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Flooding in the northern parts of Pakistan due to seasonal monsoon rains have caused destruction and damage to homes and infrastructure, including road access to some villages. Pakistan Red Crescent Society (PRCS) branches in affected areas are engaged in relief distribution and assessments. **Photo:** PRCS AJK branch

The situation

Seasonal monsoon rainfalls across Pakistan in the third week of August 2012

continue, with expected flooding occurring, especially in the northern areas. While the situation has largely folded out according to conservative predictions of the authorities – chiefly the National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA) – provinces remain on high alert for flooding, with Gilgit Baltistan also ready for possible landslides. The government's contingency plan remains prepared with a worst-case scenario considering a caseload of 29 million people affected by severe climate conditions: while prolonged rain is the current risk, another is snow melting caused by extended heat waves and on the other extreme, drought could occur in the lower districts of southern Sindh.

Nevertheless, this season's below-normal monsoon rains has already caused significant damage and casualties in the provinces/states of Khyber Pakhtoonwa (KPK) and Azad, Jammu and Kashmir (AJK). So far, 28 people have lost their lives while some 1,200 houses and shops have been damaged¹, 80 heads of cattle lost and infrastructure damage including to access links such as roads and bridges has occurred at affected locations².

¹ NDMA damage assessment, 27 August 2012

² OCHA situation report, 24 August 2012

Local authorities, provincial and district disaster management authorities in KP, AJK and Punjab are providing humanitarian assistance to the affected people. So far, the government has not requested international support.

Red Cross Red Crescent action

The Pakistan Red Crescent Society (PRCS) has already begun its normal local disaster response with assessment and relief distributions in some affected areas. In AJK, flash flooding in Ghazi Mohallah, Shaheed Gali and Tariqabad caused landslides in two villages, destroying two houses and killing four. The PRCS AJK state branch distributed 42-kg food packs³ and non-food items (including 1 tent, 2 tarpaulins, 2 jerry cans, 1 cooking stove, 1 hygiene kit, 1 kitchen set and 5 blankets per family) to 36 families.

An assessment has just concluded in Nowshehra district of KPK, where the current response from the local government has not yet required additional intervention from PRCS. PRCS Balochistan branch has also conducted an assessment in Sibi district and reported normal conditions. PRCS Punjab branch is currently monitoring the situation where possible disaster is unlikely. Disaster response teams are on standby for deployment if necessary.

³ Procured and provided by the AJK State Disaster Management Authority (SDMA)

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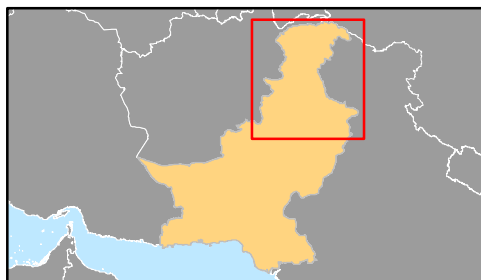
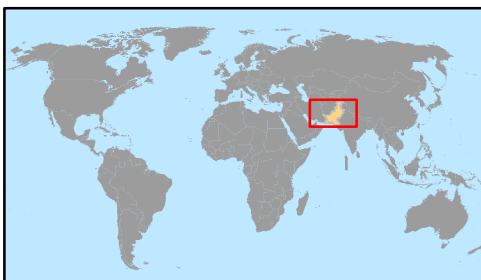
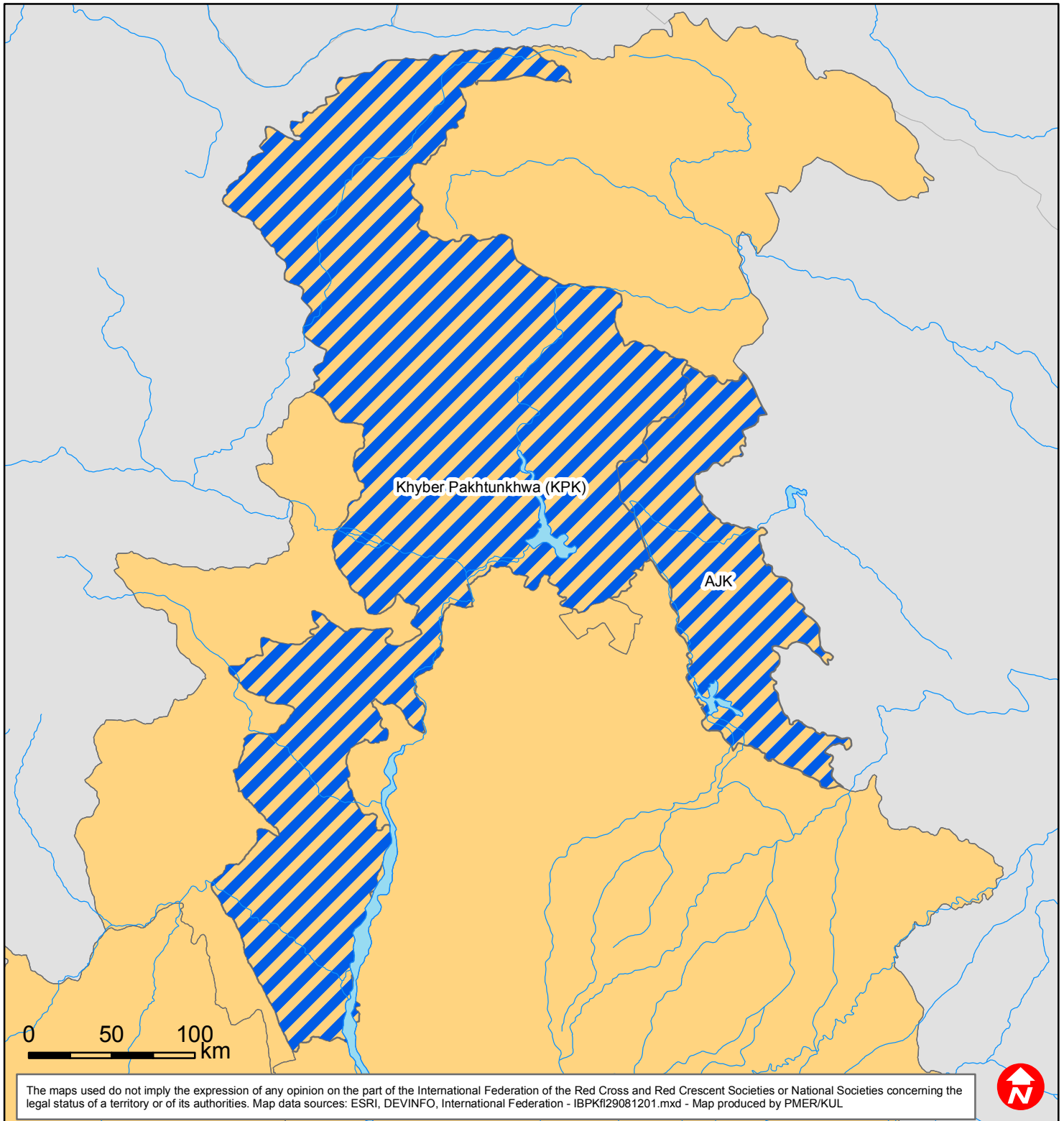
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Pakistan: Floods



 Affected provinces