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# Pakistan: Monsoon Flooding 2012

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## The situation

Monsoon rainfalls across Pakistan in the third week of August 2012 affected Khyber Pakhtunkhwa (KP), Gilgit Baltistan (GB) and Azad Jammu and Kashmir (AJK). A second spell of monsoon rainfalls started over the southern parts of the country from the end of the first week of September peaking on the 9th and 10th across Pakistan with flooding spanning over the provinces of Punjab, Sindh and Balochistan.

*Distribution of tents at Choti in D.G Khan district, Punjab. Photo: PRCS*

While this year's monsoon rains came late with total rainfall levels below normal, an intense burst led to the flooding. The worst affected districts in the first and second wave of the monsoon were Rajanpur, Dera Ghazi Khan (Punjab), Kashmore, Jacobabad, Shikarpur (Sindh), Nazirabad and Jafarabad, Killa Saifullah, Jhal Magsi and Loralai (Balochistan). According to the Pakistan Meteorological Department, river flows and weather are normal in all parts of the country.

There have been significant casualties, loss of shelter and livelihood, and also damage to infrastructure such as roads and bridges. Priority needs identified by the government and humanitarian partners are food, shelter, health, water and sanitation (WatSan) and education. The exact number of people affected remains unclear with various sources providing different figures.

Humanitarian partners continue to provide assistance to people affected by the 2012 monsoon floods in the worst affected districts in Balochistan, Punjab and Sindh, but they urgently need additional resources to continue the response. In collaboration with the government authorities, data is being analysed from the Multi-sector Initial Rapid Assessment (MIRA) conducted in the five hardest hit districts in Balochistan, Punjab and Sindh provinces. Findings will be reviewed in the coming days and inform a gap analysis to determine further

response.<sup>1</sup> Agencies are finalizing proposals for funding from the Central Emergency Response Fund (CERF) to meet some of the most critical needs.

### **Response from United Nations Agencies and other humanitarian partners<sup>2</sup>**

**Food Security** – World Food Programme (WFP) and its partners have so far distributed 655 tonnes of food to 11,560 families (78,499 people) in Jaffarabad and Naseerabad in Balochistan and Jacobabad in Sindh – 20,000 families are scheduled to receive food in the two provinces. Cluster partners are providing cooked food for at least one week to 11,700 people and dry rations to 5,000 people in Balochistan and Sindh. In addition 8,485 families in Khairpur district in Sindh have received food ration bags for one week.

**Health** – World Health Organisation (WHO) has distributed emergency health kits, diarrhoeal disease kits, anti-malaria drugs, anti-snake venom, skin preparations and other life-saving medicines for 443,159 people in the flood-affected districts. Health partners have conducted consultations for 334,968 people. Cluster partners have provided oral rehydration salts and essential hygiene supplies to 103,000 people.

**Shelter** – Cluster partners have distributed emergency shelter items to 51,444 households (360,108 people) in Balochistan, Punjab and Sindh.

**WatSan** – UNICEF and its partners are providing water via tankers to more than 230,000 people in Balochistan, Punjab and Sindh daily. Humanitarian partners have provided water purification tablets to 100,000 people in Balochistan and 24,000 people in Sindh. They have also provided jerry cans to 4,000 families in Balochistan. Partners have provided hygiene kits to 100,000 people in Balochistan, Punjab and Sindh.

### **Damages and losses summary provided by NDMA as of 4 October 2012**

Affected Provinces/ States/ Territories	Affected Villages	Population Affected	Died	Injured	Houses Damaged		Relief Camps	Persons in Relief Camps
					Partially	Fully		
KP			38	36	4,293	105		
Punjab	1,512	887,345	60	272	16,440	9,116	40	5,064
GB					70			
AJK			31	32	1,017	226		
Islamabad			3					
Sindh	13,221	3,073,448	251	2,449	139,675	224,197	440	309,344
Balochistan	753	707,422	59	123	7,666	4,333		
<b>Total</b>	<b>15,486</b>	<b>4,668,215</b>	<b>442</b>	<b>2,912</b>	<b>169,161</b>	<b>237,977</b>	<b>480</b>	<b>314,408</b>

The provincial governments of Sindh, Balochistan and Punjab declared an emergency in the affected areas to activate local response in accordance with their contingency plans. In Sindh, relief camps have been established and the military is providing assistance in rescue, evacuation and relief activities, shelter and cooked food are also being provided in schools. The Sindh Provincial Disaster Management Authority (PDMA) has sent food packs, tents and deployed de-watering machines in urban areas, where water is slowly receding. In Balochistan, the military is rescuing people from areas inundated with water in helicopters and boats and shifting them to safe areas. A special flood relief control room monitors the impact of monsoon rains and relief activities in the province. The Balochistan PDMA has provided the following relief items – tents, blankets, jerry cans, carpet rolls, shoes and food – in the affected districts. In Punjab, PDMA authorities have established relief camps to assist affected people and distributed tents, blankets, water ration packs and other food items.

