

# Operations update



International Federation  
of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies

## Pakistan: Humanitarian assistance for internally displaced people

Emergency appeal n° MDRPK003  
Operations update n° 1  
8 June 2009

**Period covered by this Ops Update:** 5 to 8 June 2009;

**Appeal target (current):** CHF 23,926,179 (USD 22.44 million or EUR 15.76 million);

[<click here to view the attached Emergency Appeal Budget>](#)

**Appeal coverage:** 0%; Some pledges are in the pipeline, although not yet confirmed. Funds are very urgently needed to enable the Pakistan Red Crescent Society (PRCS) to scale up its response to this humanitarian crisis.

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### Appeal history:

- This Emergency Appeal was launched on 4 June 2009 for CHF 23.9 million for seven months to assist 140,000 beneficiaries (20,000 families).

**Summary:** The humanitarian operation for the internally displaced people (IDPs) in Pakistan continues. Efforts are being concentrated on preparing for the fast approaching monsoon season.

The PRCS/International Federation operation under this appeal will be focused towards the east of Indus river and Swabi district. The seven IDP camps managed by PRCS/ICRC are accommodating more than 35,000 displaced people.

A PRCS/International Federation team began a rapid needs assessment on 6 June. This multi-sectoral team continues to assess needs of food and non-food items, shelter, health, water and sanitation and livelihoods. The International Federation logistics team has started the procurement process of various non-food items.

On Friday 5 June, a meeting was held in Geneva, hosted by the International Federation and the ICRC, and with representatives of the PRCS, to present the Red Cross Red Crescent Movement's response plan for this humanitarian crisis. The importance of a strong Movement coordination framework was agreed.



Internally displaced people from Malakand and Swat are living in cramped and squalid conditions, with as many as 30 people staying in a two-room house. Most of the affected families have only one change of clothing and are solely dependent on host families or local NGOs. Photo: Mubashir Fida/International Federation.

## The situation

The military operations in Malakand division in the North-West Frontier Province (NWFP) and the Federally Administered Tribal Areas (FATA) have left behind approximately 2.5 million IDPs. More than 90 per cent of these displaced people are living with their relatives/friends (also known as host families). The registration of the IDPs in NWFP has been completed by the National Database and Registration Authority (NADRA). The organization will now begin registering IDPs who have travelled to other parts of the country, especially Sindh. According to the NWFP's Emergency Response Unit, there are 21 organized and six spontaneous camps.

The problems faced by the IDPs and their host families continue to worsen. Host families supporting IDPs are facing an increased economic burden. Living conditions in most of the IDP camps are poor, with serious overcrowding and insufficient facilities being the major issues. The situation is also made worse due to the high temperatures experienced during the day, making life extremely uncomfortable for the displaced population, the majority of whom consists of women and children. Some IDPs are also using school buildings for shelter.

The government and other humanitarian actors continue their operations, focusing on providing relief assistance to IDPs in camps, host families, schools and other settlements.

Non-food items are being distributed among the IDPs by various organizations. World Food Programme (WFP) is the main agency responsible for food security. Water, sanitation and hygiene needs are being catered to, mainly in the camps. World Health Organization (WHO) is carrying out a health assessment, which will be completed soon.

## Coordination and partnership

The International Federation and the national society in the country are coordinating with the government and UN agencies regularly.

The Inter Agency Standing Committee (IASC) cluster system holds meetings in both Islamabad and Peshawar (NWFP). The following clusters are operational at the moment: food and agriculture; camp management; protection; health; nutrition; education; water, sanitation and hygiene; shelter (UNHCR); non-food items; early recovery; and logistics.

PRCS and the International Federation country office are establishing coordination with relevant clusters.

PRCS also organized frequent coordination meetings with the Red Cross Red Crescent Movement partners. All partner national societies (PNS) are being consulted at each level of the operation. Two PNS representatives (Canadian Red Cross and British Red Cross) are also part of the PRCS/International Federation assessment team.

