

Operations update



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Pakistan: Monsoon Flash Floods

Emergency appeal n° MDRPK006
GLIDE n° [FL-2010-000141-PAK](#)
Operations update n° 01
5 August 2010

Period covered by this Ops Update: This operation update covers the period from 2 August to 5 August 2010.

Appeal target (current): CHF 17,008,050 (USD 16,333,000 or EUR 12,514,600); [<click here to view the attached Revised Emergency Appeal Budget>](#)

Appeal coverage: With contributions received to date, the appeal is 1.9 per cent covered in cash and in-kind; those in the pipeline, the appeal is currently approximately 43.5 per cent. Funds are urgently needed to support the Pakistan Red Crescent Society operation in assisting the flood affected people. [<click here to go directly to the updated donor response report, or here to link to contact details >](#)

Appeal history:

- This Emergency Appeal has been initially launched on preliminary basis 2 August, 2010 for CHF 17,008,050 for 9 months to assist 175,000 beneficiaries.
- **Disaster Relief Emergency Fund (DREF):** CHF 250,000 was initially allocated from the Federation's DREF on 30 July, 2010 to support the national society to respond.



A young girl is taking food items from the IFRC/PRCS relief distribution camp at Nowshehra, one of the worst affected districts in Khyber Pakhtoonkhwa

Summary: On 21 July 2010, Pakistan was hit by heavier than usual monsoon flash floods. The monsoon floods have left above 2.5 million people affected and death toll has reached 1600 people (source: Strengthening Participatory Organization (SPO) assessment report, 3 August 2010). The Pakistan Red Crescent Society has taken 10 per cent of the total case load i.e. 2.5 million flood affected people that makes 35,000 house holds. The International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC) commits to support 25,000 house holds on preliminary basis and International Committee of Red Cross (ICRC) will support 10,000 house holds. The assessment of reports indicate across the affected areas approximately 252,319 houses have been damaged (source: National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA) situation report).

To date, New Zealand Red Cross, Singapore Red Cross and Spanish Red Cross have made contributions to this appeal. The International Federation, on behalf of the Pakistan Red Crescent Society, would like to thank all partners for their generous response to this appeal.

This operation is expected to be completed over nine months and will, therefore, be completed by the end of April 2011. A Final Report will be made available by 31 August 2011 (three months after the end of the operation).

The situation

Pakistan is hit by the worst ever floods since 1929. Heavy rains starting from 21 July have triggered both flash floods and river floods in several parts of the country resulting in a loss of life and widespread displacements. The exact losses are still unclear. However, analysis of available information indicates over 2.5 million people have been affected by these floods, thousands of people have lost their homes and livelihoods, standing crops have been eroded away and the road and bridge networks have experience extensive damage. The most affected areas are Khyber Pakhtoonkhwa (KPK) where the death toll has reached 797 alone, Baluchistan and South Punjab provinces, while Baluchistan, Pakistan administered Kashmir (AJK) FATA and Gilgit Baltistan are also affected. The Pakistan Red Crescent Society (PRCS) are undertaking preparatory measures in readiness for potential flooding in Sindh, where media reports have announced flood waters are expected to reach Sindh between 5 and 6 August 2010. While PRCS are supporting the timely evacuation of residents to decrease the loss of human lives, the biggest challenge currently faced by rescue teams is the reluctance for people to leave their homes in Sindh as well as Southern Punjab.

A brief summary of losses over the country is as follows:

Districts	No of deaths	No of people injured	No of houses damaged
Baluchistan	24	98	19,604
Khyber Pakhtoonkhwa:	797	790	155,293
Azad Jammu and Kashmir:	63	50	2,482
Punjab:	52	140	14,746
Gilgit Baltistan:	6	0	1,105
TOTAL	942	1,078	193,230

(Source: NDMA Flood update 5 August 2010)

The overall grim situation of the country is expected to worsen as a third spell of rains hit Neelum valley and Swat yesterday. The Pakistan Metrological Department's flood forecast reported the River Indus at Taunsa is on very high flood status, Chashma is on a high flood status, Kalabagh and Guddu at medium flood status and Tarbela and Sukkur at low status. The River Kabul at Nowshera is reported to be at a high flood status. The river Jhelum at Rasul is on medium flood status and the River Chenab at Marala and Khanki at a low flood status.

