

Relief Activity Report No. 3

3 September 2010

Pakistan: Flood Relief

I. Overall situation

The number of people reported as directly affected by the floods has risen to 17.6 million (National Disaster Management Authority/NDMA). Though floodwaters are beginning to recede in many areas, parts of Sindh continue to battle with severe flooding.

Critical needs also remain in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa (KPK), with a continuing risk of outbreaks of diarrheal disease and a need for scaled up assistance in the WASH, health and food sectors. Tracking of all displacement sites in the province and reaching those in areas cut-off by road continue to be overarching challenges in KPK.

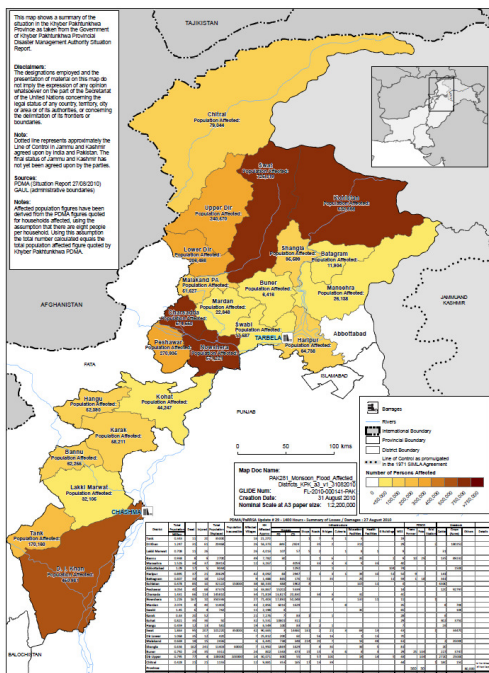


Destructions
Photo: Stefan Trappe/ADH

The Pakistan Meteorological Department has forecast hot and humid weather over most parts of the country in the coming days, with isolated thunderstorms and associated rainfall in parts of north-eastern Punjab and upper KPK.

Extracts from: OCHA-Report No. 19, 30 August 2010; download: www.reliefweb.org

II. Malteser International Activities



Our relief efforts in **Swat** and in **Kohistan** carry on. In Swat there are three medical teams supporting the government's health units. Furthermore, two mobile teams are setting up mobile clinics in different villages twice a week where health units have been destroyed or are not easy to reach. The focus is on the treatment of acute watery diarrhoea.

Three days a week, they are conducting health awareness sessions to inform the villagers about the connection between clean drinking water, adequate hygiene behaviour and illnesses and to distribute soap, jerry cans and water treatment tabs. These sessions are

Malteser International is active in Swat and Kohistan marked in dark red which signals that there are more than 750,000 affected in every region. Source: OCHA

also scheduled according to the demand and focused on the communities where many cases of acute watery diarrhoea are recognised.

In Kohistan, two medical teams will be working accordingly soon.

To prevent the spread of acute watery diarrhoea or cholera, safe drinking water is of utmost importance. Since 13 August, 162.000 liters have been distributed in six Union Councils in the Swat Valley.

Furthermore, 2,800 families in Swat and in Kohistan will get food aid for three month. The actual distribution of food will start when the supplying companies can deliver.

Malteser International is also procuring water filters whereof 1000 will serve families in Swat and Kohistan for half a year.

Furthermore, the distribution of hygiene material, cooking equipment and other relief items to the most affected families in Swat and in Kohistan has started. Finally, 2,800 families are to receive their kits. These distributions are also combined with hygiene awareness session.

