

Floods in Pakistan

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The crisis at a glance

- An estimated 20.6 million persons affected, of whom at least 8 million in need of humanitarian aid
- An area of at least 160,000 km² (larger than England) ravaged by floods; over 2 million hectares of crops lost
- Over 1.8 million homes destroyed or damaged; at least 10 million people currently without shelter
- Initial activities of United Nations and partners, requiring \$ 459.7 million, funded at 64% excluding pledges

Flooding

- Heavy monsoon rains started to hit Pakistan from 22 July. Following continued torrential rains, several rivers in the north-western Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Province (KPK) breached their banks, thereby causing riverine floods. Waters gradually moved south with the Indus River, and is now reaching the Arabian Sea.

Affected populations and damage

- Estimates provided by the Government, and used by the United Nations and its partners, are as follows.

Area	Persons affected	Villages affected	Homes destroyed or damaged
Baluchistan	672,171	2,604	75,261
Fed. Administered Tribal Areas	n/a	n/a	4,614
Gilgit-Baltistan	81,605	n/a	2,830
Khyber Pakhtunkhwa	4,365,909	2,834	200,799
Pakistani-administered Kashmir	245,000	n/a	7,108
Punjab	8,200,000	3,132	500,000
Sindh	6,988,491	7,277	1,058,862
Totals	at least 20,553,176	at least 15,847	1,849,474

- Floods have caused widespread damage to public infrastructure, with roads submerged and tens of bridges swept away, and many schools (an estimated 7,173) and hospitals being severely damaged. Power and communication lines are down in many areas.
- While livelihoods damage is still being assessed, at least 2 million hectares of standing crops have been lost. According to Government estimates, 1.2 million pieces of livestock and 6 million pieces of poultry have been lost, and more may die without proper feed and veterinary support.

Humanitarian needs and response

- Aid is being delivered, and the below table summarises needs and response.

Sector	Major needs or concerns	Aid distributed so far
Food	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Food assistance, initially for six million people ➤ High-energy biscuits for children 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ One-month rations for 3.5 million people in 41 districts ➤ High-energy biscuits for about 750,000 children
Health	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Waterborne diseases (639,670 cases of acute diarrhoea), skin diseases (896,960), acute respiratory infections (705,730), suspected malaria (139,937), dengue ➤ Damaged health facilities (452) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Essential medication to cover the potential health needs of 4 million people, including 258 emergency health kits, 318 diarrhoea kits, 700 vials of anti-snake venom, four surgical kits, and 340,000 sachets of oral rehydration salts (ORS) ➤ Medical attention for more than 4.7 million people
Shelter and NFIs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Shelter for an estimated six million people (although assessments are still ongoing) ➤ Household goods (blankets, kitchen sets, etc) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Shelter: over 170,000 tents and 184,000 tarpaulins, covering an estimated 1.83 million people ➤ NFIs: 293,500 blankets, 68,800 kitchen sets, 86,500 beddings <p><i>[NB: 5,563 schools have been converted into shelters for flood victims, accommodating an estimated 567,000 people]</i></p>
Water and sanitation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Clean drinking water for an initial target of six million people ➤ Hygiene kits, soap, jerry cans, buckets 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Water for 2.15 million people every day: 850,000 through tankering (but only 5 litres per person per day), 1.3 million thanks to the rehabilitation of the water system. ➤ Purification tablets and chemicals, as temporary relief, benefitting up to 7.8 million people (some counted more than once) temporarily during short periods of time. ➤ Hygiene kits for over 400,000 people, buckets for over 270,000, jerry cans for over 89,000, soap for over 620,000

- The Pakistan Initial Floods Emergency Response Plan (PIFERP) envisages activities costing \$ 459.7 million for the initial relief period, but requirements will be revised as necessary. Contributions have been received for 294 million (64% of current requirements), and pledges for 22 million (reaching 68.8% with pledges).

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