Coordination and partnerships

Movement coordination: PRCS continues to implement flood relief programmes with support of IFRC, ICRC and partner national societies with in-country presence – American Red Cross, Canadian Red Cross, Danish Red Cross, German Red Cross and Turkish Red Crescent. These Red Cross Red Crescent partners, IFRC and ICRC are attending coordination and ad hoc meetings led by PRCS.

Coordinating with authorities: A long-standing and strong relationship exists between PRCS and government bodies through the National Society's participation in the national disaster management authority (NDMA), and its strong working relationship with provincial and local governments.

Inter-agency coordination: IFRC continue to participate at the meetings of the shelter cluster – led by International Organisation for Migration



A mosque half submerged in water during the recent floods. The flood water rose in Swat (Khyber Pakhtoonkhwa) seven to ten feet high, damaging the houses, schools and other infrastructures. Photo: Pakistan Red Crescent Society communication.

(IOM) – as well as various inter-agency meetings to coordinate overall relief efforts. Through this mechanism, PRCS and IFRC are able to monitor what other organizations are doing, thereby avoiding duplication of efforts. PRCS staff are also attending meetings of other relevant clusters at the national levels.

National Society Capacity Building:

PRCS has considerable experience gained from previous major disasters including the earthquakes in 2005 and 2008 as well as the Cyclone Yemyin floods in 2007. With support from IFRC and Movement partners, this experience and capacity will enable PRCS to conduct the operation through its network of branches and trained volunteers. PRCS has 150 trained disaster response team members, 42 disaster management cells and 20 mobile health units/basic health units which can be mobilized for this operation. For this flood operation, up to 150 additional staff and volunteers will be deployed to further boost this capacity.

One of the objectives of this intervention is to reinforce the capacities in terms of technical, financial and additional human resource support of the PRCS to face the rapidly changing context in which they operate. The context is becoming ever more challenging with increasing military operations affecting hundreds of people. This appeal will also enable PRCS to respond quickly and to develop a certain level of flexibility to identify needs and design activities for the emergency phase and beyond. This intervention also reflects the Movement's strong commitment to enhance the coherence and effectiveness of humanitarian assistance.

Red Cross and Red Crescent action

PRCS has been at the forefront of the response in the affected areas through its provincial and district branches as well as disaster response cells. The national society has been responding from the early days of the disaster with rescue and evacuation activities, distributing food and other relief items such as tents, tarpaulins, blankets and cooking stoves to families across the worst affected districts of Pakistan's seven flood-stricken provinces.

PRCS, with support of the Movement partners, plans to scale up its efforts and assist 35,000 affected households in the following areas:

Khyber Pakhtoonkhwa	:	20,000 households
Baluchistan	:	5,000 households
Punjab	:	5,000 households
FATA	:	500 households
Gilgit Baltistan	:	500 households
AJK	:	2,000 households
Sindh	:	2,000 households

As assessment results become available, the target number of beneficiaries may change. The PRCS national disaster management and logistics cell (NDMLC) is managing the overall operation, by establishing a control room at national headquarters (NHQ). The control room is operational 24/7 to monitor the different distributions and ongoing assessments.

The PRCS flood response operation is supported by the IFRC Pakistan country office which has been reinforced with surge capacity to assist PRCS in the areas of reporting, logistics, shelter and communications. In addition, PRCS has requested the mobilisation of a field assessment and coordination team (FACT)/regional disaster response team (RDRT) which includes a team leader, shelter, early recovery, logistics, health, communications/media, relief, and water and sanitation expertise. To date, FACT/RDRT has been compiled with the members supported by the Australian Red Cross, Belgian Red Cross, British Red Cross, Canadian Red Cross, Finnish Red Cross, and the Netherlands Red Cross Societies. The logistics FACT member arrived in country on 5 August, with communications/media and relief expected to arrive on 7 August. Other members are finalizing visa processes and travel plans and are expected to be in country by 9 August.

Progress towards outcomes

PRCS has been assisting the affected communities through provision of food, non-food items (including emergency shelter materials), health services through its mobile health units and established health centers. PRCS efforts are being supported by the in-country RCRC Movement partners.

Relief distributions (food and basic non-food items)

Objective: The basic food and non food household needs of 25,000 affected families (of the total 150,000 families) are met over the next six months.

