



Pakistan National Committee of IUCN
FLOOD RELIEF ACTIVITIES



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PAKISTAN FLOODS

On July 29, 2010 torrential rains in the northern areas of Pakistan caused a large scale flooding which wiped out hundreds of villages. It is estimated that around 2000 people have died and over a million homes have been destroyed.

According to the UN figures more than 21 million people have become homeless. This number exceeds the combined number of people affected by the 2004 Indian Ocean tsunami, the 2005 Kashmir earthquake and the 2010 Haiti earthquake. Approximately one-fifth of the country had been submerged in the flood waters, destroying more than 2 million acres of agricultural land. The raging flood waters kept pounding everything in their way throughout a long stretch of the country.

Secretary General of the United Nations, Mr. Ban Ki-moon on his visit to affected areas said ***“I will never forget the destruction and suffering I have witnessed today. In the past I have witnessed many natural disasters around the world, but nothing like this. He also termed the Pakistan floods as “Slow motion-tsunami”.***

Though IUCN is not a relief organisation but since it is an umbrella organisation for bringing environmental organisations together, it is facilitating its members in Pakistan for better-coordinated flood relief operations. IUCN Pakistan has circulated post-flood relief and rehabilitation guidelines amongst donor agencies, members, partners and stakeholders. It is also playing the role of a mediator between the local philanthropists and IUCN member organisations.

IUCN Pakistan National Committee’s chairperson, Mr. Mohammad Tahseen called an urgent PNC meeting to discuss the flood relief activities being carried out by the members. The purpose of the meeting was to identify coordination gaps and explore ways and means to assist each other for more effective and coordinated relief operations.

The details of the worthwhile relief activities by the PNC member organisations (with the mandate for relief work) are briefly enumerated below:



1. Agha Khan Rural Support Programme (AKRSP)

Key Achievements:

AKRSP is actively engaged with government officials in GilgitBaltistan and Chitral, and is coordinating with other partners including: RSPN, PPAF, UNOCHA, and WFP. A series of proposals for UNOCHA, AKF, UNICEF and RSPN have been prepared to support early recovery planning and to prevent further deterioration of the situation.

Jurisdiction of Activities: Gilgit Baltistan and Chitral

Relief Activities:

- In Baltistan region, Rapid Needs Assessments have been conducted and shared with the government and other stakeholders and where possible, emergency restoration of drinking water supply has been carried out in the worst affected villages of Talis and Qomra.
- Besides, procuring 6,000 ft. (1-2 inch) pipe for drinking water scheme at Shutt Qumra and 500 ft. (4 inch dia) pipe for irrigation at Aliabad Qumra through cash-for-work activities. Four teams of engineers are surveying the damaged irrigation channels, out of which, two teams are in Ghanche and two are in Skardu. Around 30,000 ft. pipes were purchased and transported to the affected areas. AKRSP Baltistan office facilitated WFP in receiving 16 metrics tons of relief items to Baltistan and stored at Skardu. This will be distributed through LSOs with the support of AKRSP.
- In Chitral, Needs Assessments have also been conducted for relief and recovery operations and several proposals are under preparation on water, sanitation and food security etc. Two compressor machines were provided to the local administration to clear out the emergency road between Garmchashma area and Chitral and the restoration of irrigation channels.
- Upon request from district government the local communities were mobilized to support district government for opening of Chitral-Garamchashma road. The communities of Karamabad and Garamchashma are still providing free labor for these purposes. AKRSP provided a support of Rs.800,000/- to 12 small projects which included: 6 irrigation channels, 4 bridges and 2 roads, mostly in Shogor, Garamchashma and Charun Union Councils for emergency restoration of these channels.
- In Gilgit, an emergency support field office has been setup in Gulmit to support a population of around 25,000 affected people, located upstream around Attabad Lake. Needs Assessments have been conducted and logistical support has been provided to FOCUS to facilitate relief operations. AKRSP and LSO have been active in organizing relief distribution and camp management, where necessary and are planning cash-for-work programmes in several areas. Efforts will focus on unblocking roads and the restoration of irrigation channels.
- AKRSP Gilgit formed five teams each comprising 3 to 4 professionals to conduct detailed survey of 30 most affected villages in four districts of Gilgit region. Community dialogues were conducted in seven most affected villages of the four districts and cash grants were disbursed ranging between Rs.25,000 to Rs.50,000 in each village to start repair and rebuilding of community infrastructures mostly the irrigation channels. This has been carried out through cash-for-work activities. Early assessment reports of the damages to community infrastructure were shared with the district government in Ghizer in a coordination meeting.

