

PAKISTAN MONSOON FLOODS

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SIX MONTH DONOR UPDATE FEBRUARY 2011

Six months have passed since Pakistan experienced the worst monsoon floods in its recorded history. Heavy rains during last year's monsoon season completely inundated the majority of the country, leaving one-fifth of Pakistan's total land area under water – an area the size of the United Kingdom. The scale of the devastation was unprecedented, with nearly 20 million people affected, 2 million hectares of crops lost and more than 2 million homes destroyed or damaged.

Through generous support from donors like you, UNICEF was able to respond immediately to bring critical life-saving supplies to devastated families, mounting one of its largest emergency responses to date.

Six months on, UNICEF continues to act on the urgent needs of flood-affected people, most of whom have gone back to their homes to find their communities in total devastation. The impact of the monsoon floods continues to be greatly felt throughout Pakistan – from northern Khyber Pakhtoonkhwa to southern Sindh – and millions of people are still in desperate need of a regular supply of clean water, sanitation, health care, education and protection.

UNICEF's response continues to adapt to the changing needs of flood-affected communities, including responding to a serious nutrition crisis that has recently arisen in the Sindh province of Pakistan. The enclosed update outlines the achievements we've made together to date and UNICEF's ongoing work in 2011.

CURRENT CHALLENGES

Malnutrition Crisis

Data released in January 2011 by the Sindh Department of Health indicates a serious nutrition crisis affecting some 90,000 children. The Global Acute Malnutrition rate shot up to an alarming 23 percent, well above the emergency threshold level of 15 set by the World Health Organization. UNICEF and other nutrition partners are working with the Government of Sindh to carry out a robust response plan focusing on management and prevention of acute malnutrition over an 18-month period. Through donor support, UNICEF leads and coordinates nutrition activities among partner organizations and provides nutrition supplies, technical guidance and training. UNICEF also supports programs to nurse malnourished children and women back to health.

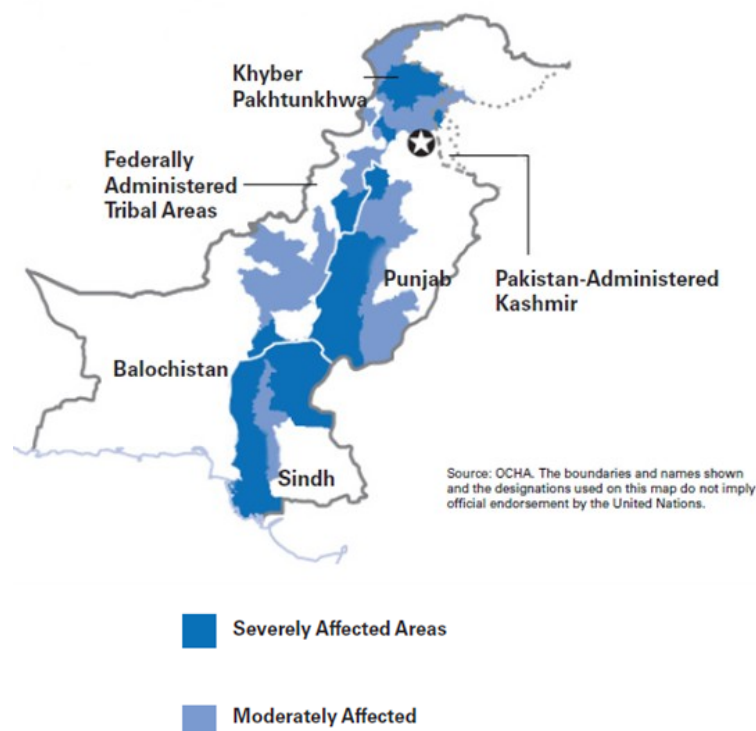
Polio

The number of polio cases reported in 2010 has risen to 144. Pakistan has the highest number of cases among the four polio endemic countries remaining in the world. UNICEF supported the last round of Sub-National Immunization Days in late January, a campaign that targets certain districts across the country to prevent the further spread of this crippling virus. Since the onset of floods, more than 9 million children have been vaccinated against polio.

Internal Displacement

In Sindh province, displaced families continue to return to their home communities, with 128,000 still remaining in spontaneous settlements. Over 665,000 conflict-affected internally displaced people (IDPs) remain in camps in the province of Khyber Pakhtoonkhwa following operations against militants from August 2008. The most urgent needs of these families include blankets and clothes to protect them from extreme winter conditions. UNICEF has been distributing urgent supplies, including warm blankets, winter clothes and kitchen sets.