Outputs (expected results)	Activities planned
The immediate needs of 25,000 affected families are met through relief distributions.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conduct on the ground assessments, selection and social mobilization for the verification of 25,000 families. • Coordinate with the concerned authorities to establish a database of affected people. • Identify 25,000 flood-affected families. • Engage communities' participation in planning and distribution of relief items. • Mobilize and train approximately 500 community volunteers in assessment, distribution and monitoring and evaluation. • Mobilize required relief items through international mobilization, international and local procurement following Federation standards • Provide assistance to 25,000 families through distribution of food and non-food items. • Develop a monitoring and evaluation system for the continuous improvement of delivery system. • Develop an exit strategy (laying the basis for the early recovery phase).

Progress:

PRCS has been actively undertaking assessments and delivering relief assistance to the affected areas. To date, PRCS has delivered the following relief assistance. The standard non-food item (NFI) kit includes: 1 tent, 2 tarpaulin sheets, 7 blankets, 1 kitchen set, 1 hygiene kit, 1 hurricane lamp, 2 jerry cans, 1 stove. While the ready to eat (RTE) food pack includes dates, milk, drinking water, roasted grams and toffees.

Punjab:

Area	Food Items	Non-food Items	Tarpaulins	Stoves	Hygiene Kits
Mianwali (in Esa Khail village) 30 July 2010	-	200 (without tent)	-	-	-
Rajapur (handed over to district government)	-	-	50	50	50
Jehlum/Gujrat (for preparedness to DM cell)	-	100			
Total		300	50		50



Local women from the community wait under the sun to receive food items being distributed in Nowshera (KPK). Source: Pakistan Red Crescent Society communication.

Khyber Pakhtoonkhwa:

Area	Food Items (RTE FP)	Non-food Items	Tarpaulins	Stoves	Hygiene Kits
Dera Ismail Khan	-	565	-	-	-
Nowshera, Risalpur	670	-	-	-	-
Nowshera, Cantt	500	-	-	-	-
Nowshera, Cantt	375 (Rice 2 Kg/pack)	-	-	-	-
Akora Khattak	84	-	-	-	-
Charsadda	1000	-	-	-	-
Swat	1000	-	-	-	-
Total	3,254 + 375	565	-	-	-

Gligit Baltistan:

On the request of Provincial disaster management authority (PDMA) the district branch of PRCS distributed the following food items;

Area	Food Items	Non-food Items	Tarpaulins	Stoves	Hygiene Kits
Gilgit	200	-	-	-	-
Total	200	-	-	-	-

Azad Jammu and Kashmir AJK:

Area	Food Items (RTE FP)	Non-food Items	Tarpaulins	Stoves	Hygiene Kits
District Bagh (Raira, Chatter 2, Nar Shar ali khan, Seri khaiti, Bari kot and Seri Mang)		90		-	-
District Muzafarabad		21	120	-	-
District Neelum (Three UCs, 8 villages)	236	120	100	-	-
Total	236	231	220		

In the village Kail of Neelum district, where there is no access by road, the PRCS team gained access through helicopter and provided the above items. The food packs consists of 5 kg Rice, 1 kg ghee, 1 kg lentils, 1kg Sugar, 1kg salt and 100 gram tea. This pack is sufficient for 15 days.

In addition to the support provided to PRCS through this emergency appeal, relief delivered with assistance from ICRC has included:

Baluchistan:

Area	Food Items	Detailed Assessment and Token Distribution
Bakhtiarabad	-	Assessment on going
Sultankot (Fully covered)	590	590
Talli	200	458
Total	790	1,048

(FI: ICRC standard ECOSEC food pack for 1 month)

Further relief assistance provided or planned by PRCS with support from bilateral partners has included:

- Danish Red Cross (DRC) will provide 750 food parcels worth PKR: 3,468,750 to the affected families in Swat. The DRC has also sourced USD 53,000 for food parcels from the Danish Embassy in Islamabad.
- Canadian Red Cross (CRC) will procure non-food items worth CHF 20, 000 based on needs identified by PRCS.
- Turkish Red Crescent (TRC) has provided relief goods consisting of 1,200 food packages, 420 kitchen utensils, 1,000 blankets, 1,500 sleeping bags, 240 beds and 1,270 mattresses worth of USD 175,755.
- German Red Cross (GRC) has procured food and non-food items for 44 households in Chitral district and 295 food packages for the affectees in Kohistan district. GRC will also provide support in Shangla district with the provision of food packs for 248 families and NFI kits for 11 families.
- Austrian Red Cross (ARC) is supporting PRCS with distributions of food and non-food items worth EUR 30,000 (CHF 41,514) in Neelum Valley, AJK.

