Koshkalat union council in Kech district, providing drinkable water to 782 families. The team also supplied two 125 litre water tanks to two schools in Turbat town, which are used as relief centres for displaced people.

The medical teams of the PRCS Sindh provincial branch (consisting of two mobile health teams) in Gadaab, in Karachi city, saw a total of 1,260 patients over 26 June - 2 July. The medical support in the area has been terminated from 3 July as no further need was required.

The PRCS basic health unit in Keti Bandar, supported by two health units between 26-30 June, Thatta district has treated since 26 June.

### **Overall Operational constraints**

The area affected by floods is extensive, with a dispersed population. It is difficult to move around during assessments due to the inaccessibility of areas. For airlifting of items, the priority is still being given to government relief items. Although ground routes are opening everyday, it is still very difficult to transfer relief items to the flood-affected areas by road.

### **Federation Coordination**

The International Federation and the national society in the country are coordinating with the government and other UN agencies on a frequent basis through attending various meetings. The PRCS national headquarters is also carrying out regular coordination with all its provincial branches.

The United Nations (UN) resident coordinator's office established the cluster system on 2 July to deal with the emergency. Eleven clusters are in place for shelter, health, food, logistics, water sanitation and hygiene, education, protection, early recovery, communications, camp management and nutrition.

The International Federation will convene the shelter working group with a focus on meeting immediate shelter needs. The Federation shelter coordinator, who arrived in the country on 7 July, is heading the shelter cluster. UN Habitat has agreed to take on the role of focal agency for early recovery and longer-term housing issues within the shelter working group. The International Organization for Migration (IOM) will take the lead on camp management. The FACT team leader and communications consultant are attending various cluster meetings.

The acting head of delegation is liaising with the national society and ICRC on daily basis. Daily teleconferences are being carried all the relevant Federation stakeholders in Geneva, Asia zone office in Malaysia and South Asian regional delegation in Delhi, India.

The Federation acting head of delegation is attending regular Inter Agency Standing Committee (IASC) and the shelter cluster meetings every two days.

The NDMA is leading a joint assessment mission to identify any gap areas. This mission will be carried out through road and air routes. Two Red Cross Red Crescent representatives have been included in the NDMA teams, which have started their assessments since 9 July.

A telephone conference took place on 6 July between the Pakistan delegation, the FACT team and various partner national societies. Initial indications of support were in excess of CHF 2 million.

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During a coordination meeting organized by PRCS on 5 July, most of the partner national societies (out of ten currently working in the country) have offered support for this operation. Again, most of them are waiting for the FACT report before deploying any local assistance.

The Federation team in Turbat initiated a Kech disaster response forum in Turbat, which holds daily coordination meetings among various government and NGO/INGO stakeholders.

### Logistics

Eight vehicles and two small trucks have been rented in Karachi, out of which two vehicles are with the FACT team in Sindh while the remaining has been sent to Turbat. The rented vehicles will be used by both FACT and relief teams, while the two trucks have helped in transporting the medicines and 3,000 food parcels to Turbat.

The prices of the rented vehicles Karachi are high as compared to the rest of the country; therefore the possibility of utilizing current Federation vehicles is being assessed. Three Federation vehicles (one Nissan patrol and two Nissan pick ups) have already been deployed from Islamabad to Karachi. A Rubb hall and generator are being transported from Mansehra to Karachi. Assessment has started in Karachi in relation to setting up a logistics hub if it is considered necessary.

### Security

The Federation Pakistan delegation's security delegate arrived in Turbat from Karachi on 8 July after a receiving NOC for entering the Baluchistan province. The delegate has completed security assessments and given the go ahead for the FACT team to travel to the area. At the moment, there is no specific security situation in the area.

### Communications – Advocacy and Public Information

The communications team in the country has posted five information bulletins since 25 June. They have also written three stories related to the floods. Information is being shared with the various Federation personnel, PRCS, ICRC, various partner national societies working in the country, UN agency and national media.

The International Federation has had an information officer deployed to the field since 26 June, who is continuing to produce articles and photos for use in national and international media, Red Cross and Red Crescent publications and onward distribution to web-based media including Reliefweb ([www.reliefweb.int](http://www.reliefweb.int)) and Reuters Alertnet ([www.alertnet.org](http://www.alertnet.org)).

## How we work

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### The Federation's Global Agenda

The International Federation's activities are aligned with under a Global Agenda, which sets out **four broad goals** to meet the Federation's mission to "improve the lives of vulnerable people by mobilizing the power of humanity".

### Global Agenda Goals:

- Reduce the numbers of deaths, injuries and impact from disasters.
- Reduce the number of deaths, illnesses and impact from diseases and public health emergencies.
- Increase local community, civil society and Red Cross Red Crescent capacity to address the most urgent situations of vulnerability.
- Reduce intolerance, discrimination and social exclusion and promote respect for diversity and human dignity.

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## Consolidated Response to Appeal MDRPK001 - PAKISTAN - FLOODS

TIMEFRAME: 04 Jul 07 to 04 Jan 08

LOCATION: Pakistan

TOTAL AMOUNT SOUGHT:	10,380,000
TOTAL RECEIVED TO DATE:	250,000
APPEAL COVERAGE TO DATE:	2%

Updated on: 06 Jul 2007

Currency	Amount	Health & Care	Disaster Management	Humanitarian Values	Organisational Development	Coordination & Implementation	Total
		CHF	CHF	CHF	CHF	CHF	CHF
<b>BUDGET</b>							<b>10,380,000</b>
<b>FUNDING</b>							
<u>Opening Balance</u>							
<b>Income</b>							
<b>Other Income</b>							
DREF Allocations	CHF	250,000	250,000				250,000
<b>Total Other Income</b>			<b>250,000</b>				<b>250,000</b>
<b>Total Income</b>			<b>250,000</b>				<b>250,000</b>
<b>TOTAL FUNDING</b>		<b>0</b>	<b>250,000</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>250,000</b>
<b>COVERAGE</b>			<b>2%</b>				<b>2%</b>