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Pakistan: Monsoon floods

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Pakistan is hit by heavier than usual monsoon rains since 21 July 2010, killing at least 50 people and leaving 50,000 people affected in the worst hit districts of Baluchistan province (source: Director General of Provincial Disaster Management Authority (PDMA), Baluchistan). The worst affected areas over the country have been the Rajanpur district of Punjab, Dera Ismail Khan, Tank and Bannu districts of Khyber Pakhtoonkhwa (KPK) and Barkhan, Sibi, Kohlu and Dera Murad Jamali districts of Baluchistan province. Most of the land routes linking to the flood affected regions have been disrupted, leaving thousands of local residents marooned. Pakistan Red Crescent Society (PRCS) has carried out rapid assessment in Baluchistan and has set up a medical camp in Sultan Kot and has deployed food packs for 3,100 affected families (21,700 people) for three months with the support of International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC). Another assessment team is deployed to Punjab and KPK to trigger the response in the affected areas on the basis of identified needs from these areas. On the request of Rajanpur district government, PRCS has provided 50 tents for the flood-affected people.



Low level flood affected 11 villages of Dera Ismail Khan district (DI Khan). Pakistan Red Crescent Society DI Khan district branch has carried out rapid assessments and identified immediate needs of food, non-food items, shelter and medicines. Photo: Pakistan Red Crescent Society DI Khan district branch.

The Situation

Heavy rains in the past week have resulted in triggering flash floods as well as river floods in several parts of the country, but the worst affected areas are in the provinces of southern Punjab, southern Khyber Pakhtoonkhwa (KPK) and Baluchistan. Local authorities, armed forces and the Pakistan Red Crescent Society (PRCS) are responding in the affected areas. The Pakistan Meteorological office is forecasting a heavier than usual monsoon season. UN Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA) reports that the humanitarian agencies are working with the government and provincial authorities in preparedness planning.

Baluchistan:

Up to 52 people are feared to have drowned in the flood water in different areas of Barkhan, Kohlu and Sibi districts of Baluchistan. A total of 21 villages have been affected and 3,750 houses destroyed in Baluchistan (source: National Disaster Management Authority NDMA). Thirty dead bodies have been recovered but more than 20 are still missing. Most of the land routes linking to the affected regions of the three districts are disrupted, trapping thousands of local residents who are waiting for some response. Heavy rains have also been reported in nearby districts of Sibi and Kohlu where one of the seasonal rivers – Nari River – is carrying flood water of 120,000 cusecs in downstream, devastating many villages and human settlements in Kachhi Plains. In Sibi, the Talli bank of the Nari River had breached, causing heavy flood in several villages. Talli village has been completely submerged in flood water. Thousands of people from these affected villages are left homeless with no resources. In Kohlu, the Tanga dam had exploded, resulting in seven villages inundated and hundreds of mud houses being washed away. The director general of the Provincial Disaster Management Authority (PDMA) stated that two helicopters and six trucks loaded with relief goods had been dispatched to the Barkhan and Sibi.

Punjab:

The flood has also affected some areas of Dera Ghazi Khan and Rajanpur districts in Punjab and a total of 85 villages have been affected. One death has been reported in Punjab. However, a brief summary of the losses is as follows (source: NDMA):

- Villages affected: 85
- Mud houses destroyed: 829
- Brick houses destroyed: 71

The following damages have been reported by the PRCS assessment team from Rajanpur:

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| Total population affected: | 2,200 families (approximately 15,000 persons) |
| Total houses damaged fully: | 800 (mud houses) |
| Total houses damaged fully: | 57 (brick houses) |
| Total houses damaged partially: | 970 (mud houses) |
| Total houses damaged partially: | 678 (brick houses) |

In view of the ongoing monsoon, areas like Gujrat, Mandi Baha-ud-in are on high risk. To prepare the disaster management cells in upper Punjab, the following relief items are also needed on urgent basis: food items, hygiene kits, tarpaulin sheets and kerosene oil stoves.

Khyber Pakhtoonkhwa (KPK):

Among the southern districts of KPK, the worst affected areas are Dera Ismail Khan (DI Khan) and Tank.