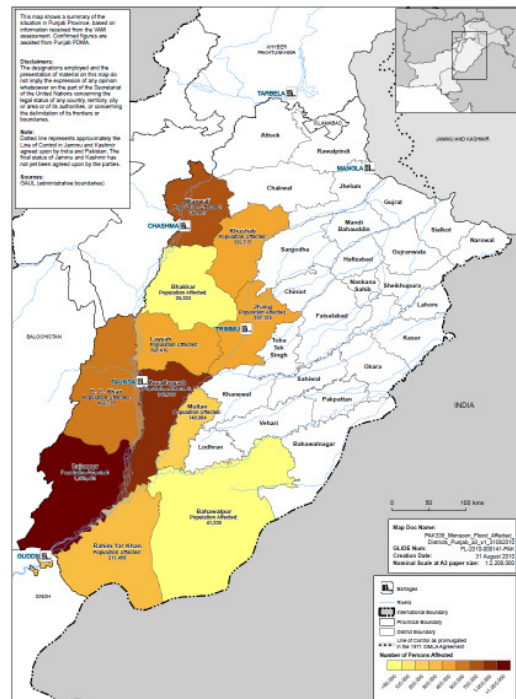
In **Punjab**, preparations to get active there continue. Since last weekend, Malteser International staff has been identifying the most affected communities and families and assessing their needs. 2100 family water filters are foreseen to be distributed there.

III. Staff

The workload of our expatriate staff in Pakistan is huge resulting of the management of the increasing relief work and the coordination efforts in the UN-administered cluster system. We are therefore happy that we could enforce our team which consists of:

- Dr. Branko Dubajic, MD, Country Health Coordinator
- Basit Ahmady, Administrator
- Christopher Bender, Relief Coordinator for the Swat Valley and Kohistan
- Ruth Goehlen, who is assessing possibilities for our relief effort in Punjab and will be staying for one month
- Dr. Beate Scherrer, who is preparing proposals to the UN Clusters till 6 September
- Dr. Giovanni Bentivegna, MD, will leave for Pakistan on 18 September and coordinate our relief efforts in Punjab.
- Rainer Eckart, expert for water and sanitation, will leave to Pakistan around 24 September

They are supported by a team of local staff in Islamabad:



Needs are also big in Punjab: the darker the red, the more people affected. *Source: OCHA*

- One Logistician
- Two Administrators
- One Coordinator for disaster preparedness
- Drivers and further staff depending on the demand.



Team meeting in the Swat Valley

In the Swat Valley, five medical teams are active in the Government's Basic Health Units and in mobile clinics. They are headed and coordinated by Dr. Tariq, who is Malteser International's medical coordinator. Generally, each of the teams consists of:

- One doctor
- One midwife or lady health visitor
- One or two social mobilisers to conduct health and hygiene awareness sessions
- One emergency medical technician

- One pharmacist

In Kohistan, we will be active via our partner organisation NIDA while in Swat Valley, we are supported by LASOONA with the distributions.

In Punjab, we will employ local staff because doctors and other medical staffs have to speak the local language to successfully treat the patients. In addition, we will collaborate with the local partner AHD.

In total, around 45 staff members are working directly for Malteser International and still more are implementing the relief programme via its partner organisations.

IV. Funding

Up to now, the relief efforts of Malteser International in Pakistan have a volume of more than four million Euro. Meanwhile, donations via Germany's Relief Coalition, several national associations of the Sovereign Order of Malta, companies and individual donors make up the majority of the funding

Further funding is provided by the German Federal Foreign Office and the German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development, the World Health Organisation and other organisations via the UN Cluster System.



A Malteser International doctor in Kokarai.

Photo: Stefan Trappe/ADH

V. Appeal for donations



Despite the very good funding Malteser International still needs donations. Our thinking is already directed to the reconstruction efforts that will take years and need to have a stable financial base. In the early recovery phase that will follow the emergency relief efforts, we will for example help health units that were only slightly damaged to restart their activities. We will possibly also rehabilitate canals by cash for work measures.

The actual reconstruction that will take several years will focus on the reconstruction of the social infrastructure like health units, schools and water supply. We will also invest in disaster risk reduction to prepare the population and the health system for further catastrophes.

In order to avoid “fundraising confusion” and high bank fees, we suggest that all associations should first use their own internal system for collecting donations and afterwards transfer donations to the following Malteser International bank account:

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Pax-Bank Köln, von-Werth-Str. 25-27, D-50670 Köln, Germany,
Sort Code 370 60 193
IBAN DE93 3706 0193 0002 0201 22
BIC GENODED1PAX
Reference: “Pakistan floods”

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We shall keep you informed about all further developments.
Yours sincerely

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