Challenges or constraints:

- Many local transport companies are currently unwilling to carry goods to the affected areas due to the difficult road conditions.
- The accessibility to some of the affected areas has been difficult due to damaged roads and broken bridges.
- The unpredictable weather conditions and ongoing rainfall are hampering the ongoing assessments and distributions in the affected areas.
- Power cuts in the affected areas are also one of the challenges to carrying out the relief activities.
- The communication networks including mobile phones, land lines and wireless networks are down or working intermittently in most of the affected areas.

Emergency shelter

Objective: the basic shelter needs of 5,000 affected families (of the total 150,000 families) are met over the next six months.	
Outputs (expected results)	Activities planned
Improved conditions for 5000 most vulnerable flood-affected families through provision of emergency shelter services.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conduct on the ground assessments, selection and social mobilization for the verification of 5,000 families. • Coordinate with the concerned authorities to establish a database of affected people. • Identify 5,000 flood-affected families. • Engage communities' participation in planning and distribution of shelter items.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mobilize required shelter materials/tools through international mobilization, international and local procurement following Federation standards. • Improve the residential conditions in collective centres and host families through the distribution of tools and materials to increase privacy and perform maintenance. • Develop an exit strategy (laying the basis for the early recovery phase).
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Progress:

To date, PRCS has been actively assisting the affected population with access to emergency shelter needs. In Punjab 50 tents have been distributed among the affected people in Mianwali Esa Khail and another 50 tents in Rajunpur. A further 100 tents (the standard NFI kit) have been kept in Jehlum/Gujrat disaster management cells of PRCS for preparedness purposes, while in KPK, 565 tents (included in the standard NFI kit) have been distributed in Dera Ismail Khan.

Emergency health and care

Objective: provide primary health care services to 25,000 families for nine months.	
Outputs (expected results)	Activities planned
Reduced morbidity and mortality through improved access to basic healthcare services in the vulnerable population, especially among women and children.	Establish 20 health centres with provision of comprehensive primary health care services with a special focus on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mother and child healthcare. • Family and reproductive health services and prevention of sexually transmitted diseases. • Immunization and health promotion services for prevention of communicable diseases, including malaria, tuberculosis, diarrhoea, cholera, scabies, measles and hepatitis. • Treatment and prevention of communicable/non-communicable and seasonal diseases. • Active surveillance, implementation of disease running system and prevention/response to outbreaks. • Psychosocial support activities developed an integrated into other programmes. • Social mobilization and health education through community-based health and first aid in a gender sensitive manner to locally identified and trained volunteers. • Coordination mechanism with the ministry of health and other partners through health clusters. • Establishment of a referral system to secondary (district hospital) /tertiary (medical teaching hospitals) healthcare facilities. • Monitoring, supervision and evaluation of activities.

Progress:

Khyber Pakhtoonkhwa (KPK) is reported as the worst affected area with 34 health facilities damaged. With support from IFRC, PRCS continues to provide emergency health services through its three health facilities in Charsadda, Nowshera and Shangla districts of KPK. To date, a total of 2,298 patients have been treated (1,198 men, 645 women and 455 are children under five). Female medical officers are providing reproductive health services to the women. Emergency referral services are being carried out at all three health facilities. The procurement process has started to replenish the medicines. Coordination with the health cluster is ongoing on a regular basis.

In addition, PRCS mobile teams have been working in Gilgit Baltistan and Baluchistan, with teams ready for deployment for Sindh and Punjab. In response to malaria threat PRCS mobile teams are mobilizing the long lasting insecticide impregnated nets (LLINs) for mosquito control.

With support from the Canadian Red Cross, PRCS is planning to provide health services through two mobile health units in Swat. A team of six paramedics will be also available. The German Red Cross has been supporting mobile health units in Nowshera, Shangla and Kohistan districts.

Challenges:

- Access to the affected areas due to destruction of roads, communication.
- Establishment of disease early warning system for monitoring of disease patterns.
- Integration of psychosocial support into emergency health services.