<sup>1</sup> OCHA Situation Report No. 2 for Pakistan: Monsoon 2012 (as of 3 October 2012)

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**Summary of Relief Provided by NDMA as of 4 October 2012**

Districts	Food Items	Non Food Items (NFI)	Other assistance
<b>Khyber Pakhtunkhwa</b>			
Nowshera, Pabbi, Tank, Peshawar, D.I. Khan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 3,350 food packs (pack contains 10 kg rice, 1 kg black tea, 20 kg flour, 2 kg sugar)</li> <li>• Cooked food also provided to affected families</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 290 tents</li> <li>• 380 plastic sheets</li> <li>• 130 blankets</li> <li>• 50 kitchen sets</li> </ul>	District government has been authorized to arrange relief items for the affected families through the fund provided by PDMA
<b>Sindh</b>			
Ghotki, Jacobabad, Thatta, Kashmore, Shikarpur, Khairpur	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 124,498 food packs</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 35,550 tents</li> <li>• 29 dewatering pumps</li> </ul>	
<b>Punjab</b>			
DG Khan, Rajanpur, Rahim Yar Khan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 114,270 food packs</li> <li>• 45,000 bottles mineral water</li> <li>• 36,000 bags of rice (20 kg)</li> <li>• 38,000 bags of flour (20 kg)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 8,839 tents</li> <li>• 15,000 blankets</li> <li>• 78 dewatering pumps</li> </ul>	
<b>Balochistan</b>			
Loralai, Jhal Magsi, Kachhi, Killa Saifullah, Khuzdar, Mustang, Zhob, Jaffarabad, Nazirabad, Dera Bugti, Sibbi, Sibi, Div Naseerabad	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 173.34 flour (tonnes<sup>3</sup>)</li> <li>• 107,682 food packets</li> <li>• 19,250 bags of utility rations</li> <li>• 579.16 sugar (tonnes)</li> <li>• 2311.42 rice (tonnes)</li> <li>• 287.83 cooking oil (tonnes)</li> <li>• 3 metric tonnes beans</li> <li>• 4.30 dates (tonnes)</li> <li>• 53.91 tea (tonnes)</li> <li>• 242,796 biscuit packets</li> <li>• 3,350 water cans</li> <li>• 619.76 pulses (tonnes)</li> <li>• 54.26 salt (tonnes)</li> <li>• 215.36 milk powder (tonnes)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 11,710 tents</li> <li>• 5,857 blankets</li> <li>• 100 pairs of shoes</li> <li>• 20 x carpet rolls</li> <li>• 4,380 jerry cans</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 105 cartons of first aid items</li> </ul>
Ghizer, Hunza Nagger, Diamer, Gilgit and Skardu	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 364 mixed ration packs</li> <li>• 410 bags of flour</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 125 tents</li> </ul>	-
<b>AJK</b>			
Muzaffarabad, Kotli, Bagh	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 98 ration packs</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 528 tents</li> </ul>	

The Government of Pakistan has pledged USD91 million to the monsoon floods response to date and has not requested international assistance. Humanitarian partners are distributing food, shelter, health and water, hygiene and sanitation items from existing stocks to support the government's humanitarian assistance to people affected by floods in Balochistan, Punjab and Sindh provinces.

## Red Cross Red Crescent action

The Pakistan Red Crescent Society (PRCS) commenced local disaster response immediately after the first monsoon rains with assessment and relief distributions. PRCS branches identified the major needs as food, non-food items (NFIs), safe drinking water and health in the affected areas shown below where floods response activities are ongoing.