On Friday 5 June, a meeting was held in Geneva, hosted by the International Federation and the ICRC, and with representatives of the Pakistan Red Crescent Society, to present the Red Cross Red Crescent Movement's response plan for this humanitarian crisis. Eleven partner national societies were present: Australian Red Cross, American Red Cross, British Red Cross, Canadian Red Cross, Danish Red Cross, Egyptian Red Crescent, Finnish Red Cross, Japanese Red Cross, Kuwait Red Crescent, Netherlands Red Cross, Norwegian Red Cross and Swiss Red Cross.

PRCS outlined their response to the disaster to date. The chairman of PRCS stressed the scale of the crisis and the need for additional support, through the launching of this appeal. Since the 2005 earthquake disaster, PRCS has built up good capacity in disaster response (with increased staff/volunteer capacity, and a number active health and water and sanitation units, developed from partner national society emergency response units). The International Federation and the ICRC presented their plans of support to PRCS.

The Federation, ICRC and PRCS outlined a strong Movement coordination framework based on the tsunami approach. There will be a strategic level Platform, a Movement coordination committee with partner national societies and technical working groups as necessary. All stressed the need for sound Movement coordination, to ensure that the Movement is best placed and ready to respond as the situation evolves, as it is a very volatile and ever changing situation. Following the discussions in the meeting, a Joint Movement Statement will be issued this coming week.

The International Federation head of office and country programme coordinator paid a visit to the PRCS Swabi camp. PRCS/ICRC gave a briefing to the two visitors. In addition to the needs of the IDPs, there is critical planning concern at the camp to prepare for the fast approaching monsoon season.

## Red Cross and Red Crescent action

### Overview

There are 35,075 displaced people living in the seven camps supported by PRCS/ICRC. PRCS has mobilized 320 volunteers for its relief activities. It is distributing food and non-food items, and provides health and water and sanitation facilities. It is also making special provisions for psychosocial support, providing this service to 2,404 people. A total of 594 latrines pits and 244 showers have been constructed so far.

The details of the seven PRCS camps are as follow:

Camp Location	Families	Individuals
Rang Mala, Malakand	786	4,993
Pallai Adda, Malakand	210	1,653
Shah Mansoor Township, Swabi	1,998	12,776
Shah Mansoor Township 2, Swabi	1,113	7,057
Govt. College, Timargarah	467	3,401
Commerce College, Timargarah	396	2,692
Benazir Camp	400	2,503
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>5,370</b>	<b>35,075</b>

### PRCS/International Federation assessment

A PRCS/International Federation rapid assessment team was deployed to the field on 6 June 2009. This team is multi-sectoral and will carry out a 5-day assessment. The main purpose of this rapid assessment is to develop a more detailed plan of action in support of the International Federation's appeal. The team has been further divided into sub-teams; the coverage of these is as follows:

TEAM A	TEAM B
Water and sanitation – PRCS representative	Health, and water and sanitation- International Federation country office representative
Livelihood- International Federation zone representative	Communications - International Federation country office representative
International Federation country office representative	Logistics - International Federation representative
Health - Canadian Red Cross representative	Relief- International Federation zone representative
	British Red Cross representative

One challenge faced by the team was the lack of women personnel able to speak native languages. The PRCS NWFP provided women volunteers to the team to solve this issue.

The teams have so far carried out rapid assessment in Haripur district and Abbottabad (this report gives details of the Haripur findings. Other areas to be covered under this assessment are Mansehra, Swabi, Peshawar Attock and Islamabad.

### Findings of the assessment team to date

The rapid assessment in Haripur district was carried out on food and non-food items, shelter, health and care, water and sanitation and livelihoods. Additional needs identified also covered education. The team visited government schools, host families and sporadic establishments.

Most of the IDPs in Haripur had some observable evidence of food and cooking utensils. Some families received food items for a period of eight days. At some sites, cooked food was being distributed among the displaced people. All accommodation sites had concrete floors, on which all the family members slept. Needs identified include:

- Mattresses
- Mosquito nets
- Quilts (sleeping mats, blankets)
- Kitchen sets
- Hygiene kits

Because of family ties, the majority of the IDPs are living with host families in Haripur. These displaced families are reasonably sheltered from the weather in their accommodations. Government schools in Haripur are also being used for shelter. People living in schools have been given notices to vacate the premises as the schools are to be re-opened after spring break. The majority of the facilities are cramped and there are inadequate bathing and washing facilities. PRCS is coordinating with the government and their plan for the families to be moved from the schools.

