

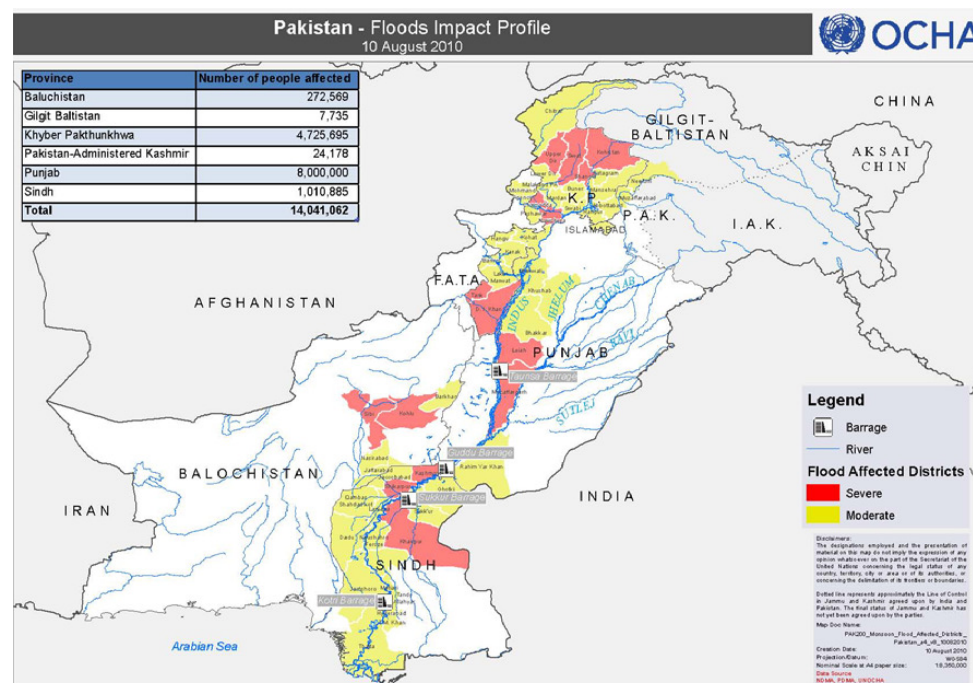
# Floods in Pakistan: humanitarian health needs & response



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# Context: 14 million affected in 7 provinces

- Six million people in need of humanitarian assistance
- Over **722,000** houses damaged or destroyed
- The monsoon season could last at least another month, worsening the flooding



# Priorities

- Food
- Clean drinking water
- Shelter
- Non-food items
- Access to health care



# Impact on health

- Enormous impact on the health of the people and the public health infrastructure.
- **Death toll 1,343**  
**injured 1,588**
- Reports of acute diarrhoea and respiratory infection is rising, representing a major risk of a second disaster.
- Some **141 health facilities** damaged or destroyed



# Health challenges

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- Preserve and restore **access to basic health care**, critical **chronic** treatments, and proper **wounds** and **childhood** illnesses management
- **Sexual and reproductive health** including emergency obstetric and new born care
- **Referral** of life threatening conditions
- Prevention of, detection of and response to **outbreaks** of communicable diseases
- **Mental health and psycho-social** support
- Response to acute **malnutrition**; continuation of breast feeding; refraining from use of infant formulas



# Initial response

- Response lead by the Government, ensuring also pre-emptive evacuations where possible
- UNDAC team deployed including an expert for the health component of assessments
- DGH and WR visit to Multan
- WHO is supporting the coordination of the international health response through the Health Cluster mechanism
- Cluster system decentralized at provincial level.



# Health Cluster activities

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- **Before the flood**
  - Humanitarian Response Plan to the crisis in KPK and FATA
  - Contingency planning & Pre-positioning of supplies
- **In response to the flood**
  - Support to Ministry of Health (MoH) for emergency operation rooms set up and for international drugs donations management
  - Coordination (health cluster partners/inter-cluster/authorities)
  - Assessment of needs
  - Supply of essential drugs and equipments
  - Establishment of mobile clinics
  - Extension diseases early warning and response system
  - Human resources deployment



# Strategy

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1. Monitoring health threats, risks and outbreaks
2. Ensuring access to a package of quality health care services in the flood-affected areas
3. Assessing damage to the health infrastructure and emerging needs of the health systems
4. Developing plans for rehabilitation and reestablishment of primary and secondary health services in affected areas
5. Ensuring a coordinated humanitarian relief in the Health Sector and support to the National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA)





# Pakistan Initial Floods Emergency Response Plan (PIFERP)

- The international response to the health emergency requires million of dollars to ensure life-saving, emergency response
- PIFERP US\$ 459 million
- Immediate relief period of up to 90 days
- To be revised within 30 days



# Health Component of the Pakistan Initial Floods Emergency Response Plan (PIFERP)

## Objective

Provide emergency health assistance including high impact, critical life-saving services for men, women and children in communities of flood-affected areas through strengthening, provision of/and maintaining essential health interventions.

Health cluster: US\$ 56.2 million



# Health cluster requirement US\$ 56.2 million

<b>Activity</b>	<b>Amount (\$)</b>
<b>Coordination including information management</b>	<b>1,200,000</b>
<b>Assessment and monitoring</b>	<b>600,000</b>
<b>Essential emergency PHC &amp; mobile clinic</b>	<b>6,200,000</b>
<b>Malaria/ vector control</b>	<b>4,300,000</b>
<b>Vaccination (measles/polio)</b>	<b>4,700,000</b>
<b>Water quality testing and environmental health</b>	<b>6,300,000</b>
<b>Equipment/drugs/supplies</b>	<b>9,100,000</b>
<b>Surveillance and disease control</b>	<b>4,800,000</b>
<b>Ambulances and vehicles</b>	<b>1,600,000</b>
<b>Minor rehabilitation of HF</b>	<b>1,400,000</b>
<b>Mass Communications, health education, LHW</b>	<b>900,000</b>
<b>Nutrition surveillance</b>	<b>600,000</b>
<b>Reproductive health</b>	<b>2,100,000</b>
<b>Psycho-social and mental health</b>	<b>500,000</b>
<b>Diarrhoeal diseases programme</b>	<b>11,900,000</b>