Pakistan: Flood-affected areas at the height of the disaster



Leading international relief efforts

Taking the lead in coordinating international relief efforts among partners in Pakistan, UNICEF helped ensure that resources were used efficiently and that life-saving assistance reached as many families as possible. UNICEF's leadership responsibilities have included the areas of water, sanitation and hygiene, nutrition, education, and child protection.

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HEALTH

The health needs of flood-affected children and families are great. UNICEF has been there from the start, supporting life-saving measures such as immunization, vitamin supplementation and the dissemination of health messages door-to-door.

- With the second phase of the mass vaccination campaign that began in Balochistan in January, more than 32,000 children have been vaccinated against polio this year, and more than 28,000 against measles. More than 9 million children have been vaccinated since the onset of the floods.
- UNICEF supported 44,000 female health workers to spread messages about nutrition, health and hygiene and to distribute medical supplies in flood-affected areas. Known as Lady Health Workers, they have been critical to reaching families with health and hygiene education to help stave off disease outbreak, especially in crowded camps.

NUTRITION

While nutrition has been an issue of concern for close to a decade in Pakistan, the onset of the floods exacerbated existing challenges. The loss of property, food stocks and crops has weakened household food security. Your support is helping UNICEF respond with urgent care to flood-affected children and mothers.

- Since the onset of floods, more than 24,000 severely malnourished children under five years of age have been assisted at 306 Outpatient Therapeutic Feeding Programs and 31 Stabilization Centres.
- Additionally, nearly 57,000 moderately malnourished children and 39,000 pregnant and lactating women have received care in 402 Supplementary Feeding Programs.
- Community outreach activities, including nutrition education as well as the identification and referral of malnourished children, have reached more than 590,000 children.



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Because of supporters like you, severely malnourished children like 11-month-old Laila (right) are receiving life-saving treatment. Laila's older sister Khatidja (left) feeds her ready-to-use therapeutic food at a rural health clinic.

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EDUCATION

More than 1.8 million school children were affected by the flooding, with more than 16,000 schools damaged or being used as temporary shelters. Restoring access to quality education has been a priority since September.

- UNICEF-supported Temporary Learning Centres are benefitting 182,201 children, with nearly 18,000 more children participating during the last month alone.
- To date, more than 200,000 children have benefitted from school supplies, including School in a Box kits, recreational kits, and early childhood development kits. During the last month alone, more than 10,000 children have benefitted from these school supplies.

CHILD PROTECTION

Children experienced profound stress and were at greater risk of abuse and exploitation during and after the floods. UNICEF's child protection response provided a combination of educational, recreational and psychosocial support to protect children and help them heal.

- UNICEF has established 987 Child Friendly Spaces to provide spaces of learning and healing for 180,000 children.

- UNICEF supported the establishment of six district Child Protection Units and 967 Child Protection Committees to promote a protective environment for vulnerable children throughout Pakistan.

WATER, SANITATION AND HYGIENE

Before the floods, many of Pakistan's water and sanitation facilities were inadequate. UNICEF's immediate response prioritized emergency water supply and sanitation facilities. Today, more water systems are being restored to provide longer-term solutions for communities.

- UNICEF is providing clean drinking water to nearly 3.5 million people every day through the support of donors like you.
- Since the emergency's onset, UNICEF has distributed nearly 30 million water purification tablets and household treatment filters, providing nearly 300 million litres of safe drinking water to flood-affected people.
- Nearly 30,000 UNICEF-supported sanitation facilities are reaching 1.5 million people, while hygiene promotion activities are reaching over 1.9 million.
- Some 1 million bars of soap have been distributed to promote healthy hygiene.



Donor support has provided the installation of hand pumps like this one, providing villagers badly affected by the floods with a source of safe drinking water.

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Mumtaz's story

HELPING CHILDREN GET BACK ON THEIR FEET

Thirty-one-year-old Mumtaz Bibi is one of many courageous women working with UNICEF's implementation partners in Pakistan to help reach the more than 220,000 children affected by last year's monsoon floods.

Women like Mumtaz are key to the success of Child Friendly Spaces, which provide safe spaces for learning and play after a disaster. Mumtaz helps run the Child Friendly Space mobile bus program in the Sindh province, going from village to village to provide care and assistance to children.

The Child Friendly Space mobile bus provides education, recreation and psychosocial support to children who are still suffering from the devastating effects of the flood and are not yet able to return to school or even to their homes. It creates a safe environment for children to come together and play.