Water, sanitation, and hygiene promotion

Objective: to ensure that the availability of safe drinking water and adequate sanitation facilities and hygiene promotion to 5,000 affected families for six months.	
Outputs (expected results)	Activities planned
Access to safe water and adequate sanitation facilities among the affected population has been established along with increased awareness about hygiene practices.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Survey availability of safe drinking water among the flood-affected families. • Survey sanitation requirements among the flood-affected families. • Address water, sanitation and hygiene priorities in target affected population, with special emphasis on the needs of women and children. • Manage/maintain water supplies, training and hygiene promotion in the 5,000 families. • Provide water purification tablets for household-level water treatment • Provide sanitation facilities based on the identified needs. • Provide hygiene kits to target population. • Conduct emergency participatory hygiene and sanitation transformation (PHAST) sessions on safe use of water and sanitation facilities in the target area through locally identified and trained community health and first aid volunteers and other community volunteers. • Coordinate with the water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH) cluster and maintain regular reporting/feedback.

Progress:

Drinking water and sanitation facilities are reported as one of the key needs of the affected population. The Water and Sanitation District Response Teams of the national society have been on standby (approximately 25 people), ready to deploy the available emergency WatSan equipment from Sindh (M15) and Punjab (M40) provinces. Assessments continue in the district of Charsadda of KPK, the district of Sibbi of Baluchistan, and the district of Rajanpur of Punjab.

Coordination and information sharing with the WASH cluster continue on a regular basis.

Challenges:

Large destruction in infrastructure like roads, bridges, water pipes, sanitation.

Logistics

The IFRC Pakistan country office logistics team is working closely with PRCS and partner national societies for the floods operation. As the Nowshera warehouse has been almost submerged in water, therefore IFRC has rented a warehouse in Islamabad for storage of relief goods. Fortunately even with the stock unavailable from the Nowshera warehouse PRCS has a very good disaster preparedness stock positioning strategy so stocks are available elsewhere in the country for distribution.

The logistic team has also facilitated the Turkish Red Crescent (TRC) for custom clearance of their first consignment for PRCS of the relief goods and transported and stored the goods in the newly established warehouse.

The logistics FACT delegate arrived today and a new country logistics coordinator will arrive in the country on 7 August. Additionally, the senior procurement officer from the Kuala Lumpur regional logistics unit (KL RLU) will be deployed on 9 August to support on local procurement.

The mobilisation table has been finalized after detailed discussion with PRCS and posted on DMIS by the Kuala Lumpur RLU. Mobilisation for this operation will be a mix of local procurement, international mobilisation from the Kuala Lumpur and Dubai RLU warehouses and direct from international suppliers. Response from donors to the mobilisation table so far has been good with offers for tents, blankets, jerry cans and tarpaulins so far received (to be despatched ex the KL and Dubai RLU warehouses).

Communications – Advocacy and Public Information

A professional photographer from Reuters has accompanied the PRCS relief teams to Charsadda in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa who have undertaken relief distributions and provided medical services.

Invitations for interviews from the international media such as BBC, CNN, CNBC, Al Jazeera, Voice of America, *The Washington Post*, *International Herald Tribune*, Radio Berlin, Abu Dhabi TV and many others are being received in large numbers and responded on immediate basis. The PRCS and IFRC representatives are serving as spokespersons in this regard. PRCS has also placed ads for donations in the Daily Jang London Edition and Khaleej Times.

A press briefing is being arranged on Saturday (Aug 7, 2010) for the Movement partners to apprise the local and international media about the ongoing RCRC response with regard to the monsoon floods and future plans.

How we work

All IFRC assistance seeks to adhere to the [Code of Conduct for the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement and Non-Governmental Organizations \(NGO's\) in Disaster Relief](#) and the [Humanitarian Charter and Minimum Standards in Disaster Response \(Sphere\)](#) in delivering assistance to the most vulnerable.

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1. Save lives, protect livelihoods, and strengthen recovery from disaster and crises.
2. Enable healthy and safe living.
3. Promote social inclusion and a culture of non-violence and peace.