<sup>3</sup> One tonne is 1,000kg

Province/ State	Areas of PRCS Response
Sindh	Shikapur, K.S Kot, Jacobabad, Khaipur, Kashmore and Ghotki
Punjab	D.G Khan, Rajanpur
Balochistan	Jaffarabad, Killa Saif Ullah, Naseerabad, Loralai

**Summary of the assistance provided by PRCS<sup>4</sup> up to 4 October 2012**

Items/Services	Sindh	Punjab	Balochistan	AJK	Total
Tent (1)	434	1,109	380	188	<b>2,111</b>
Hygiene Kit (1)	1,649	931	380	188	<b>3,148</b>
Tarpaulin Sheet (2)	475	1862	760	376	<b>3,473</b>
Blanket (3)	-	2,793	2660	940	<b>6,393</b>
Kitchen Set (1)	-	931	380	188	<b>1,499</b>
Jerry Can (2)	50	1,862	760	376	<b>3,048</b>
Mosquito Net (2)	1055	1,862	760	376	<b>4,053</b>
Food Packs (53kg)	-	2,000 (local don)	-	-	<b>2000</b>
Mobile health units deployed (and patients served)	7 Units (26,672 people)	2 Units (4,489 people)	3 Units (8,920 people)		<b>12 Units (40,081 people)</b>
WatSan Plant Deployed	1 (3,000 people)	2 (installation in process)	2 (transportation in process)	-	<b>5</b>

A total of 829 PRCS volunteers have been deployed for the floods response operation (105 in Punjab, 429 in Sindh and 295 in Balochistan province).

Some 12 mobile health units have been working in severely-affected areas in three provinces. Most of the units were already present in the areas from the 2010 recovery programme. Since deployment, more than 40,000 people were served majority of whom were presenting with diarrhoea, acute respiratory infections, skin infections, and urinary tract infections.

The units also conducted community health sessions highlighting the prevention of water borne diseases. They also conducted community-based health and first aid (CBHFA) activities, giving psycho-social support to children and the elderly.

<sup>4</sup> Note that after the first spell of the monsoon rains, PRCS AJK branch distributed NFI and food items to 36 families while KP branch conducted an assessment and reported no need of PRCS response. This table includes data from the second spell of flooding in the month of September 2012.

**PRCS MHUs assistance as of 4 October 2012**

Province/ State	Districts	Number of units working	Union Councils Covered	Number of patients attended
Punjab	Rajanpur DG Khan	1 1	Kot Haibat, Saddique Abad, Kotla Eason, Fateh Pur, Umer Kot	4,489
Sindh	Jacobabad Khairpur Sukhar Shikarpur Kumber Shehzad Kot	2 1 1 2 1	Sultan Kot , Humayun Sharif, Rahimabad, Mian Sahib, Zarkhail, Gaji Khuwahar, Mastoe, Miandad Chinjni, Karira, Bahram, Rindwahi	26,672
Balochistan	Dera Murad Jamali Dera Allah Yar Jhalmagsi	1 1 1	Kot Saifullah, Kot Magsi, Jafferabad	8920
Total		12		40,081

PRCS national headquarters has been holding daily operational updates and frequent Red Cross Red Crescent Movement coordination meetings, since 12 September for the 2012 monsoon floods operation, and is in regular contact with NDMA.

The IFRC country office is supporting the PRCS floods response activities which are aimed at assisting 7,500 families (approximately 52,500 people). Support is being drawn from resources available in-country and possible support from partners who may wish to contribute to the PRCS response activities is being facilitated.



Relief distributions in Sindh Province. **Photo:** IFRC

This support includes the following:

- Coverage of costs of procurement, transportation and distribution of 7,500 food parcels.
- Coverage of transportation and distribution costs for NFI stocks.
- Running costs for operation of six water treatment units for one month.
- Support the deployment of five mobile health units for three months, including administration costs and replenishment of emergency medicines.
- Support the deployment of PRCS/International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC) National Disaster Response Teams (NDRTs) will be provided.
- Administration costs related to the response operation.

To date, the following has been done:

- The projected agreement for floods 2012 relief operation has been shared with PRCS for signing.
- IFRC has transferred CHF 10 million to PRCS for procurement of food.
- Canadian Red Cross has committed CAD 150,000 as multilateral support for this operation.
- Spanish Red Cross agreed to transfer the remaining amount of its funding support from the 2011 floods operation to be spent for WatSan activities for 2012 floods response operation.