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2. Haashar Association

Key Achievements:

HAASHAR Association has been working with the local communities and has so far formed over 400 community organizations comprising both men and women for facilitating the local people. Apart from these local institutions, a total of 34 community based disaster management committees have been formed and trained. A total of 641 patients including children, women and men were treated in the medical camps.

Jurisdiction of Activities: District Mansehra and District Shangla.

Activities:

- **Rescue:** A total of 8 trapped persons were rescued with the help of community based disaster management committees.
- **Medical camp:** A two-day medical camp was organized at Union Council Shahpur, District Shangla from 23-24 of August, 2010. Camp was organized by HAASHAR and medicines were provided by SUNGI Foundation.
- **Food Distribution:** Food distribution was carried out by HAASHAR for a total of 182 families for 10 days.
- **Early recovery and rehabilitation:** HAASHAR is in the process of submitting a proposal to Concern Worldwide and CHF Canada for early recovery of the worst affected people of Shangla area. It is also striving for linking early recovery efforts with rehabilitation of the affected and vulnerable families of the area.

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3. National Rural Support Programme (NRSP)

Key Achievements:

NRSP's Rapid Assessment of the Flood Damages through PRA.

Jurisdiction of Activities:

KyberPakhtunkhwa, Charsadda, Nowshera, D.G.Khan, Rajanpur, Multan, Mianwali, Khushab, Bhakkar, RahimYar Khan, Badin, Sukkur, Hyderabad, Thattha and Muzaffarabad (AJK).

Activities:

Emergency relief

The NRSP has the advantage of office infrastructure in almost all the affected districts along with its network of grassroots level community organisations and activists. This has enabled the NRSP to respond in both central and remotest areas.

Core initiatives:

- **Search and rescue operations:** In some of the worst hit communities, the organisation has evacuated over 800 persons to safer locations.
- **Human resources and vehicles:** Staff and vehicles have been reassigned to emergency rescue and rapid assessment activities.
- **Funding:** the NRSP allocated Rs. 5 million in the first 24 hours of the floods, enabling the regional and district offices to begin distributing emergency provisions.
- **Local Support Network:** The NRSP engaged community activists, community organisations and its union council level federations (Local Support Organizations) to strengthen the emergency relief operations.
- **Rapid Response Unit:** This has been established at the Head Office to coordinate the relief work of its regional and district offices. The unit is also lobbying with the national and international stakeholders and funding agencies to pool resources to scale up its emergency relief operations.
- **The Provision of Shelter:** Through Shelter Box Trust UK, the NRSP arranged and distributed 1,315 shelter boxes and 17,784 tents in the affected districts.



- **NRSP Food Programme:**NRSP is working with World Food Programme for over 100,000 households across Pakistan. The food package provides uncooked food for a period of three months.
- **Coordination with Public and Private Sector Stakeholders:**NRSP's district and regional offices are closely coordinating with the national and provincial Disaster Management Authorities. In many areas NRSP's district offices are serving as emergency relief hubs
- **Facilitation:** The NRSP is facilitating other national and international humanitarian aid agencies to access the affected communities through its network of community organisations, LSOs and offices.

Relief through Water Provision:

Provision of safe and clean drinking water is amongst NRSP's top priorities to minimize the spread of waterborne diseases. Since the inception of Emergency Relief Operations, NRSP has taken following measures in the water sector:

- Supplying clean water through water tankers in the relief camps
- Arranged 2 million water purification tablets or aqua-tabs
- Provided 5,980 Jerry cans
- Arranged 10,000 family life straws
- Provided 600 water coolers in DG Khan

As of September 8, 2010, through its emergency rescue and relief operations, the NRSP has assisted 435,881 households in the flood affected districts.

