

OPERATIONS UPDATE



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PAKISTAN: CYCLONE YEMYIN/FLOODS

Appeal No. MDRPK001
Glide no.FF-2007-000082-PAK
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The Federation's mission is to improve the lives of vulnerable people by mobilizing the power of humanity. It is the world's largest humanitarian organization and its millions of volunteers are active in 186 countries.

In Brief

Operations Update no. 03; Period covered: 10 to 12 July 2007; Appeal target: CHF 10.38 million (USD 8.5 million or EUR 6.2 million); Appeal coverage: 40%¹; Outstanding needs: CHF 6.23 million (USD 5.06 million or EUR 3.76 million)

(click here to go directly to the attached Contributions List, also available on the website).

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 providing relief items as well as health and care facilities to the floods-affected people since 26 June 2007. The PRCS has distributed relief items among 750 families (5,250 people), while a total of 1,320 tents have been distributed in Baluchistan and Sindh areas. More than 8,000 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 by road from Karachi.

The Federation field assessment and coordination team (FACT), divided into two groups to cover Sindh and Baluchistan provinces, have completed the assessments at their first destinations and are now moving on to other areas in these provinces. The FACT will play a vital role in coordination, liaison and in finalizing the revised appeal. Based on their combined findings and other information, the Preliminary Appeal will be revised soon.

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

Background

The joined effects of storms beginning 23 June and Cyclone Yemyin on 26 June have claimed approximately 300 lives across Pakistan. A total of 2.15 million people have been affected, while 300,000 are homeless across the disaster-hit provinces of Baluchistan and Sindh.

Across Baluchistan, 19 out of 29 districts have been affected, while four districts were hit in Sindh. In Baluchistan, roads and communication infrastructure have been damaged. Major roads have now been restored but roads to

¹ This figure is more than the figure in the Contribution List as the list is yet to be consolidated to reflect the up-to-date response to the appeal.

interior parts of the Baluchistan province are still to be repaired. In Sindh, the cyclone and floods damaged crops and orchards.

The government of Pakistan has put out a national appeal. While it is not requesting international aid this stage, it welcomes the assistance of international NGOs.

Operational developments



Pakistan Red Crescent Society Sindh branch members distributing relief items in Kambar-Larkana district

Assessments are still ongoing in the disaster areas as affected people wait for relief items. The roads are opening up but some central Baluchistan areas are still inaccessible. The Pakistan Meteorological Department forecast that the overall impact of monsoon will gradually decrease in the coming days. However, 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 national disaster management authority (NDMA) has requested the Pakistan Red Crescent Society to focus on providing assistance in Turbat, Kharan, and Jalmugsi in Baluchistan and Thatta and Qambar-Shadat in Sindh.

Two people from the PRCS assessment team in Turbat travelled to the coastal town of Gwadar to accept relief items from a delegation of the Iranian Red Crescent. These items were then handed over to the local authorities for distribution in Turbat. A Turkish Red Crescent assessment team, accompanied by a support staff from PRCS national headquarters, travelled to Turbat to assess the needs and propose any bilateral help.

Three thousand food parcels are being sent to Turbat by convoys. The PRCS has distributed a total of 1,320 tents in Baluchistan and Sindh, out of which 150 tents were provided by the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) office in Quetta. More than 8,000 people have received health and care services from the PRCS health teams.

The areas covered by the FACT include relief, health, water and sanitation (including hygiene promotion), logistics, shelter, recovery and reporting. All team members have been briefed, relevant documents have been shared and objectives have been set. All members received “government no objection certificates” (NOC) for Baluchistan province. They have also connected with their PRCS counterparts.

The FACT in Baluchistan has finished its initial assessments in Turbat and have now moved to Quetta via Karachi, from where they will travel to Kharan district to do further assessments. The team in Sindh has also finished its assessments in Larkana district, after some delay due to inaccessibility to some areas and difficulties in collecting coherent information. The FACT reporting person, based in Islamabad for the moment, is attending all the cluster meetings and making daily FACT reports. The FACT leader is in Karachi and coordinating with the two teams.

The Federation Pakistan delegation established a base camp in Turbat, Baluchistan province, using a rented house as office, residence and warehouse. A rubble hall is also being transported from Islamabad to Turbat. The Federation logistics coordinator is in Karachi, making arrangements for a transit logistical base.

