

# Information bulletin

## Pakistan: Monsoon Flooding 2013

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This bulletin is being issued for information only and reflects the current situation and details available at this time. The International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC) is currently not seeking international funding or other assistance from donors for this operation. The Pakistan Red Crescent Society (PRCS), however, can be approached for discussions on direct assistance to the affected population.

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### The situation

Pakistan has experienced heavy rainfall since the monsoon season started in late July 2013. The rains had initially affected the northern provinces of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa (KP) and Azad Jamu & Kashmir (AJK), while some continuous downpour had subsequently resulted in flash flooding in Punjab, Sindh and Balochistan provinces, and later also triggered riverine floods, with Punjab and Sindh being affected. Torrential rain which began in the beginning of August occurred in parts of Sindh affecting the districts of Karachi, Hyderabad, Sukkur, Gotki, Jacobabad Thatta, Tharparkar, Mirpur Khas, Umerkot, Sanghar, Khairpur, Badin, Nawabshah and adjoining areas.

Since early August, countrywide heavy monsoon rains and raised water level in major rivers in Pakistan have claimed the lives of at least 118 persons. According to the National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA), the floods have overall affected 412,083 acres of crops, fully destroyed 11,172 houses and partially damaged 16,675 houses. As of 20 August, the floods have affected 1,746 villages mainly in Punjab, Baluchistan, Sindh and KP provinces.

The Government of Pakistan has not requested international assistance at this stage.

#### **Damages and losses summary provided by NDMA as of 20 August 2013**

Affected Provinces	Population Affected	Deaths	Injured	Affected Villages	Houses Damaged		Crop Area Affected (acres)	Relief Camps	People in Relief Camps
					Partially	Fully			
Baluchistan	64,270	18	17	342	1,500	3,000	63,969	4	4,500
KP	336	24	17	15	708	149	4,279		
Punjab	320,153	34	747	845	8,681	3,098	256,447	56	1,956
Sindh	159,680	26	26	342	5,688	4,924	87,388	34	2,759
FATA		12							
AJK		4	5		98	1			
<b>Total</b>	<b>544,439</b>	<b>118</b>	<b>812</b>	<b>1,746</b>	<b>16,675</b>	<b>11,172</b>	<b>412,083</b>	<b>94</b>	<b>9,215</b>



The Pakistan Red Crescent Society (PRCS) assessment team surveying the flood situation in a village in Rajanpur district of Punjab province. **Photo:** PRCS



A house in Drosh area of Chitral district, KP province, partially destroyed by the flood. **Photo:** PRCS.

**Summary of Relief Pledged/ provided by NDMA/PDMA as of 20 August 2013**

Province	Tents	Food Packs	Blankets	Mosquito Nets	Miscellaneous Food Items (Bags/ Cartons)	De-watering Pumps	Non-food Items
Baluchistan	4,530	2,950	300	6,550	2,500 bags	8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Jerry cans - 300</li> <li>• Medicine – 93 Carton</li> </ul>
KP	940	150	1,400	0	1,500 bags of cooked food	2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Jerry cans - 650</li> <li>• Mats - 250</li> <li>• Sand bags filled – 1,000</li> <li>• Sand bags empty- 2,500</li> <li>• Kitchen sets - 150</li> <li>• Cooking pots - 150</li> <li>• Generator set - 06</li> </ul>
Sindh	8,800	0	0	10,000		8	
Punjab	16,620	57,800	0	6,000	46,750	50	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mineral water - 1,77,500 Bottles (1.5 litre each)</li> <li>• Persons treated - 2256</li> <li>• Vaccination - 141,490</li> <li>• Life wests - 50</li> </ul>
<b>Total</b>	<b>30,890</b>	<b>60,900</b>	<b>1,700</b>	<b>22,550</b>	<b>50,750</b>	<b>68</b>	

## Red Cross Red Crescent action

The Pakistan Red Crescent Society (PRCS) disaster response teams, were on high alert since the monsoon season started. Initial assessments were carried out and are in close coordination with local government and authorities in AJK, KP, Balochistan, Punjab and Sindh. Apart from that, PRCS branches are in close coordination with the local authorities and district, provincial and national disaster management authorities and continue to assess the situation in flood affected areas. The findings of the initial assessments were shared after consultation with the local government, local community volunteers.



A house in Chitral district of KP province destroyed by silt from the overflowing river. **Photo:** PRCS.

The following table summarise actions on the ground at this moment:

	Assistance/ Support Provided	Details	Areas/ Location (Districts)	Households (HH)/ Persons Assisted
PRCS	Relief (Food)	16.1 KG food parcel	Karachi, Hyderabad, Thatta, Khairpur, Jacobabad (Sindh)	1,000 households (7,000 individuals)
	Relief (non-food items)	Tents, mosquito nets, kitchen sets, jerry cans, hygiene kits	Chitral (KP)	62 households (434 individuals)
	Health	Out-patient department (OPD)	Chitral (KP)	1,187 individuals
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Emergency Response Teams have assisted in evacuating 92 people in Karachi.</li> <li>• PRCS Sindh branch has activated control room to manage the information and coordinate the flood response.</li> <li>• Three health teams along with ambulances were deployed in Rawalpindi (Punjab).</li> <li>• PRCS disaster response teams have carried out initial information gathering and coordination in AJK, KP, Baluchistan, Punjab and Sindh.</li> <li>• PRCS NHQ disaster management response control room has been activated in accordance with the 2013 Monsoon Flood Contingency Plan.</li> </ul>			
PNSs	Information unavailable at the time this bulletin is published			
IFRC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Monitoring the situation with PRCS and provide updates to partners and international communities through Disaster Management Information System (DMIS) and IFRC website.</li> <li>• A news story featuring PRCS response is issued , “Red Crescent assists families affected by monsoon floods”. It could be found at: <a href="http://www.ifrc.org/en/news-and-media/news-stories/asia-pacific/pakistan/red-crescent-assists-families-affected-by-monsoon-floods-62998/">http://www.ifrc.org/en/news-and-media/news-stories/asia-pacific/pakistan/red-crescent-assists-families-affected-by-monsoon-floods-62998/</a></li> </ul>			
ICRC	Monitoring the situation			

PRCS and the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC) will closely monitor the situation and provide support to the affected population as needed.

## How we work

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