



PAKISTAN

Three million people forced from their homes

Introduction

Since June 14, Pakistan has received three times the normal amount rainfall for the season, compared to the 30-year average. An estimated **33 million people have been affected** throughout the country, with **three million people displaced from their homes**. An estimated 637,000 people are being housed in relief camps, including approximately **5,500 schools that the government has converted into temporary shelters**. However, many families are still seeking refuge in informal camps and in the open. The National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA) reports that **more than 1,200 people have died and 4,900 have been injured as a result of the floods**, although that number is expected to increase, as many of the hardest-hit areas remain cut off from rescue and relief efforts due to landslides and flooding.



More than 99% of affected communities are located in **Balochistan, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa (KP), Punjab and Sindh provinces**, where impacts have varied considerably. The heavy rains have already damaged more than 3,100 miles of roads – including nearly 1,000 miles in KP alone in the last week. Landslides and flooding have also damaged 243 bridges and submerged railway tracks, disrupting service along vital routes. An estimated **1.3 million homes have been damaged and 560,000 have been completely destroyed**, a 53% increase from the beginning of September.

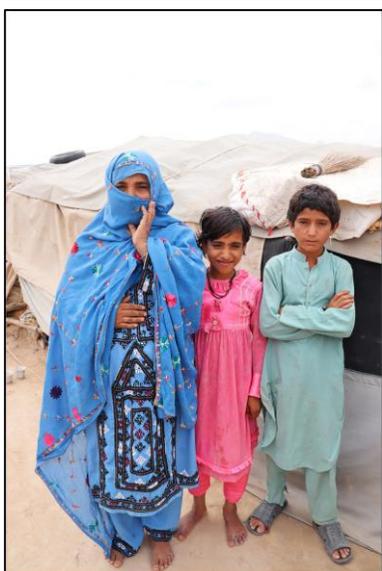
Water systems have been damaged throughout the country, leading to serious risks of the spread of waterborne diseases at the same time that stagnant water creates heightened risk for mosquito-borne diseases like dengue and malaria. Nearly **3.6 million acres of agricultural lands have been submerged**, including 2.85 million acres in Sindh province alone. Communities in Sindh and Balochistan reported having no access to food or to local markets, leaving families entirely dependent on food aid from the government and humanitarian organizations, like CARE.

Humanitarian Response

CARE has partnered with Bright Star Development Society of Balochistan (BSDSB) and the Taraqee Foundation to launch a two-phased response to meet the needs of flood-affected families in Balochistan province. CARE has just completed a **rapid needs assessment** in collaboration with the Balochistan Provincial Disaster Management Authority (PDMA) and has also conducted a multi-sector rapid needs assessment in Punjab and Sindh provinces to inform our action plan in affected areas. CARE also has conducted a **rapid gender analysis** in the city of Quetta – where we conducted our first distributions of supplies – and we aim to conduct a nationwide rapid gender analysis in partnership with UN Women to ensure a gender-just humanitarian response.



Over the course of three years, we aim to **reach 12,312,850 people** with life-saving assistance, both now and in the future as families begin to rebuild and restore their lives and livelihoods. For the **first six months**, we will provide **emergency supplies to ensure that flood-affected families can meet their immediate needs**. Our teams are currently working closely with the provincial government and our local partner BSDSB, to launch a response in Quetta district. **To date, we have reached 19,765 people in Balochistan**. In the coming months, CARE aims to provide tents and construct emergency latrines for displaced families, in addition to providing temporary shelter materials (like tarpaulins and bamboo) to 1,800 households. We will distribute essential non-food items to 2,500 households, including cooking pots and pans, dishware, buckets and jerry cans to store water, mosquito nets and plastic mats. We will also distribute hygiene kits and menstrual hygiene kits, with essentials like soap and water purification tablets, to 3,650 people to ensure their health and dignity. An additional 1,000 hygiene kits, 1,000 non-food items kits (including mosquito nets to prevent the spread of dengue and malaria) and 1,000 shelter kits are being transported to Jaffarabad district of Balochistan to be distributed to families there.



CARE is distributing tents and other temporary shelter supplies to displaced families in Balochistan

Following this initial response phase, **CARE will support the recovery of flood-affected communities, helping families rebuild what they have lost**. CARE will assist with rehabilitating or constructing permanent shelters, water systems and household latrines that were damaged or destroyed by flooding. We will also work with local partners to rebuild important community structures, like schools and health facilities. To help farmers restore their livelihoods and ensure the availability of nutritious food for the rest of the community, CARE will also provide agricultural inputs, like seeds, tools and poultry kits. Finally, the provision of cash transfers will empower families to make their own decisions about what they need most: food, construction materials or medicines. As with all of CARE's humanitarian response efforts, we will ensure that all of our project activities meet international standards, including Sphere standards and cluster-level recommendations for each sector. We will also establish and maintain a community feedback mechanism throughout the course of the response and take safeguarding steps to ensure that community members feel safe and empowered to share complaints and feedback about project activities.

Funding Target

There are still many unmet needs, both now and in the difficult months to come. CARE seeks to raise **\$50 million** to expand our response and recovery efforts in Balochistan province to reach 12,312,850 people over the next three years. Some examples of how your gift could help families affected by the floods include:

- **\$100** can provide a family with a hygiene kit;
- **\$200** can cover the cost of constructing a block of emergency latrines;
- **\$300** can provide a displaced family with a temporary shelter; and
- **\$500** can provide a family with a winterized tent to protect them from the elements.

Conclusion

The scale of the destruction caused by these floods cannot be overstated. The crisis is far from over – as water levels at Lake Manchar in Sindh province threaten to burst its banks and cause even more flooding. These floods come on the heels of record-breaking heat waves in the same provinces just months ago. As the country is still struggling to recover from the economic and health impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic, many safety nets have already been stretched to their limits. With your support, CARE can provide lifesaving assistance during these uncertain and dangerous times. Your donation to the Pakistan Flood Response¹ fund will help us to provide shelter, food and other essential items to families who have been displaced. On behalf of the hundreds of thousands of people who stand to benefit from this response, CARE thanks you for your generosity.

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¹ To effectively manage the current emergency response and continue to be able to deploy resources for other emergencies, CARE will reserve 20% of donations to the Pakistan Flood Response to cover technical support, administration and emergency preparedness expenses, including the rapid deployment of staff to emergencies such as this one.