

# MINOR EMERGENCY



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### The situation



Two months of rain, snowfall and floods have caused widespread damage to the infrastructure in Balochistan, North West Frontier province (NWFP) and Northern Areas. Water supplies, sanitation systems, electricity, communication and road links have been seriously affected, and there are food supply shortages in remote areas.

The reported death toll is around 600, with around 700 injured. This is likely to increase once complete assessments are made in areas where access has been limited.

The country is now facing another challenge as the snow has started to melt. According to statistics, snow melt contributes from 70 to 75 percent to Indus water. With rain and snowfall this year 30 to 40 percent above normal; there is a great danger of flash floods in case of heavy monsoon rains. Despite official announcements, the affected people have still not been compensated for damage to their houses, livestock and agriculture.

## **Red Cross and Red Crescent action taken so far**

The national society is taking emergency steps to overcome the scarcity of food as the locals had slaughtered their sheep and cattle to survive the harsh winter; their houses have been destroyed as a result of overflowing reservoirs and burst dams.

The Pakistan Red Crescent Society (PRCS) continues to provide relief to the most affected areas in Balochistan, NWFP and the Northern Areas. To date the national society has dispatched 218 tons of relief consignments worth Rs. 26 million (approximately CHF 550,000) to the most affected. These relief items include food parcels, medicines, shelter kits, tents, blankets, and warm clothing. The PRCS Chairman personally distributed relief items to the affected people (100 families) in Mansehra and Kohistan district (as seen in the picture below). The relief items consisted of tents, blankets, tarpaulin sheets, kitchen utensil sets, stoves, and kerosene oil.



*Relief items distributed on March 30, 2005 in Mansehra & Kohistan.*

### **The needs**

Keeping in view the extensive damage and the large number of casualties in Balochistan, NWFP and AJK, the Pakistan Red Crescent Society (PRCS) has now entered into the rehabilitation phase while continuing its relief efforts in these areas (with the assistance of various partners). According to officials, approximately \$5.6 million is required to go ahead with the rehabilitation.

### **Immediate Needs**

The PRCS conducted an assessment mission where the Secretary General along with the director of operations personally visited the most affected districts. The findings from this preliminary assessment are that there is an immediate need for construction of houses as many villages were completely wiped out due to heavy rains and burst dams. Since it is not possible for the PRCS to provide assistance in the construction of all the destroyed/damaged houses, it is planned to provide relief assistance in selected areas of NWFP and AJK. This assistance is based on the preliminary assessment carried out in cooperation with the provincial branches.

### **Objective 1 – To replenish and further distribute stock.**

Since the PRCS acted immediately and distributed relief goods from central as well as provincial branch stocks, there is a need to replenish the stock and also make further distributions of relief items. A tender will be published in the national newspapers to initiate the procurement of the required items.

Stocks to be replenished and distributed are:

<b>Replenishment of stock</b>	
Tents	200
Blankets	1,300
Plastic sheets	300

<b>Distribution of stock</b>	
Tents	100
Blankets	200
Plastic sheets	100

**Objective 2 - To make a thorough assessment.**

A thorough assessment will be jointly undertaken with provincial branches and the national headquarter. Based on this preliminary assessment, the PRCS will revise their plan of action.

**Coordination**

The national society is continuing to conduct relief operations in coordination with local authorities. Helicopters have been used for distribution to the most inaccessible areas.

**Budget outline**

<b>Objective 1 - To further supplement the ongoing relief operations, following is a break down of items to be procured.</b>			
	<b>Quantity</b>	<b>Estimated cost per unit</b>	<b>Total cost (PKR)</b>
Tents	300	4,200	1,260,000
Blankets	1,500	300	450,000
Plastic sheets	400	700	280,000
Logistics			172,000
	<b>Total</b>		<b>PKR 2,162,000</b>
			<b>CHF 42,159</b>
<b>Objective 2 - Assessment cost</b>			<b>PKR 117,500</b>
			<b>CHF 2,291</b>

<b>Total CHF 44,450</b>
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*CHF 1 = PKR 51.28*

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