PRCS has carried out a rapid assessment through its district branch in DI Khan. In Tank village, Bagwal of Union Council Ranwal has been completely washed away affecting 139 families. In DI Khan, the affected Union Councils Band Korai and Kech are among the most affected. The villages affected by the low level floods are Wanda Nadir Shah, Girsal, Toba, Kahliq Shah, Band Korai, Zander and Kech.

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| Total population of DI Khan: | 35,213 |
| Affected population: | 12,200 |

The low level flood has affected 11 villages in DI Khan. Out of these villages, six villages have been badly damaged and are surrounded by low level flood. The rest of the villages are partially damaged. The people living in most affected villages have been relocated to safer locations. As no other humanitarian organization is working on the ground in the affected areas, therefore the district government has requested the PRCS district branch to extend assistance for the affected people. The emergency needs identified by the assessment team are: shelter, food, non-food items and emergency medicines.

Red Cross and Red Crescent action

Baluchistan:

In Baluchistan, PRCS has conducted a rapid assessment and the findings are as follows:

| District | UC-Tehsil | Affected Families | Needs Identified |
|--------------------------------|--|-------------------|---|
| Sibi | Talli and Sultan Kot (3000) & Lahri (1824) | 4,324 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shelter provision • Non-food relief Items <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Hygiene kits ○ Kitchen sets ○ Jerry cans ○ Tarpaulin sheets ○ Stoves ○ Hurricane lamps |
| Barkhan | Sadar | 150 | |
| Kohlu | Sadar & Galkani | 650 | |
| Total affected families | | 5,124 | |

PRCS started its mobile health units (MHU) in these two towns on 25 July and is providing the affected families with health care and free medicines. So far, the two PRCS health teams have treated 450 patients. The major problems being treated include skin allergies and minor injuries.

PRCS, with support of ICRC, is providing the 3,100 flood-affected families (600 in Sultan Kot and 2,500 in Talli) with food packs. The distribution to 600 families in Sultan Kot started on 27 July. Food distribution in Talli will start as soon as the detailed assessment and coupon distribution are completed by 28 July.

Khyber Pakhtoonkhwa (KPK):

PRCS has carried out a rapid assessment of the affected areas in KPK. The affected Union Councils are Band Korai and Kech. The area is situated 34 km from DI Khan district. Seven villages have been affected in these Union Councils.

| S.No | Names of Villages | H/H | Population |
|--------------|-------------------|--------------|---------------|
| 1 | Kech | 825 | 4,900 |
| 2 | Toba | 250 | 2,200 |
| 3 | Band Korai | 573 | 4,500 |
| 4 | Wanda Khaliq Shah | 300 | 2,350 |
| 5 | Girsal | 110 | 700 |
| 6 | Wanda Nadir Shah | 316 | 3,000 |
| 7 | Wanda Jamal | 284 | 1,800 |
| Total | | 2,658 | 19,450 |

Out of the 2,658 households (19,450 individuals) of the seven affected villages, 565 households have been identified as affected. The identified needs are as follows:

- a. Shelter.
- b. Food pack and non-food items.
- c. Emergency medicines for the already existing two health facilities.

PRCS is currently mobilizing its stocks for these 565 families.

Punjab:

The PRCS assessment team is on the ground carrying out assessments of the affected areas. On request of the district government, PRCS provided those with 50 units of the following items to help them in response/relief efforts:

- Tents.
- Hygiene kits.
- Tarpaulin sheets.
- Kerosene stoves.