"I am a mother of a young daughter myself, so I can imagine what these children are going through. We provide healthy and educational experiences for the children. By keeping them busy and in a safe environment, we try to reduce the risks of abuse and exploitation that can occur after these kinds of disasters," says Mumtaz.

Mumtaz finds she can relate to the mothers of children from displaced families, who freely approach her to share and discuss issues. "With each woman I meet," she explains, "it's an opportunity for me to help her change her life – by explaining health and basic hygiene practices and the importance of educating her daughters."

Mumtaz notes that getting parents to allow their children to come to the mobile space has been a serious challenge, especially for families with girls.

Initially, more boys were in attendance. Educating parents has been crucial to changing this. "At community meetings, I share my own experience with parents — how education has helped me," says Mumtaz. "I tell parents that sending their girls to school will create confidence in them, and economic independence in the future."

These efforts have been making a difference, with many girls now attending the Child Friendly Space mobile bus program. "The girls are so excited when their parents change their minds and allow them to come. It's a joy to see them playing and participating in the activities we organize," says Mumtaz.

"I feel the floods have brought the issue of girls' literacy to the forefront, though it has always been there. For me it is an opportunity to encourage more girls to get educated."

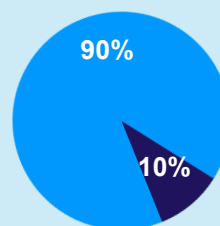
Thank you for supporting the crucial work of women like Mumtaz, who are at the forefront of reaching Pakistan's children with vital care in the aftermath of flooding.

FINANCIAL SUMMARY

To date, USD \$198.8 million in funding has been received from generous donors. This accounts for 79 percent of UNICEF's funding requirement to meet the needs of flood-stricken communities.

To continue providing much-needed relief and early recovery activities, UNICEF urgently needs to close the funding gap by raising another USD \$52.3 million.

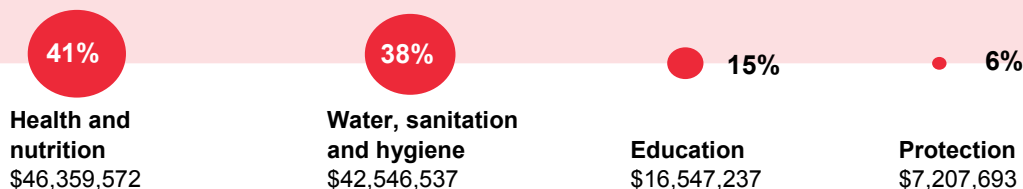
Spending donor funds efficiently



90% of UNICEF Canada donations for the Pakistan floods have supported life-saving initiatives for flood-stricken communities.

10% enables UNICEF Canada to carry out its work, including fundraising costs and administrative expenses.

Interim fund utilization as of November 23, 2010



Note: Figures reflect funds allocated for in-country programming and include coordination and cross-sectoral costs including operations, administration, and communications. Remaining funds are being allocated to support ongoing relief efforts.

Procuring locally sourced supplies: UNICEF has ordered more than USD \$38 million worth of locally sourced supplies. These items include water tanks, hand pumps, blankets, soap and hygiene kits, as well as school supplies such as textbooks and stationery.



UNICEF'S KEY PRIORITIES FOR CHILDREN IN 2011

- To provide rapid care for children affected by the malnutrition crisis in Sindh, UNICEF is working with the provincial government and other partners to implement an integrated nutrition response plan. This includes not only nutrition interventions, but also food supply, water and sanitation services, health care, education, protection initiatives and livelihood programs. These initiatives will help strengthen the nutritional status of vulnerable children and mothers in Pakistan.
- To counter the possible rise in cases of acute respiratory infections during winter, UNICEF will continue distributing blankets, sweaters, shoes, solar lamps, lanterns and torches.
- Efforts to eradicate polio from the country continue. The last round of Sub-National Immunization Days was held between January 31 and February 2, 2011. Plans for future immunization drives are in the works.
- UNICEF-supported water, sanitation and hygiene activities will continue to provide clean water and sanitation facilities to the affected populations in camps and communities.



It is only through the commitment of donors like you that UNICEF remains able to respond to the ongoing needs of children in Pakistan. Working to improve the lives of Pakistan's children for more than 60 years, UNICEF is committed to supporting their long-term recovery.

With your support, we continue to work to turn trauma into a catalyst for a brighter future, helping flood-stricken children and families cope and rebuild their lives in the aftermath of this unprecedented crisis. Thank you for empowering these life-saving initiatives in Pakistan through your generous support.