The most common diseases identified among the IDPs were diarrhoea, stomach problems, constipation, scabies and fever. Psychological trauma and stress were also reported by a number of families.

The displaced families in Haripur have access to some sources of water and use containers to store water, though it is not sufficient for their needs. Although some accommodations have toilet facilities, water is not always readily available. As a result, some families are forced to defecate in nearby fields and are collecting their water from nearby open channels flowing through paddocks with livestock. Needs identified include:

- Water containers
- Hygiene items
- Water purification tablets
- Latrines

There were several ideas regarding how the displaced families would earn incomes once they returned back to their homes. The majority of the population shared their concerns about income and financial insecurity.

## Logistics

The mobilization table has been approved by both the country and the zone offices and is available on the International Federation's Disaster Management Information System (DMIS). The zone logistics unit has started doing the necessary procurements. Based on the initial needs assessment report, the logistics team has also started to carry out local procurement for the following items:

Item	Quantity	Part of the initial non-food item list?	Procurement process
Hygiene kits	25,000	Yes	Price assessment ongoing
Kerosene stove	5,000	Yes	Price assessment ongoing
Kerosene lamp	5,000	Yes	Price assessment ongoing
Sleeping mats	2,000	No	Price assessment ongoing
Buckets	2,000	No	Price assessment ongoing
Mattress	2,000	No	Price assessment ongoing

The PRCS disaster preparedness stocks are available for distributions under this operation on a replenishment basis.

Five International Federation vehicles are being utilized for the assessment. A total of 17 vehicles are requested for this operation. The Dubai fleet base is coordinating the supply of the required vehicles.

## Communications – Advocacy and Public Information

The press release for the launch of the Emergency Appeal ([MDRPK003](#)) was posted on the International Federation's website on 5 June 2009. So far, there have been two instances of positive feedback to this release: from CBC News Canada and Agence France Presse. The International Federation's country office programme coordinator was interviewed live on CBC News on 6 June 2009. The information officer is a part of the assessment team.

## 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 \(NGOs\) 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 International Federation's activities are aligned with its 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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## **APPEAL BUDGET SUMMARY**

PAKISTAN : HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE FOR IDPs

MDRPK003

**ORIGINAL**

### **RELIEF NEEDS**

Shelter	4,584,400
Clothing & Textiles	187,500
Food	2,442,000
Water & Sanitation	1,937,250
Medical & First Aid	549,000
Teaching Materials	15,000
Utensils & Tools	270,000
Other Supplies & Services	9,810,000

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**Total Relief Needs** **19,795,150**

### **CAPITAL EQUIPMENT**

Vehicles Purchase	204,000
Computers & Telecom Equipment	185,847
Office/Household Furniture & Equip.	336,665
Medical Equipment	20,000

### **TRANSPORT, STORAGE & VEHICLES**

Storage - Warehouse	28,020
Distribution & Monitoring	11,000
Transport & Vehicles Costs	413,695

### **PERSONNEL**

International Staff	504,000
National Staff	100,000
National Society Staff	180,000
Consultants	10,000

### **WORKSHOPS & TRAINING**

Workshops & Training	70,000
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### **GENERAL EXPENSES**

Travel	66,000
Information & Public Relations	204,500
Office running costs	151,096
Communication Costs	50,008
Professional Fees	11,000
Financial Charges	4,996
Other General Expenses	25,000

### **PROGRAMME SUPPORT**

Programme Support - PSR (6.5% of total)	1,555,202
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**Total Operational Needs** **4,131,029**

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**Total Appeal Budget (Cash & Kind)** **23,926,179**

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**Less Available Resources**

