

OPERATIONS UPDATE



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PAKISTAN: CYCLONE YEMYIN/FLOODS

Appeal No. MDRPK001
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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 185 countries.

In Brief

Operations Update no. 01; Period covered: 3 to 5 July, 2007; Appeal target: CHF 10.38 million (USD 8.5 million or EUR 6.2 million); Appeal coverage: 2%; Outstanding needs: CHF 10.13 million (USD 8.24 million or EUR 6.11 million);

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Appeal history:

- Launched on 04 July 2007 for CHF 10,380,000 (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) teams are currently performing initial assessment. These findings will be shared with the field assessment and coordination team (FACT), who are arriving in Islamabad and Karachi. The FACT will play a vital role in coordination and liaison, and also in finalizing the emergency appeal. Based on assessments findings and other information, the preliminary appeal is likely to be revised.

Some food and non-food items have been distributed in the flood affected areas in Sindh Province by PRCS. A number of PRCS health teams are providing services to disaster survivors across the affected areas of both Baluchistan and Sindh province.

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

Background

The combined effects of storms beginning 23 June and Cyclone Yemyin on 26 June have claimed approximately 300 lives across Pakistan. Baluchistan province has been severely hit by flooding and the effects of the cyclone, with 1.5 million affected, including 250,000 people made homeless and a further 300,000 displaced. Sindh Province has suffered flooding and storm damage.

18 out of 29 districts across Baluchistan and five districts in Sindh have been affected. Infrastructure has been severely undermined with roads and bridges damaged or destroyed and telecommunications out in many areas since 26 June.

The government of Pakistan is launching a national appeal for assistance and while it is not requesting international aid at this stage, it says it would welcome international support.

Operational developments

The Pakistan Meteorological Department states that weather will remain dry in the Baluchistan province for the coming days, while scattered rains are expected in the eastern parts of Sindh province. People in the flood affected areas of Baluchistan are still in need of basic items, including water and food but are less frustrated as relief distributions have been started by the local authorities. The coastal highway from Karachi to Turbat via Gwadar and other roads to the city have been opened for traffic.

The Federation's Pakistan delegation will establish a base camp in Turbat, Baluchistan province, for the Yimyen cyclone/floods operation, while a transit logistical base will be established in Karachi, Sindh province.



The Federation team doing initial assessments in the outskirts of Turbat city

The Federation disaster management manager who was a part of two-member team in Turbat arrived back in Islamabad on 2 July. Based on the initial assessments of this team, a preliminary emergency appeal was launched on 4 July. A Federation relief team including the disaster management manager, senior relief manager and security delegate is likely to leave for Karachi followed by Turbat on 6 July. The logistics coordinator is already in Karachi, establishing a logistical transit base.

A Federation support team is also expected to leave for Karachi and Turbat on 6 July. This team will provide support to the FACT and relief team in Turbat.

The FACT team leader arrived in the country on 4 July, and has started coordinating efforts with the national society, various UN agencies and the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC). The FACT members are covering areas including relief, health, water and sanitation (including hygiene promotion), logistics, shelter, recovery and reporting.

The PRCS assessment teams in Turbat, Baluchistan province have conducted initial assessments of 4,000 families for food/non-foods items and medical requirements in the union councils of Nodez and Nasirabad in Kech district. Another team has reached Quetta to perform initial assessments in Kharan and Jalmugsi districts. The teams will hand over these assessments to the PRCS national headquarters, who will share it with the field assessment and coordination team.

Food parcels for six thousand families have been procured, which are in the process of being airlifted to flood-affected areas in Baluchistan.

Red Cross and Red Crescent action - objectives, progress, impact

Progress/Achievements/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.

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Item	Quantity
Rice	10 kg
Lentils (dahl)	2 kg
Sugar	2 kg
Salt	1 kg
Ghee	2 kg
Tea	400 gm
Matches	Pack

Figure: list of items in the one-week ration

The PRCS assessment teams in Turbat, Baluchistan province performed initial assessments for 4,000 families, including for the distribution of food items in Nodez and Nasirabad union councils. A PRCS assessment team from the national headquarters reached Quetta on 5 July.

Procurement of food items for 6,000 families has been completed in PRCS provincial branches, with 3,000 family packs procured in Karachi and 3,000 procured in Quetta. The food rations in the process of being transported to Turbat and other flood affected districts in Baluchistan (see table for the contents of the one-week ration).

Five hundred one-week family food rations were distributed in Gadaab in Karachi on 3 July, while 400 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.

The PRCS assessment teams in Turbat, Baluchistan province performed initial assessments for 4,000 families (see objective 1). Another assessment team has reached Quetta, who will be assessing various needs including non-food items requirements in other affected areas in Baluchistan.

The PRCS Sindh provincial branch has distributed non-food relief items to 400 families in Dadu and Larkana districts.

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

To date, PRCS has distributed two thousand tents from disaster preparedness stocks across Sindh, Baluchistan and NWFP, and a further 3,000 are being mobilized. In addition, to meet the shelter needs of the affected population, the PRCS, with Federation support, is considering providing traditional shelter materials ,tools and the promotion of safe building techniques to affected households for the reconstruction of their dwellings. This activity is dependant on the findings of the FACT and recommendations from the shelter working group. A technical shelter delegate is coming from Geneva to provide support for shelter related activities.

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.



PRCS health teams treating patients in Gadaab, Karachi.

