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Pakistan: Monsoon Flooding 2012

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The situation

The seasonal monsoon rainfalls across Pakistan began in the third week of August 2012, affecting Khyber Pakhtoonkhwa (KP), Gilgit Baltistan (GB) provinces and Azad Jammu and Kashmir (AJK). A second spell of seasonal 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. The districts of DG Khan, Rajanpur, Kashmore, Jacobabad, Naseerabad and Jafarabad were severely affected by the extensive downpours as well as the swelling hill torrents of the Suleman range.

According to the Pakistan Meteorological Department the current monsoon spell has extended into the upper parts of the country and more rains are expected in the northern areas of Pakistan. The worst affected districts in the second wave include Rajanpur and Dera Ghazi Khan in Punjab province, Jacobabad and Shikarpur in Sindh province, and Jaffarabad, Naseerabad, Killa Saifullah, Jhal Magsi and Loralai in Balochistan province. The provincial governments of Sindh, Balochistan and Punjab have declared an emergency in the affected areas to activate local response in accordance with their contingency plans but the Government of Pakistan has thus far not requested international assistance.

While this year's monsoon rains came late with total rainfall levels below normal, an intense burst led to the flooding causing significant damage and casualties in the affected areas. Infrastructural damages have also been evidenced including transport links such as roads and bridges. Further, the rains have washed away tens of thousands of acres of crops along with livestock and poultry in some areas. To date, it is recorded that 370 people have lost their lives while 1,197 people have been injured. The damages and losses recorded thus far based on National Disaster Management Agency (NDMA) figures are detailed in table 1.



People affected by the flood waters in Balochistan.

Photo: PRCS.

Table 1: Losses/damage as of 23 September 2012

Affected Provinces/ States/ Territories ¹	Affected Villages	Population Affected	Houses Damaged		Crop Area Affected (acres)	Area Affected (acres)	Relief Camps	Persons in Relief Camps
			Partially	Fully				
Punjab		887,345	16,440	9,116	473,998	1,490,827	40	5,064
Sindh	11,271	2,882,774	12,624	109,567	245,459	274,556	211	49,932
Balochistan	682	704,822	6,773	1,854	47,361	0	0	0
KP	0	0	4,289	104	0	0	0	0
AJK	0	0	1,017	226	0	0	0	0
GB	0	0	70	0	0	0	0	0
FATA	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	13,465	4,474,941	154,853	120,867	766,818	1,765,383	484	282,526

Source: National Disaster Management Agency.

Heavy monsoon rains across the country in early September increased water availability and alleviated drought conditions in parts of Sindh and Balochistan province. Meanwhile, Gwadar District and neighbouring areas in Balochistan continue to face water shortages due to reduced rains over the past three years with the Akra Kor dam, the district's main water source drying up affecting nearly 200,000 people. The government is providing affected people with 600,000 to 700,000 gallons of water daily using up to 180 tankers and is also constructing a pipeline to provide a longer-term solution to the problem.²

NDMA, the Provincial Disaster Management Agency (PDMA) and local district authorities are providing humanitarian assistance to the flood affected people, including tents, blankets and food in Punjab, Sindh and Balochistan provinces. The UN and other humanitarian partners plan to distribute food, shelter, health and water, hygiene and sanitation items to support the government's humanitarian assistance to people affected by the floods in seven of the most-affected districts: Jaffarabad and Naseerabad in Balochistan province; Dera Ghazi Khan and Rajanpur in Punjab province; Jacobabad, Kashmore and Shikarpur in Sindh province.³



Beneficiary registration in Punjab. Photo: PRCS.

Red Cross Red Crescent action

The Pakistan Red Crescent Society (PRCS) commenced local disaster response with assessment and relief distributions in some affected areas immediately after the first monsoon rains and floods response activities are ongoing in the targeted provinces previously mentioned.

¹ Khyber Pakhtoonkhwa province (KP), Gilgit Baltistan (GB) province, Azad Jammu and Kashmir State (AJK), Federally Administered Tribal Areas (FATA)

² OCHA Humanitarian Bulletin 17 September 2012

³ OCHA Humanitarian Bulletin 17 September 2012

The assistance provided by the PRCS as of 22 September 2012 is shown in table 2.

Table 2: Summary of the Assistance Provided by PRCS

Province/ State	Distribution of Food Items (FIs)	Distribution of Non- Food Items (NFIs)	Health Interventions	Water and Sanitation (WatSan)
Punjab	800 x 22kg parcels (donated by local donor)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 464 tents • 928 tarpaulin sheets • 464 kitchen sets • 928 mosquito nets • 464 hygiene kits • 1,392 blankets • 464 jerry cans 	Two mobile health units (MHUs): 2,333 patients treated	-
Sindh	-	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 175 tents • 487 hygiene kits • 435 mosquito nets 	Six MHUs: 9, 613 patients treated	New water plant in process of installation at Jacobabad
Balochistan	Assessment in Loralai completed (information yet to make available)	-	Six MHUs: 4,612 patients treated	-
AJK	-	188 NFI kits	-	-

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

The IFRC country office is committed to supporting PRCS in its floods response activities which are aimed at providing assistance to a caseload of 7,500 families (approximately 52,500 people). This support will include the following:

- Coverage of costs of procurement, transportation and distribution of food parcels
- Coverage of transportation and distribution costs for NFI stocks.
- Running costs for operation of four water treatment units.
- Support to deployment of five MHUs including administration costs and replenishment of emergency medicines.
- Support to deployment of PRCS/IFRC national disaster response teams (NDRTs) will be provided.
- Administration costs related to the response operation.

IFRC will draw its support from resources available in-country and also facilitate possible support from partners who may wish to contribute to the PRCS' response activities.

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