- USAid has expressed interest to internally contribute USD 100,000 to the PRCS 2012 floods response operation through IFRC.
- Monitoring/operations support teams will be deployed in three provinces (Sindh, Balochistan and Punjab) within a week.

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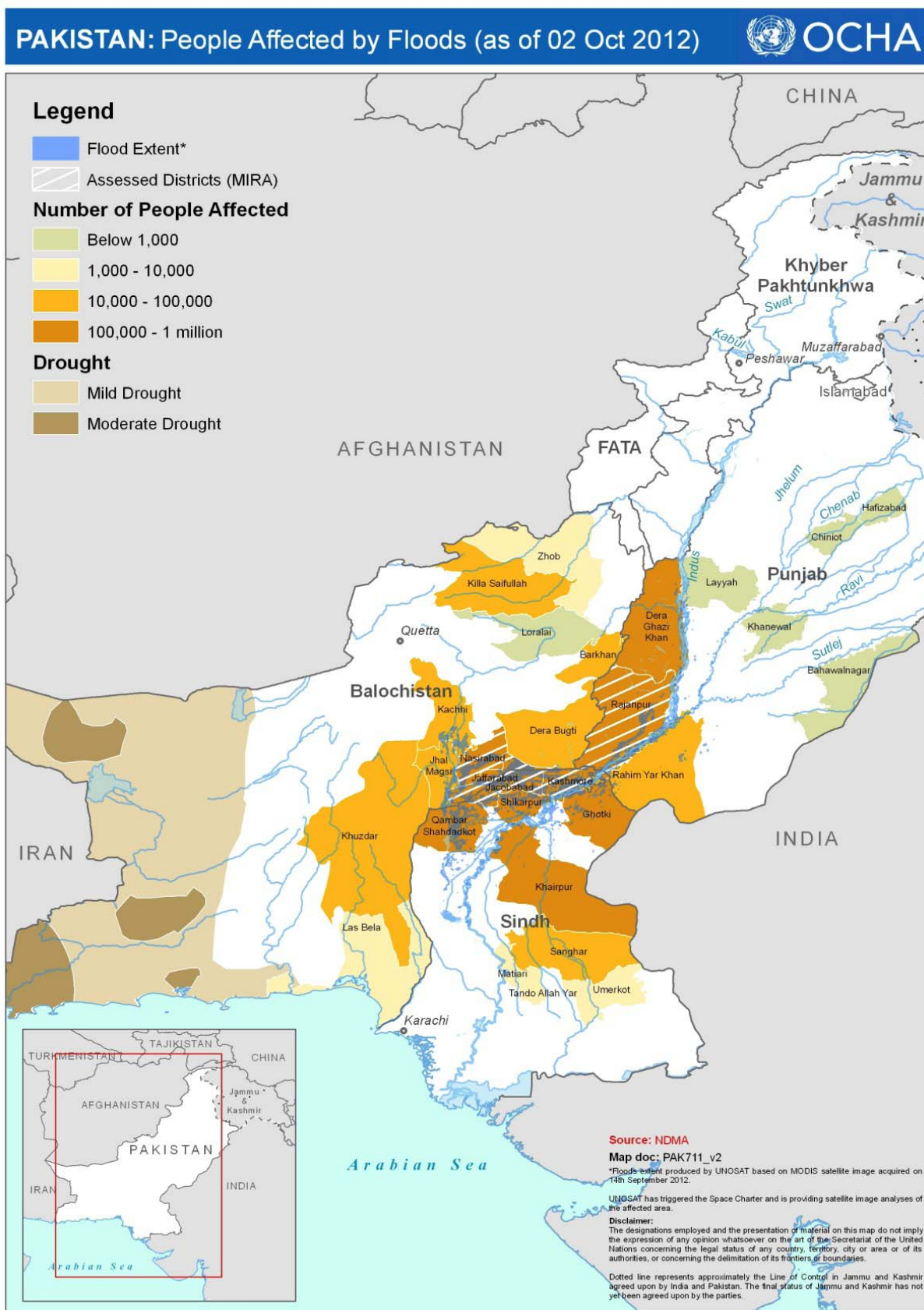
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2. Enable healthy and safe living.
3. Promote social inclusion and a culture of non-violence and peace.

**Map of people affected by floods<sup>5</sup>**



<sup>5</sup> OCHA Situation Report No. 2 for Pakistan: Monsoon 2012 (as of 3 October 2012)