The two PRCS medical teams in Turbat are waiting for the medical supplies to arrive from Karachi. The teams are coordinating with government agencies present in the town and are using their medical supplies at the moment. Between 3 and 4 July, the teams have treated 400 patients in Koshkalat and Nodez union councils. The major diseases in the area are diarrhoea, skin infections and respiratory tract infections. Three more medical teams from Lahore (Punjab province) have reached the coastal area of Pasni, Baluchistan province, on 5 July.

The 2.1 tonnes of medicines from the International Federation's surplus stock from the earthquake operation have reached Karachi from Islamabad and are being stored at the PRCS national headquarters building. Efforts are being made to airlift them to Turbat.

The Pakistan delegation's water and sanitation coordinator will be in Karachi on 6 July as a part of the field assessment and coordination team. The coordinator will conduct initial assessments for the water and sanitation

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requirements in Baluchistan and Sindh. Based on the assessment needs, the water treatment plant in Peshawar (NWFP) will be transported to Turbat. A PRCS team of four water and sanitation personnel from the earthquake affected areas will be going to Turbat for a month. Their basic responsibility will be to train local volunteers in the area on water and sanitation issues.

The Federation's two-member team in Turbat, inclusive of the disaster management manager, has already procured four water pumps and tanks in four communities in Koshkalat union council in Kech district, which is providing drinkable water to 782 families. The team also supplied two 125 litre water tanks to two schools in Turbat town, which are 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 over 26 June to 2 July. The medical support in the area has been terminated from 3 July as no further need was required.

The PRCS basic health unit in Keti Bandar, Thatta district has treated 1,900 patients since 26 June. This unit was supported by two health teams from the provincial branch in Karachi, who left on 30 June.

In Kambar (Larkana district), one health team, consisting of a doctor and two paramedics, has seen a total of 1,200 patients during between 2 and 4 July. The team has been replaced by another from Karachi on 5 July, and health teams are on standby at PRCS Khairpur district branch to provide medical support in Kambar.

Overall operational constraints:

The accessibility for airlifting relief items to Turbat and other floods affected areas in Baluchistan is strictly controlled, as most of the land routes are closed and priority is being given to the government items to be transferred to various regions.

Federation Coordination

The International Federation and the national society in the country are coordinating with the government and other UN agencies. The PRCS national headquarters is also in full coordination with all its provincial branches.

The UN resident coordinator's office re-established the cluster system on 2 July to cope with the emergency. The same cluster system was active during the Pakistan earthquake emergency phase. The International Federation will convene with the shelter working group to focus on meeting immediate shelter needs. 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 Organisation for Migration (IOM) will take the lead on camp management.

The acting head of delegation is liaising with the national society and ICRC on a daily basis. Daily teleconferences are being carried out with the relevant Federation stakeholders in Geneva, Asia Pacific zone office in Kuala Lumpur and South Asian regional delegation in Delhi, India.

The Federation acting head of delegation is also attending regular IASC (Inter Agency Standing Committee) and shelter cluster meetings every two days. So far, he has attended three such meetings.

PRCS organized a coordination meeting for the ten participating national societies (PNS) working in Pakistan on 5 July. Most of these PNS offered support, but all are waiting for the FACT report before deploying local assistance. The Federation/PRCS will take the lead role in the response to flood affected areas mentioned in the appeal.

A telephone conference is scheduled for 6 July between the Pakistan delegation and various PNS societies. The details of this conference will be mentioned in the next operations update.

Logistics

The initial logistics response will be supported by the existing logistical resources of the Federation and the national society in the country. International logistics support will be coordinated by the Regional Logistics Unit in Kuala Lumpur in consultation with the Pakistan Federation delegation and PRCS. The logistics coordinator travelled to Karachi, Sindh Province, on 4 July to make arrangements for the FACT team and to begin the establishment of a logistics base in the city. PRCS NHQ has a warehouse in Karachi which will be utilised as a

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logistics hub. Contact has been made with the UN and other agencies to gather logistics information. PRCS is investigating options for air lifting cargo from Islamabad to directly Turbat.

Security

Pakistan delegation's security delegate will be traveling to Karachi on 6 July and then to Turbat, depending on the issuance of an N.O.C (no objection certificate). The security situation in Turbat will be assessed before FACT is deployed. The security unit in Geneva has sent FACT security rules, which have been shared with the FACT members present in the country. The security delegate will contact the United Nations department of safety and security (UNDSS) offices in Islamabad and Quetta to keep an eye on the security situation in Baluchistan province. The delegate is in constant contact with the ICRC security personnel in the country. The security delegate will be providing general security back-up to the FACT.

Communications – Advocacy and Public Information

The communications team in the country has posted five information bulletins since 25 June, and have also contributed three stories related to the floods. A preliminary emergency appeal was launched for CHF 10.38 million on 4 July. All these documents are being shared with various Federation personnel, PRCS, ICRC, various participating national societies working in the country, the UN agency and national media.

The International Federation has had an information officer deployed to the field since 26 June who is continuing to produce articles and photos for use in national and international media, Red Cross and Red Crescent publications and onward distribution to web-based media including Reliefweb (www.reliefweb.int) and Reuters Alertnet (www.alertnet.org).

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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Consolidated 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:	250,000
APPEAL COVERAGE TO DATE:	2%

Updated on: 06 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
FUNDING							
<u>Opening Balance</u>							
Income							
Other Income							
DREF Allocations	CHF	250,000	250,000				250,000
Total Other Income			250,000				250,000
Total Income			250,000				250,000
TOTAL FUNDING		0	250,000	0	0	0	250,000
COVERAGE			2%				2%