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4. WWF Pakistan

Jurisdiction of Activities: Entire Country

Key Achievements:

WWF has been involved in rescue and relief work since beginning of the floods, some available resources with Indus for All Programme and Wetlands Programme were used for rescue. Wetlands programme used two motorboats to rescue stranded people. It is intended to be actively engaged with rehabilitation work and is working on a concept note for ecological rehabilitation of the affected areas, particularly the western Himalayas (Swat and Kohistan districts) and habitat of blind Indus dolphin and riverine forests of Punjab province.

In District Thatta, Sindh a large number of local, provincial, national as well international non-governmental organizations (INGOs) have been working and implementing variety of projects. However, it was felt that the NGOs were working in their own circle, but without much coordination with each other. To ensure a consolidated effort and to avoid duplication as well as waste of resources they were brought together on one platform to have better productivity and stronger liaisons with District Government. The NGOs with mutual understanding agreed on the name of "District NGOs Network-Thatta". This Network of organizations has played a very useful role in the flood relief activities.

Activities:

Providing support to the District Government:

- Evacuation of people from the vulnerable areas
- Re-Registration of the camps
- Ration Distribution at Camps
- Verification of food/ration distribution

Volunteers for hospitals:

- On the request of District Government sixteen (16) young volunteers boys and girls were assigned to these hospitals for the interpretation and facilitation of the local patients.

Mobilizing support for provision of water:

WWF has also started to cope with the issue and has provided the following items:

- Fiber water tanks (500 GL capacity) 54 number
- Small size water Tanks 6 number
- 30 Jerry canes

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5. Khwendo Kor

Key Achievements:

Extended relief services to the flood affectees in the quickest possible manner with a wider coverage area.

Jurisdiction of Activities: Upper and Lower Dir, Dera Ismail Khan, Tank, FR Bannu, Karak, and Charsadda.

Activities:

- KhwendoKor selected following sectors for response: shelter, food, health, Watsan, education with supporting areas - e.g. child protection, gender and livelihoods.
- In Karak the team has raised Pak Rs.48,139 (approximately) locally, while the Livelihood Development Project funded by SDC has provided Rs.176,550 for relief services in the district. About 100 families were provided with food items in the district.
- In Upper and Lower Dir, the focus was on health and hygiene. About 2,640 vulnerable individuals mostly women and children were treated in 9 medical camps established on emergency basis.
- About 1,000 affectees were provided with clothes and anMoU has been signed with a health service organization to visit child protection centers established by KhwendoKor in Dera Ismail Khan and Tank. A philanthropist has kindly agreed to provide medicines and shelter to about 100 families.
- Until now about 680 families have been provided food, non-food items and medical support in different areas of Khyber Pukhtunkhwa.

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6. Taraqee Foundation

Key Achievements:

About 300,000 IDPs have moved into district Naseerabad from the adjacent affected districts.

Taraqee Foundation staff with support of the World Food Programme (WFP) has assessed approximately 11,000 families and distributed food packages among 8,543 of them. The total beneficiaries of the project will be around 127,526 in District Naseerabad.

Taraqee Foundation is also providing support to UNHCR for distribution of relief items among 39,000 families and has distributed non-food items among 1,500 flood affected families in District Naseerabad

TF initiated two projects for the provision of food and non-food items under UNOCHA's support. The **Food Items Project** aims to provide food packages to 1,100 flood affected families of district Sibbi. The **Non-Food Items/ Shelter Project** aims to provide non-food item packages to 950 flood affected families in District Sibbi.

Jurisdiction of Activities:

Balochistan and Khyber Pakhtunkhwa.

Activities:

Fund raising: In Karak the Taraqee Foundation team raised about Pak Rs.48, 139 locally, while Livelihood Development Project a project of SDC provided about PK Rs.176,550 to provide relief services in the district. About 100 families were provided with food items.

Mobile health clinic: 2000 patients have been diagnosed and treated for various ailments through mobile health clinic of Taraqee Foundation.

Taraqee Foundation's Relief efforts in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa:

Several assessments of WASH and recovery needs have been undertaken in various disaster areas in Noshehra and Charsadda districts through WASH cluster agencies and Government Line Departments.

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7. Strengthening Participatory Organisation (SPO)

Key Achievements:

Jurisdiction of Activities: Entire Country

Activities:

Kyber Pakhtunkhwa Province

- Around 3,000 people in District Peshawar, Nowshera, Charsada, D.I.Khan and FATA area were provided with food, water and clothes..
- SPO has established 10 medical camps in district Nowshera, Charsada and D.I.Khan and treated 1600 patients.
- In district D.I.Khan SPO has leading role in assessment which is assigned by UN.
- SPO has also mobilized local partner and civil society networks in relief efforts as Swiss. Development Cooperation (SDC) has provided assistance for district D.I.Khan.