The Federation security delegate returned to Islamabad after giving the go-ahead to the FACT to travel in Baluchistan. The security situation in Baluchistan is stable at the moment. The Federation senior health manager, who arrived in Turbat on 7 July, is currently supporting the two PRCS teams. 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, the Preliminary Emergency Appeal was launched on 4 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:

The PRCS Sindh provincial branch distributed 200 food parcels in Taluka Warah in Larkana district on 11 July. The branch had earlier distributed 500 food parcels in Larkana (300) and Dadu districts (200) 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 are reaching Turbat in the form of various convoys², while the rations in Quetta are being transported by road.

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:

The PRCS Sindh branch distributed family relief items to 350 families (250 in Larkana district, 100 in Dadu district) between 6-11 July. The branch had previously distributed relief items to 300 families in Dadu and Larkana district.

Teams from the PRCS district branch in Jaffarabad district-Baluchistan distributed relief items for 100 families in a place called Bagh Head on 4 July. A relief team from the PRCS Baluchistan provincial branch distributed 1,000 tents in Kharan district in coordination with the armed forces present in the area. The PRCS and ICRC jointly distributed 149 tents to five villages in Sibi and Bolan districts between 10-11 July.

A Federation team in Islamabad has completed the procurement of 25,000 hygiene kits. These were sent to the following for distribution: PRCS national headquarters (3,000), Sindh provincial branch (3,000), Baluchistan provincial branch (3,000), North West Frontier Province (NWFP) provincial branch (3,000), Punjab provincial branch (3,000) and PRCS branch in Pakistan-administered Kashmir (1,000). The remaining 9,000 hygiene kits will be positioned in the PRCS national headquarters.

The PRCS national headquarters sent the following items by road to the Baluchistan provincial branch for distribution in Turbat and Kharan; 3,000 tents, 3,000 jerry cans, 3,000 plastic tarpaulin sheets and 6,000 blankets. Of the 3,000 tents, 1,000 were distributed in Kharan as mentioned before.

The PRCS Sindh provincial branch distributed non-food relief items to 300 families in Dadu and Larkana districts.

² It was mentioned in the previous operations update that the 3,000 food parcels have reached Turbat. It was actually delayed as the Federation/PRCS teams faced some logistical problems.

Details of the relief items distributed to date are as follow:

Items	Quantity distributed in Sindh	Quantity distributed in Baluchistan	TOTAL
Tents	71	1249	1,320
Blankets	1,243	0	1,243
Utensil sets	540	0	540
Plastic tarpaulin sheets	161	100	261
Stoves	148	0	148
Hygiene kits	348	0	348
Jerry cans	210	100	310

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

Progress/Achievements/Impact:

Through the relief distributions in Sindh and Baluchistan, a total of 1,320 tents have been distributed so far. The PRCS national headquarters earlier pre-positioned 5,000 tents in its provincial headquarters.

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. This objective will be initiated as soon as the strategic operational framework for shelter is made available from the Shelter Cluster.

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:

2.1 tonnes of medicines from the Federation's surplus stock for the earthquake operation, are being utilized by the PRCS health teams in Turbat. The medicines were transported there via the coastal highway from Karachi.

The teams in Turbat have treated approximately 1,257 patients since 3 July. The common diseases prevailing in the area are gastro intestinal tract infection, diarrhea, acute respiratory infections, malaria and skin diseases.

The number of patients³ treated between 9-12 July; is as follows:

Patients seen by Turbat team	TOTAL	Percentage
Male	181	37%
Female	301	63%
TOTAL	482	100%

In Kambar (Larkana district), one health team treated 2,094 patients from 2-11 July. The team also moved to Taluka Warah for one day and saw 138 patients. A health team from PRCS Khairpur district branch will be replacing the team in Kambar.

³ The teams did not treat any patients on 10 July.

The number of patients treated between 9-11 July; are as follow:

Patients seen by team in Larkana district	TOTAL	Percentage
Male	97	40%
Female	102	42%
Children	45	18%
TOTAL	244	100%

The Federation's two-member team in Turbat, has already procured four water pumps and tanks for four communities in Koshkhalat 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 being used as relief centres for displaced people.

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

Three health teams from PRCS Punjab branch treated 2,175 patients in the Baluchistan coastal area of Pasni between 5-12 July. The teams are now returning to Punjab as there is no further need.

