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Emergency appeal Pakistan: Monsoon Floods

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Emergency Appeal n° MDRPK010

Glide n° [FL-2014-000122-PAK](#)

Issued: 26 February 2015

70,000 people to be assisted

Appeal timeframe: 7 months

End date: 11 April 2015

DREF allocated: CHF 299,798

Appeal budget: CHF 1,122,723

This **Emergency Appeal** seeks **CHF 1,122,723** to enable the **International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC)** to support the **Pakistan Red Crescent Society (PRCS)** to deliver immediate assistance and support to **10,000 flood-affected families (70,000 people)**, focusing on **food and relief item distributions, health and hygiene promotion, emergency shelter assistance**. The planned response covers only the relief phase. The national society will not be undertaking recovery initiatives as other organizations are contributing to these efforts.

Details are available in the [Emergency Plan of Action \(EPOA\) revision](#) <click [here](#)>

The disaster and the response

1st week of September 2014: Heavy rains and flash flooding in the four eastern rivers of Pakistan affected Azad Jammu & Kashmir (AJK), Gilgit Baltistan (GB) and Punjab regions. PRCS dispatches teams to conduct preliminary assessments in affected areas.

8 September: A [regional information bulletin](#) on the IFRC response to monsoon floods in the South Asia region was issued.

12 September: DREF for CHF 299,789 launched to support 24,500 people for 3 months with emergency health services, food, emergency shelter and essential household item assistance.

23 September: Emergency Appeal for CHF 2.8 million launched to support 227,500 people for 6 months with provision of emergency health services, food, water and sanitation services, emergency shelter and essential household assistance.

Source from NDMA as of 9 October 2014

- 4,065 villages affected
- 367 people confirmed dead
- 673 people injured
- 2.47 million people affected
- 107,102 houses damaged

29 January 2015: The Emergency Appeal budget is revised down to CHF 1,097,926 to support 70,000 people for 7 months. The operation will continue to focus on bringing relief to the flood-affected families, as other organizations are undertaking recovery initiatives.

26 February 2015: Reissued the Emergency Appeal with minor adjustment to the budget – CHF 1,122,723, with no change to the plan.



PRCS will support 10,000 flood affected families with food assistance. Photo: IFRC.

Coordination and partnerships

Government authorities at Federal, Provincial and State levels led the response, with local non-government organisations providing support to meet the immediate needs of the flood-affected population through targeted distributions of cash and relief items.

The PRCS has worked in close collaboration with State, Provincial and District authorities who coordinate the overall response.

The PRCS has convened briefing sessions for Movement partners on the current flood situation, the immediate response actions, and planned activities with participation from representatives of PRCS, IFRC, Partner National Societies, and ICRC.

The IFRC has maintained regular communication with Partner National Societies to complement previous updates and coordination messages sent electronically and have assumed a coordination role in support of the PRCS.

The IFRC Pakistan Delegation is in coordination with other humanitarian actors in the country through fora such as the Humanitarian Country Team (HCT), the Pakistan Humanitarian Forum (PHF) and UN-OCHA. This coordination includes the sharing of regular updates on the PRCS response to the floods.

The WFP has also collaborated with the PRCS by topping up the society's food packs with high energy biscuits, during recent relief distributions undertaken by PRCS in five districts in Punjab province.

While the Government did not request international assistance for the relief phase, assistance was sought in undertaking a Multi-Sector Initial Assessment (MIRA) in the five worst affected districts of Punjab (Jhang, Mandi Bahauddin, Multan, Chiniot and Hafizabad)¹. The report has been published and based on the findings, the Federal Government is asking for support for recovery initiatives.

A recently published Recovery Needs Assessment and Action Framework 2014 – 2016² highlights the livelihoods losses in the agriculture and non-farm sectors. With an estimated 2.412m acres of crops affected and 9,722 heads of cattle perished, the continuing need for distribution of food is clear, at least until recovery of farm-based livelihoods and replenishment of livestock can be undertaken in the flood-affected areas.

The operational strategy

In coordination with the NDMA and respective disaster management authorities in AJK State and the affected Provinces, the PRCS mobilized response teams, conducted rapid assessments and launched an operation to meet the immediate needs of flood-affected populations. The initial plan of action has been revised as the situation evolved and the situation on the ground became clearer. The operation is hinged on PRCS involvement in the following areas of response:

- **Distribution of food:** PRCS will support 10,000 families with food assistance and will coordinate with district authorities to identify the underserved areas.
- **Emergency shelter and essential household items:** PRCS has supported 3,392 families with emergency shelter and essential household items³ after which there was no need for further distributions. The Appeal will replenish critical deficient items in PRCS stock that were distributed during the Emergency, along with topping up of existing pre-positioned items, such as mosquito nets.
- **Emergency health services:** Based on the needs identified, mobile health units were deployed to affected districts of AJK and Punjab from 15 September to 31 October, after which there was no need for further deployment.

These sectors are defined in the PRCS Contingency Plan for the Monsoon 2014.

