



World Food Programme

Monsoon Flooding In Pakistan



OPERATIONAL UPDATE

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Situation Overview

Flood waters have begun to recede, a month after torrential monsoon rains triggered Pakistan's worst natural disaster on record, leaving behind survivors at risk of hunger and disease. The southern province of Sindh is still battling with flood waters following the breach of the Indus River on 26 August, with populations requiring urgent relief support.

Across the country, the full extent of flood-related damage is becoming clearer, with an estimated 1.2 million houses damaged or destroyed, and reports of at least 3.6 million hectares of standing crops lost. Amid significant damage to infrastructure and agricultural land, productive capacity for the next planting season has been severely compromised. While the humanitarian response is still scaling-up, the supply of assistance has yet to keep pace with demand.

Due to the significant damage to infrastructure and that many communities remaining cut off by flood waters, logistical constraints continue to challenge the delivery of humanitarian goods to people in need.

WFP Response

As of 29 August, WFP has reached 2.65 million people with monthly relief food rations in 37 districts of KPK, Sindh, Punjab, Balochistan and Pakistan-administered Kashmir (AJK), after launching its emergency response on 1 August. Presently, a limited family food basket is being distributed, consisting of immediately-available wheat flour, vegetable oil and high-energy biscuits (HEB). To help prevent nutritional deterioration amongst infants and young children, HEBs and ready-to-use supplementary food (RUSF) are also being provided, where available. More than 700,000 children between the ages of 6 months and 12 years have been reached to date. In order to accommodate all those in need with an improved food basket consisting of eight commodities in September and beyond, additional donor support is urgently required.

WFP is also operating as lead of the Logistics and Emergency Telecommunications Clusters, which is providing support services to the humanitarian community at operational hubs in Islamabad, Peshawar, Sukkur and Multan. With wide-scale air operations needed to reach all those areas still inaccessible by road, further funding is needed.

Operational Highlights

- As of 29 August, WFP had provided almost 31,200 metric tons of life-saving relief food assistance to almost 2.65 million individuals. This includes an increase of 450,000 people over the course of the weekend. Since 28 August, distributions commenced in the districts of Upper Dir (KPK) and Neelum (AJK).
- A further 489,000 people displaced by conflict in KPK and FATA have also received relief assistance this month under a separate emergency operation; distinct beneficiary records have been maintained to avoid the issuance of double rations.

- On 29 August, 40 metric tonnes of food was airlifted to assist evacuees in Pattan (Kohistan), and to evacuees in Mataltan, Utror, Pattan and Kalam (Swat), including fortified high-energy biscuits, ready-to-eat supplementary food and wheat flour.
- During the weekend, emergency food distributions started in the districts of Upper Dir and Neelum. Distributions have also gained pace in various districts of KPK, Sindh, and Punjab.
- Amid new flooding across Sindh, WFP is establishing an additional operational hub in Hyderabad which will support an expanded response in the province; and fielded a rapid needs assessment team to southern areas of the city which are now also under threat.
- WFP-led Logistics Cluster has opened air corridors to new locations in Punjab (Kota Duu), Sindh (Shahdadkot) and KPK (Dasu, Balakot and Matiltan), reaching communities cut off by flood waters. Four UNHAS heavy lift M1-8 helicopters, each with a load capacity of 4mt, are also conducting airlift operations from Multan. As of 29 August, UNHAS has delivered 37.6 mt of cargo by helicopter.
- WFP is preparing for further assessments across affected areas to determine the extent of early recovery and rehabilitation needs, with preparations also underway for the scale-up of relief activities in September. Additional cooperating partners are being engaged, and rigorous household-level targeting mechanisms established in order to ensure that all those in need of assistance are reached.

Resourcing Update

At a total value of US\$ 150 million, WFP's food assistance operation responding to the needs of flood-affected populations continues to face a shortfall of just under US\$ 90 million. While many donors have announced pledges, WFP urges them to confirm their donations in order to avoid breaks in the food pipeline in September.

Logistics and emergency telecommunications clusters are also seeking a combined total of US\$ 13.9 million for the provision of related services to the entire humanitarian community (including a crucial aviation component), with a current shortfall of US\$ 8.2 million.

Donations to WFP's Pakistan flood emergency response can be made at: www.wfp.org/donate/pakistanflood



District	Beneficiaries Reached	MT Distributed
KPK		
Peshawar	160,398	1,967
Nowshera	489,758	6,024
Charsadda	244,153	2,999
Mardan	53,900	662
Swat	163,408	1,920
Shangla	89,446	1,097
D.I. Khan	191,002	2,353
Tank	59,122	729
Kohistan	53,186	654
Lower Dir	78,127	959
Upper Dir	4,431	54
Sub Total	1,589,658	19,418
Sindh		
Khairpur	58,394	596
Kashmore	84,476	899
Shikarpur	27,846	243
Sukkur	31,591	342
Ghotki	19,600	196
Jacobabad	105,154	453
Larkana	24,892	310
Sub Total	351,953	3,040
Punjab		
RY Khan	90,048	1,093
Rajanpur	136,220	1,625
Muzaffargarh	147,518	1,817
Layyah	52,500	647
DG Khan	62,377	764
Mianwali	35,021	430
Khushab	25,039	310
Sub Total	548,723	6,686
Balochistan		
Jaffarabad	10,500	129
Naseerabad	43,561	535
Killa Saifullah	1,400	17
Loralai	1,400	17
Harnai	1,050	13
Sibi	38,395	471
Shirani	1,050	13
Musakhel	700	9
Kohlu	18,424	226
Barkhan	16,156	198
Sub Total	132,636	1,628
AJK		
Neelum	8,092	99
Haveli	25,655	315
Sub Total	33,747	414
TOTAL	2,656,717	31,187