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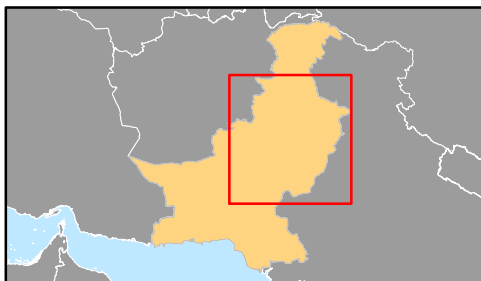
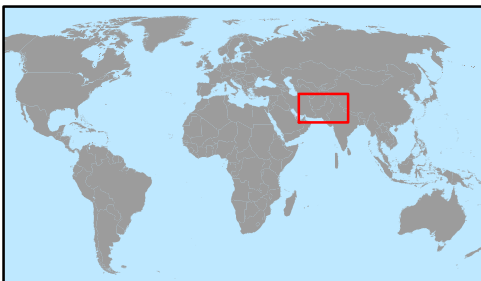
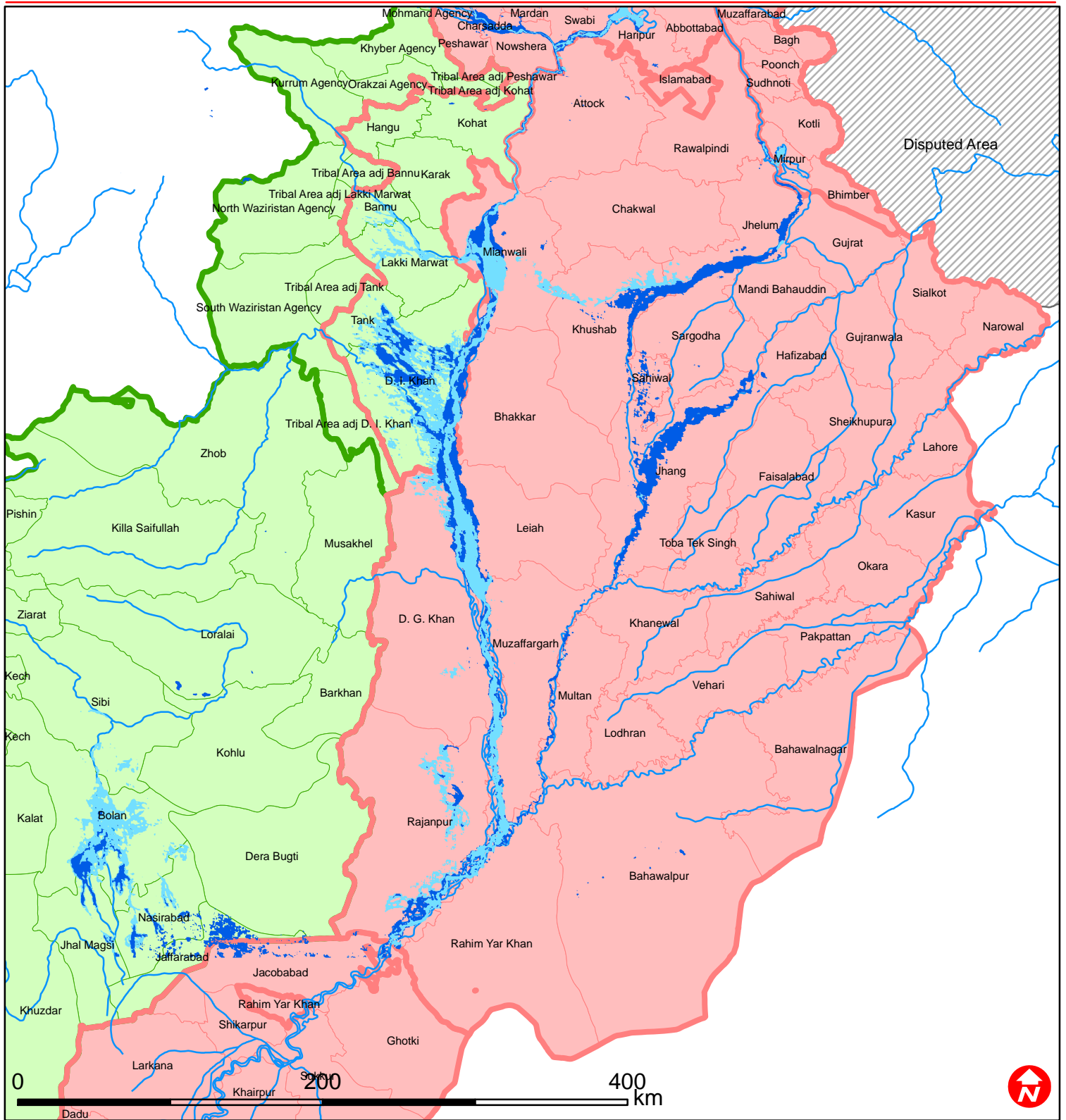
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