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PAKISTAN: FLOODS/SNOWFALL

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In Brief

This Information Bulletin (no. 05/2005) is being issued for information only. The Federation is not seeking funding or other assistance from donors for this operation at this time. CHF 50,000 was allocated from the Federation's Disaster Relief Emergency Fund (DREF) to respond to the initial needs.

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The Situation

Two months of rain, snowfall and floods have caused widespread damage to infrastructure in the North West Frontier province (NWFP), Balochistan and northern areas. Water supplies, sanitation systems, electricity, communication and road links have been seriously affected, and there are food supply shortages in remote areas.

In Balochistan, rains and floods have affected nearly half a million people, with more than 4,000 families left homeless. Overflowing reservoirs have also flooded many villages.

In NWFP, more than 24,000 houses have been destroyed and over 65,000 badly damaged. Many are still in the need of basic necessities such as food and shelter, with heavy snow and lack of equipment to clear roads making access to the districts of Kohistan, Dir and Swat impossible.

Health authorities are concerned about the increasing cases of children with chest infections. The World Health Organisation (WHO) is playing an important role in dealing with potential disease outbreaks.

The forecast is for more rain and snow in the northern areas over the next few days while less intense rains are forecast to continue in Balochistan and NWFP.

Red Cross and Red Crescent action



Distribution of PRCS relief goods in NWFP

The Pakistan Red Crescent Society (PRCS) is continuing relief efforts to the most affected areas in NWFP and the northern areas. To date the national society has dispatched 145 tons of relief consignments worth Rs. 11,600,000 (CHF 228,700) to the most vulnerable in NWFP, northern areas and Balochistan. These relief items include food, medicines, blankets, and warm clothing.

The national society is planning rehabilitation activities and its management will meet with branch secretaries to draft a plan of action. The most affected districts will be identified and rehabilitation work would start as soon as possible.

The PRCS has received generous support in cash and kind to assist with its relief operations. To date it has received PKR 36,352,000 (approximately CHF 704,000) worth of support. In addition to the CHF 50,000 Disaster Relief Emergency Fund allocation from the Federation, support has been as follows:

Chinese Red Cross	USD 20,000 (CHF 23,300)
United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)	USD 30,000 (CHF 35,000) + in-kind assistance
Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA)	CAD \$ 50,000 (CHF 47,200)
Turkish Red Crescent Society	Assistance in kind (food and medicines)
UAE Red Crescent Society	Assistance in kind for 200 families
German Red Cross	EUR 110,000 (CHF 170,500)
Marubeni Corporation Japan	PKR 1,100,000 (CHF 21,400)

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