



PAKISTAN Flood Response 2010, Sept 24 Update

Pakistan's worst floods in recorded history have killed more than 1800 people and affected 20 million - more than a tenth of the population. An immense cascade of waters, triggered by heavy monsoon rains in late July, swept through the country, washing away homes, roads, bridges, crops and livestock. Its path of destruction reached from northern Pakistan to the southern province of Sindh.

CRWRC has been responding in collaboration with its partner, the Interfaith League Against Poverty (ILAP) based in Islamabad, with which it has significant experience in responding to previous disasters in Pakistan in 2007 and 2009.

Emergency assistance is being provided to 8000 affected households in Khyber-Pakhtunkhwa (KPK) province in the districts of Charsadda and Nowshera. 500 of these families are living in two camps and the remaining are in mosques, schools or with host families until the water recedes and they can return to their property.

Food Aid

- Wet feeding; provided *iftari* evening meals during Ramadan for the 500 families living in tent camps
- 2094 metric tons of dry rations (consisting of flour, rice, lentils, oil, sugar, tea and chili) are being distributed over two months to 8000 households

Shelter

- 2521 tents distributed

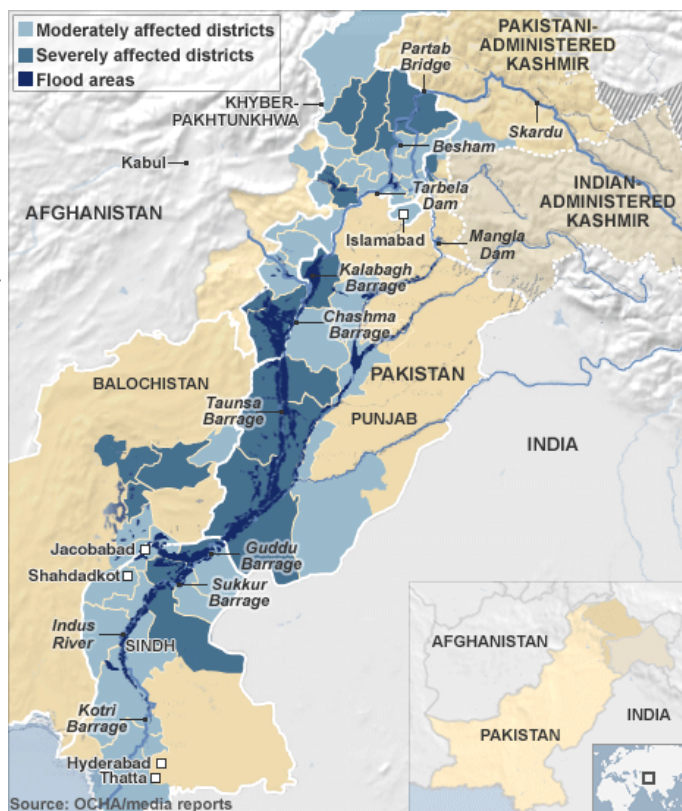
Non-food Items

- 3800 hygiene kits,
- 8000 mosquito nets,
- 2105 kitchen sets,
- 2361 gas cylinders, and
- 100 tool kits distributed

Water and Sanitation

- 22 trucks are hauling water daily for two months for 500 families in tent camps
- 8000 10-litre jerry cans distributed

Beyond the current US\$2.7 million emergency relief program in KPK of food aid and emergency items, CRWRC plans to expand its flood response to help 5500 families in the Rahim Yar Khan district of Southern Punjab, which has also been badly affected by the flooding.



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CRWRC Disaster Response Team Visits to the Field

- From September 3-11, Jacob Kramer, former Director of Disaster Response and Rehabilitation for CRWRC, went to Pakistan to ensure sound financial and reporting systems were in place, to monitor the progress of food and NFI distributions, and to assess future programming opportunities.
- Fred Knip, International Relief Manager with CRWRC, is currently in Pakistan for one month to continue the follow-up on the program.
- CRWRC's Senior Relief Project Manager, Grace Wiebe, will visit the project communities in October and review next steps with ILAP.



ILAP in the News

- On Sept 10, 2010 *The Nation* published an article entitled "ILAP providing food aid to 8,000 families".
- "Eid gifts to be distributed among flood-affected children" highlighted ILAPs work in Islamabad's *Daily Times* on Sept 10, 2010.
- ILAP's Chairman, Mr Sajid Ishaq, was interviewed on the PTV news program *Good Morning Pakistan*.
- State TV in Pakistan also highlighted ILAP's work, the program which can be found on ILAP's website: www.ilapus.org



Please Pray

- Pray that the security situation improves so that humanitarian aid can reach those most in need. Pray for peace in Pakistan and for the protection of aid workers.
- Pray for the people of Pakistan, that they would be protected from water borne disease.

Less than 3 percent of Pakistan's population is Christian, a religious minority that has been marginalized and has often been overlooked in disaster response and development programming. In partnership with ILAP, CRWRC is reaching approximately 100 Christian households living in a slum community in Islamabad with food and non-food items.



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Pictures, from top to bottom: Jacob Kramer of CRWRC visits a CFGB food distribution; kitchen set and gas cylinder; Disaster Aid tents ensure privacy; portable water availability in the camps ; a wet feeding.