Punjab Province:

- In district Multan, Muzafargarh and Mianwali, SPO has provided food, water and medical care to 4,800 families.
- SPO is providing cholera medicine to ten thousand people in Southern Punjab with the assistance of **HOPE 87**.
- SPO has distributed around 5,000 NFIs and (Shelter Kits) with the support of IOM in District Muzafargrah. Item wise detail is: H&H Kits = 4945, Tents=4485, Blankets = 9,570, Kitchen Kits = 2836, and Jerry Cans = 2,550

Sindh Province:

- SPO has been assigned leading role in coordination and assessment for damages with UNOCHA (ERF) in three districts i.e. Dadu, Ghotki and Shikarpur.
- SPO with the support of its partner organizations and individual philanthropists is providing cooked food to 2,755 families of the IDPs in different relief camps of Shikarpur.
- It is currently managing 15 camps having population of approximately 8250 souls. The detail is: (2 Sukkur, 7 Ghotki, 01 Shikarpur, 03 Matiari and 02 Hyderabad).



- It provided 100 tents to about 800 people at Matiari through DG.
- In district Ghotki 24 hand pumps were installed through mobilizing resources and funds.
- It has also established medical camps in Shikarpur and Ghotki where approximately 600 patients have been treated.
- It also provided logistical support to 1,000 IDPs who have returned back to their homes.

SPO Karachi Region

- Provided assistance to more than 1,000 people in evacuation to safer places.
- From 15th to 25th August provided purified drinking water facility of 600 liters of water to four camps of TehsilThatta comprising around 3000 people.
- It distributed food items among 100 families.
- Also providing drinking water through water tankers to four camps at Makli, Thattawhich continues.
- It distributed 100 jerry cans among 100 families in Thatta.
- It also distributed biscuits and milk among 200 families particularly for children.
- Camp cleaning initiative has been taken, hygiene kits have also been provided to 100 families.
- Information cell is established and is operational round the clock.

Balochistan Province:

- SPO has provided food items to 300 families in District Sibi.
- SPO has leading role in coordination and joint assessment of damages and comprehensive damage assessment report covering districts Jafferabad, Barkhan, Sibdi and Nasirabad districts has been developed and shared with relevant humanitarian organizations.

AJK Region:

- SPO has disseminated food packs to 122 families, which will cater the need of the affected people for 15 days in District Neelum.
- Comprehensive Rapid Assessment of Neelum Valley was jointly carried out by SPO and Islamic Relief and was shared with humanitarian agencies planning humanitarian response in the area.

SPO coordination with UN and government departments:

- SPO is in close coordination with UN agencies and member of strategic committee in Shelter cluster and WASH. SPO is already providing assistance to UN agencies in assessment in Sindh and Khyber Pakhtunkhwabesides, SPO is assisting it in distribution of NFIs and other items in Punjab.
- It is representing 62 Humanitarian Organizations Networks to NDMA to galvanize the issues in relief and response.
- SPO has been assigned a lead role for assessment of livelihood damages by NDMA & PDMA in Balochistan.

SPO future strategy:

- SPO teams across the country will be engaged in assessment and relief work in the coming months in Sindh, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, Punjab, Balochistan and AJK for which the process has been started.

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8. Sindh Wildlife Department

Jurisdiction of Activities: Sindh

Activities:

Sindh Wildlife Department has rescued around 92 hog deer and quite a number of other wild animals, which have been moved to safer places. They have registered 8 case of hunting. A large number of wild animals have perished in the flood waters especially partridges. The Sindh Wildlife Department has also dedicated their three boats for evacuation and relief work.

9. National Institute of Oceanography

Activities:

NIO is closely following the events related to the floods in the Indus Delta below the Korti Barrage. They conducted two field trips to deltaic areas i.e. Sajawal, KT Bunder, Jangisir, Sajawari and Kharo Chen between August 14-25, 2010 to cover the pre and during flood conditions. During these field trips samples and data were collected. Water samples were also obtained from the offshore areas of the delta around Khobar Creek. NIO will revisit the areas and collect samples after the water recedes to assess the environmental and ecological impact of the flood on the Indus Delta. The assessment study will also focus on the highest levels of water, ecological changes in the silt and types of silt etc.