¹ The MIRA was carried out jointly with local authorities between 16 and 20 September. The draft report was shared with humanitarian actors on 29 September. The report cited losses to the agricultural sector and highlighted the public health risks to flood-affected and non-affected communities posed by stagnant water. The assessment also found that many communities were already moving into recovery activities. The report is available at: http://www.ndma.gov.pk/new/Documents/mira_2014.pdf

² The Recovery Needs Assessment and Action Framework 2014 – 2016 is available at: http://www.ndma.gov.pk/new/Documents/Recovery_Needs_Assessment.pdf

³ Essential household items include tents/tarpaulin sheets, hygiene kits, kitchen sets, blankets, mosquito nets and jerry cans.

Risks

Relief efforts and assessments in affected areas were initially constrained by a lack of access as stagnant water has blocked roads. Mobilization and motivation of trained staff and of volunteers is a pre-requisite to the success of this intervention. PRCS Senior Management has ensured that the mobilization of volunteers and staff was done in a timely manner and to meet the required needs. As a major portion of the budget is allocated to the procurement of relief items, standard procurement procedures will be followed in order to complete the operations in the stipulated timeframe.

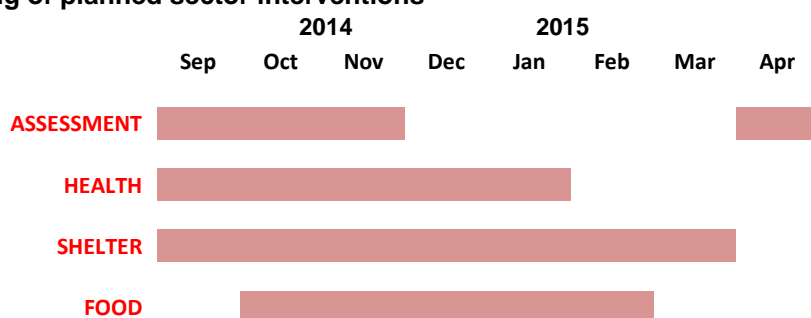
Selection of beneficiaries

At the district level, PRCS branches participate in district coordination meetings (DCM), which are hosted by respective district coordination officers. The DCM, having an overview of the situation, assigns the geographical areas to be covered by different humanitarian organizations, including PRCS. The National Society's technical departments then are engaged in the initial damage and needs assessment and planning for the relief and response operation.

The following broad considerations will be taken into account in the selection of beneficiaries in the target areas:

- Unaccompanied elders and elderly couples
- Sick or people with disabilities and/or family members with disability
- Pregnant or lactating mothers
- Unaccompanied orphans and destitute children
- Families who have family members who have died
- Families who have lost the main income earner
- Families headed by divorcees or widowed persons without a source of income
- Families that have lost all properties – houses and crops damaged

Scheduling of planned sector interventions



IFRC Country Office, supported remotely by the Asia Pacific (AP) Zone Disaster Management Unit, has been giving continuous support to the PRCS in operational planning and coordination, keeping partners and the global system informed about the situation and accessing IFRC funding mechanisms on behalf of PRCS. In addition, the AP Zone technical support team (i.e. Health, Shelter, Logistics, PMER, etc) has also provided technical review on the revised operation plan.

At the end of the operation, an internal review will be conducted to capture the lessons learnt and for use in future reference – with the view of promoting better programming. In addition, a final evaluation of the operation will be conducted. A final report will be available 90 days after the end of operation.

Budget

See the attached [IFRC Secretariat budget](#) for details.

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How we work

All IFRC assistance seeks to adhere to the **Code of Conduct** for the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement and Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs) in Disaster Relief and the **Humanitarian Charter and Minimum Standards in Humanitarian Response (Sphere)** in delivering assistance to the most vulnerable. The IFRC's vision is to inspire, **encourage, facilitate and promote at all times all forms of humanitarian activities** by National Societies, with a view to **preventing and alleviating human suffering**, and thereby contributing to the maintenance and promotion of human dignity and peace in the world.

The IFRC's work is guided by Strategy 2020 which puts forward three strategic aims:



Save lives
protect livelihoods,
and strengthen recovery
from disaster and crises.



**Enable healthy
and safe living.**



**Promote social inclusion
and a culture of
non-violence and peace.**

REVISED EMERGENCY APPEAL

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Budget Group	Appeal Budget CHF
Shelter - Relief	256,545
Food	530,000
Medical & First Aid	60,000
Total RELIEF ITEMS, CONSTRUCTION AND SUPPLIES	846,545
Storage, Warehousing	19,000
Distribution & Monitoring	28,568
Transport & Vehicle Costs	65,825
Logistics Services	10,000
Total LOGISTICS, TRANSPORT AND STORAGE	123,393
National Staff	16,500
National Society Staff	14,400
Volunteers	15,000
Total PERSONNEL	45,900
Consultants	14,000
Professional Fees	10,000
Total CONSULTANTS & PROFESSIONAL FEES	24,000
Travel	400
Office Costs	1,000
Communications	5,000
Financial Charges	600
Shared Support Services	7,362
Total GENERAL EXPENDITURES	14,362
Programme and Supplementary Services Recovery	68,523
Total INDIRECT COSTS	68,523
TOTAL BUDGET	1,122,723
Available Resources	
Multilateral Contributions	1,122,723
TOTAL AVAILABLE RESOURCES	1,122,723
NET EMERGENCY APPEAL NEEDS	0