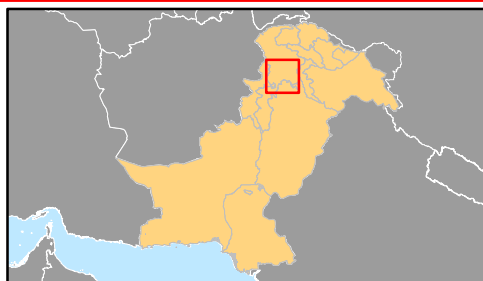
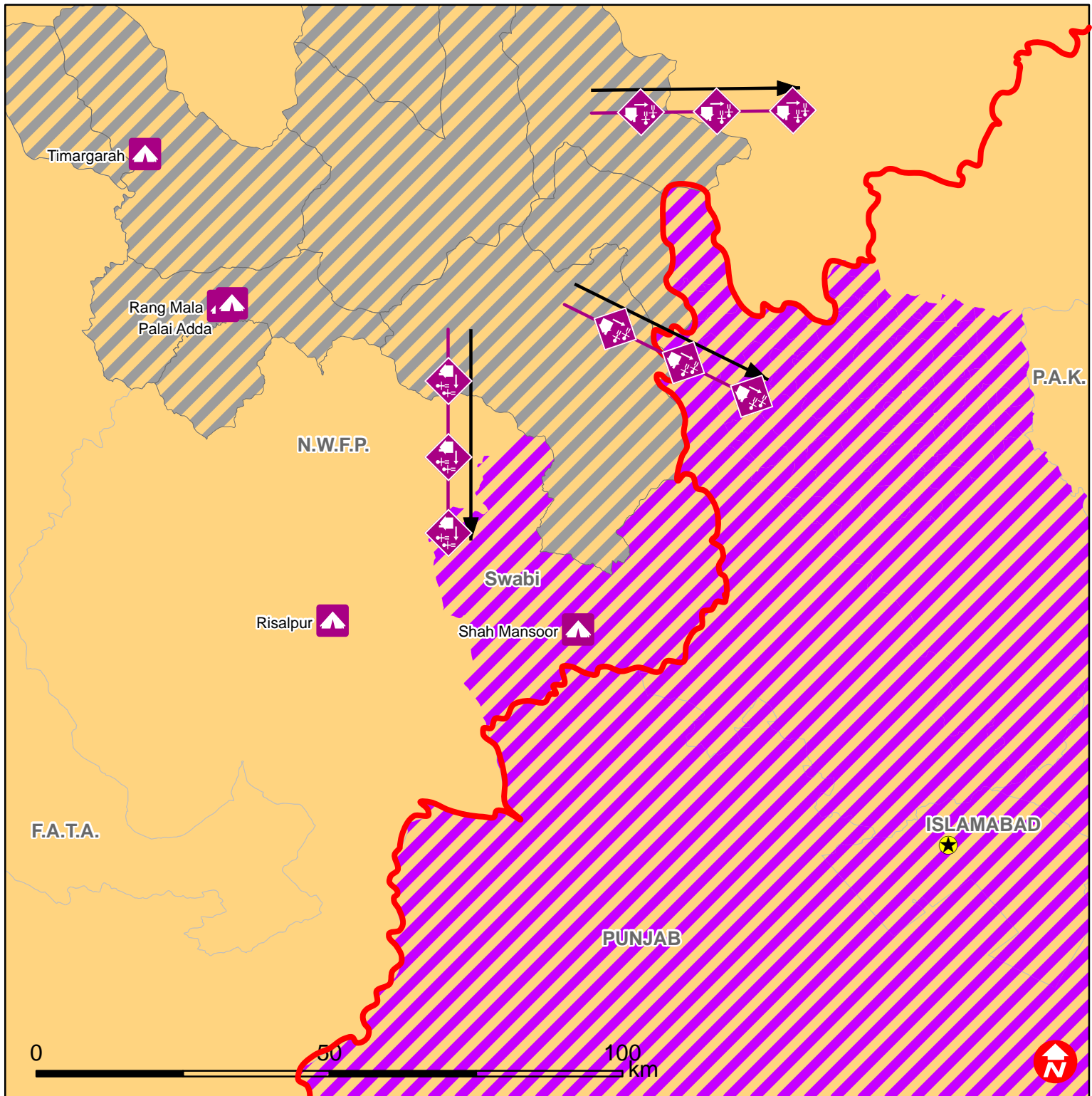
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**Net Request** **23,926,179**

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# Pakistan: Population movement



- PRCS/ICRC managed IDP camps
- Military operations taking place
- Operations area for PRCS/IFRC
- Population movements
- Demarcation of NWFP