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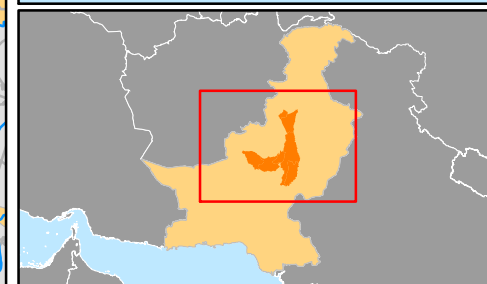
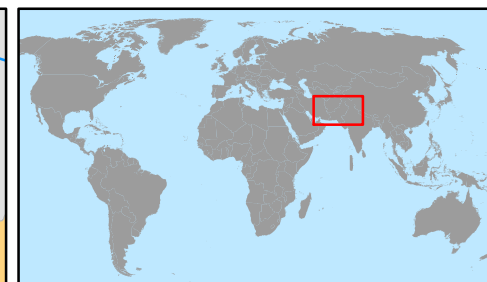
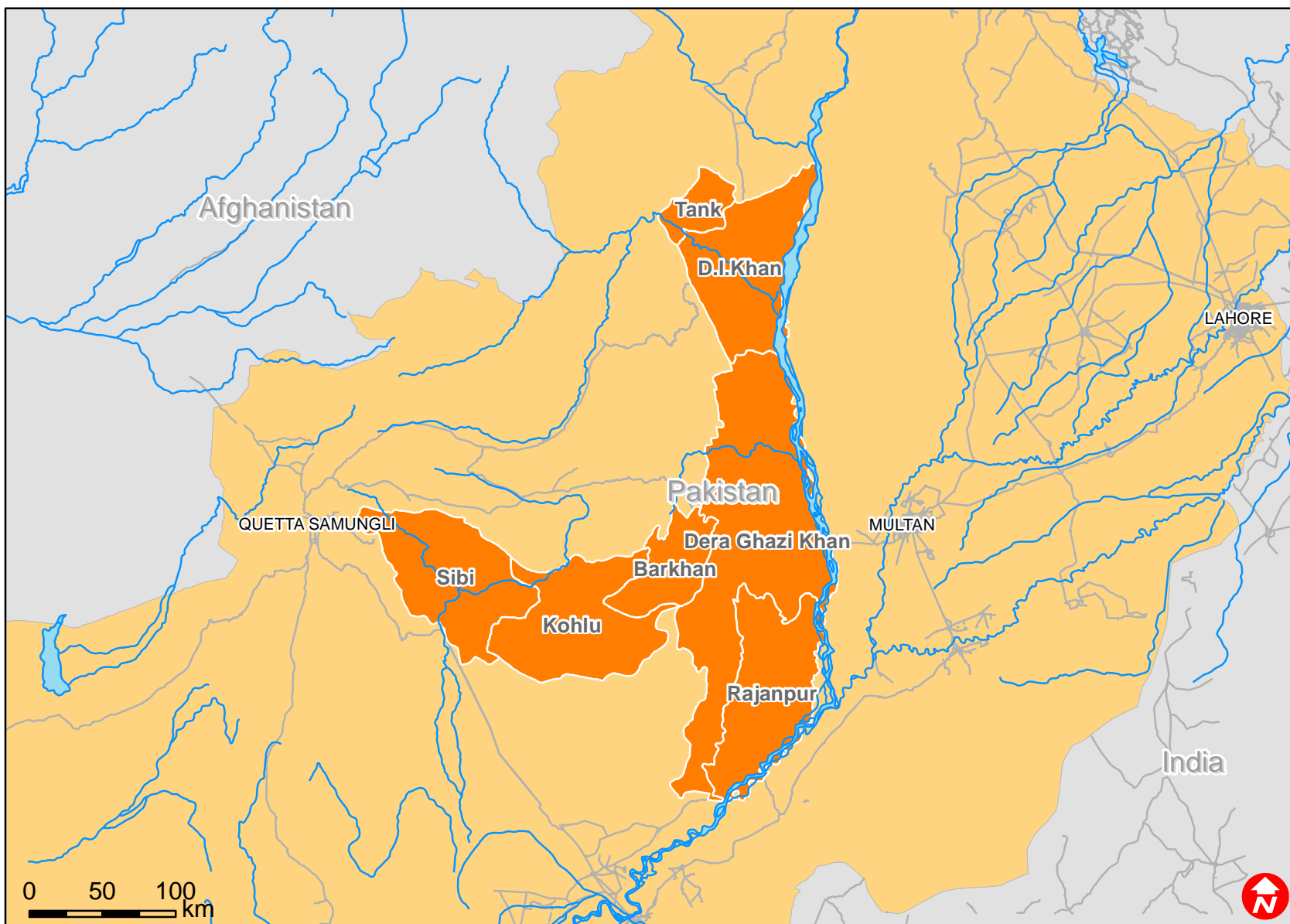
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