The PRCS basic health unit in Keti Bandar, supported by two health units in Thatta district, treated 1,900 patients from 26 June.

Overall Operational constraints

The area affected by the floods is extensive. With a dispersed population, a full assessment picture has not emerged as yet. Road inaccessibility in the central parts of Baluchistan is making assessments difficult. The priority for airlifting goods is still being given to government relief items. Although ground routes are beginning to open, it is still very difficult to transfer relief items to the flood-affected areas by road. Although a clusters system is in place, it is very difficult to obtain coherent information.

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 attendance at various meetings. The PRCS national headquarters is also carrying out regular coordination with all its provincial branches.

A cluster approach was established on 2 July to deal with the floods emergency situation. Eleven clusters are in place: shelter, health, food, logistics, water sanitation and hygiene, education, protection, early recovery, communications, camp management and nutrition.

The FACT reporting personnel, delegation communications consultant, the head of delegation and other Federation technical staff are attending various cluster meetings.

The International Federation will convene the shelter working group with a focus on meeting immediate shelter needs. The Federation shelter coordinator 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 head of delegation is liaising with the national society and ICRC on a daily basis. Daily teleconferences are being carried among all relevant Federation stakeholders in Geneva, Asia zone office in Malaysia and the South Asian regional delegation in Delhi, India.

The NDMA is organizing regular briefings and providing updates on the flood situation. The Pakistan Red Crescent is an active participant in these meetings. The NDMA is also 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 started their assessments in 9 July.

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

Various partner national societies (PNSs) working in the country have shown interest in extending monetary and other support. However, they are waiting for the assessment reports before making any decisions.

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

Logistics

Three locally hired vehicles took the FACT to Quetta on 12 July. Three Federation vehicles, previously used in the earthquake-affected areas, reached Karachi by road from Islamabad on 12 July. They were utilized for sometime in the floods operation. Two more vehicles were transferred to Turbat on 12 July. The logistical plans for the future are being developed based on the findings of the assessment teams.

Security

The Federation Pakistan delegation's security delegate returned from Turbat on 10 July. The security situation in Turbat and outskirts is stable at the moment. However, there were some security incidents in the earthquake-affected areas, believed to be related to the actions taken by the Pakistan government on the Red Mosque in Islamabad. The Federation will closely monitor the situation and take appropriate measures to ensure staff safety.

Communications – Advocacy and Public Information

The Federation communications team in the country has now completed three operations updates for the Pakistan Yimyen Cyclone/ Floods Preliminary Emergency Appeal, which was launched on 4 July. The team had previously posted five information bulletins on the disaster. Four stories related to the floods have been posted on the Federation website (www.ifrc.org). Information is being shared through regular e-mails and cluster meetings with the various Federation personnel, PRCS, ICRC, various PNSs working in the country, UN agencies and national media. A communications consultant has joined the team to provide support during this emergency phase.

The International Federation has deployed an information officer to the field since 26 June to produce articles and photos for use in national and international media, Red Cross and Red Crescent publications and for onward distribution to web-based media like Reliefweb (www.reliefweb.int) and Reuters Alertnet (www.alertnet.org). Two national television channels have given coverage, while regular press stories have been printed in the English dailies on the PRCS actions in the floods-affected areas of Sindh and Baluchistan in the past two weeks.

How we work

All International Federation 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 is committed to the [Humanitarian Charter and Minimum Standards in Disaster Response \(Sphere\)](#) in delivering assistance to the most vulnerable.

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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Donor 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:	845,713
APPEAL COVERAGE TO DATE:	8%

Updated on: 13 Jul 2007

	Currency	Amount	Health & Care	Disaster Management	Humanitarian Values	Organisational Development	Coordination & Implementation	Total
			CHF	CHF	CHF	CHF	CHF	CHF
BUDGET				10,380,000				10,380,000
FUNDING								
<u>Opening Balance</u>								
Income								
Cash contributions								
Canadian Red Cross	CAD	99,000		114,840				114,840
Japanese Red Cross	USD	245,100		301,473				301,473
Swedish Red Cross	SEK	1,000,000		179,400				179,400
Total Cash contributions				595,713				595,713
Other Income								
DREF Allocations	CHF	250,000		250,000				250,000
Total Other Income				250,000				250,000
Total Income				845,713				845,713
TOTAL FUNDING			0	845,713	0	0	0	845,713
COVERAGE				8%				8%