NIO scientists have contributed their one-day salary to the Prime Minister's Relief Fund and relief goods were also handed over to the Pakistan Air Force for the IDPs.

10. Baahn Beli

Jurisdiction of Activities: Sindh

Activities

BaahnBeli provided meals to around 144 IDPs in Hyderabad for 3 days during the floods. It is also collecting data on devastation caused. It's been generously contributing to the people of Tharparker district as well.

11. Indus Earth Trust

Jurisdiction of Activities: Balochistan

Activities:

Throughout the floods Indus Earth Trust has been providing food and other essential items to the flood affected people in Sajawal area. It is also planning to provide local people with solar lanterns, and water filtration plants once they will return to their hometowns.

An "Adopt a Village" scheme is being introduced by Indus Earth Trust to encourage philanthropists and organisations to support small villages.



12. SUNGI Foundation

Jurisdiction of Activities: Punjab, Khyber Pakhunkhwa, Balochistan

Activities: Detail of the rescue and relief operations is given below:

Health and Hygiene Kits: provided to around 2000 families.

Medial Assistance: 5291 persons were treated at the mobile medical camps setup for the flood affectees in Rajanpur, Jaferbad, Naseerabad, Mansehra, Battagram, Kohistan, Muzaffarabad, Shangla, Lower and Upper Dir, Swat, Charsadda, Noshera, JhalMagsi, Sibi and Abbottabad.

Preliminary Assessments: Preliminary Assessments of the flood damages were conducted at Rajanpur, Jaferabad, Naseerabad, Swat, Charsadda, Noshera, JhalMagsi and Sibi.

Cooked Food: Cooked food was provided to 1,000 individuals for one week in Naseerabad.

Water: Drinking water supply schemes rehabilitation work is in progress in Mansehra, Battagram, Kohistan, Muzaffarabad. Besides, Aqua boxes were distributed among 300 families in Rajanpur.

Tents: 22 tents have been provided to 22 families in Battagram.

Medicines: Medicines worth PK Rs.488,000/- were provided to Pakistan Army on request for flood affectees in Upper Swat for 1200 patients especially children.

Road Clearance: Road cleared to make accessible for 10,000 households and 70,000 individuals in Swat.

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13. Planning and Development Department, FATA

Jurisdiction of Activities: FATA

Activities:

FATA Secretariat has produced a report on "Cost of Conflict" that caters for disaster too. Besides, the FATA Disaster Management Authority has also been established. Various other development schemes have been initiated that include a mass afforestation scheme that will cover 50,000 hectares for new plantation along with integration of incentive for community like, apiculture, sericulture, fisheries and non-timber forest products.

14. South-Asia Partnership

Jurisdiction of Activities: Entire Country

Activities:

Though, South-Asia Partnership-SAP is not a relief organization but it has played an active part in relief work and has reached out to 18 affected districts, where a lot of work has been done through support of Swiss Development Cooperation.





15. Shirkat Gah

Jurisdiction of Activities: Entire Country

Activities:

ShirkatGah (SG) Women's Resource Centre, Pakistan, is actively engaged in providing relief to those affected by the recent floods in Pakistan, particularly focusing on women's needs.

District covered:

Punjab: Muzaffargarh, Bhakkar, Rajanpur

Sindh: Karachi, Shadadkot, Thatta

Balochistan: Quetta, Usta Mohamamd

KhyberPakhtunkhwa: Charsadda, Nowshera, Swat

1) **Assessment:** A quick assessment is conducted of the community needs (particularly women) and number of households.

2) **Health:** ShirkatGah has worked in Health sector (especially reproductive health). The number of people treated in the medical camps: Punjab 1775 persons; Khyber Pakhtunkwa 600 all women and children; Sindh: 300 baby kits, 250 pregnancy kits, 500 hygiene kits, 3; work in Balochistan is in the process.

3) **Food Items:** Punjab to 7,000 persons; Khyber Pakhtunkhawa to 2,200 persons; Sindh to 2,000 persons; Balochistan to 3,000 persons;

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