

Pakistan Floods Response

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Action

Australian and New Zealand Lutheran action, through ALWS (Australian Lutheran World Service), is channeled through **actalliance**.

ALWS is a full member of **actalliance**, which brings together the aid actions of churches of many denominations from around the world. This links us directly into partner aid organisations already working in the country affected by disaster. The benefits of working this way include:

1. emergency help can reach people more quickly
2. activities can be co-ordinated to minimise duplication and waste
3. emergency action can be part of a longer-term sustainable development plan
4. actions can be monitored effectively, and properly reported on
5. Christians can present a powerful united witness of love in action

actalliance has provided the Pakistan Floods Response overview that follows:

Disaster Overview

Since July 21st 2010, heavy monsoon rains have led to the worst flooding in 80 years in Pakistan. Destruction is wide-spread across 40% of the country. As the rains continue, the waters are moving downstream like a “rolling earthquake” affecting Punjab and Sindh provinces further south. Transport and communications have been widely disrupted. Many areas remain inaccessible and thousands have yet to receive assistance.

Latest estimates are that between 12 to 14.5 million are affected with the figures rising. The death toll has reached well over 1,600 and around 1.5 million people are made homeless. There are concerns about further deaths due to water-borne diseases as communities struggle to survive. The UN’s Emergency Response Coordinator, John Holmes, has observed that the overall humanitarian donor response to date is not commensurate to the massive level of need in this crisis.

Food prices have already drastically increased in the country due to the coming of the holy month of Ramadan. This combined with the flash floods and monsoon rains, create an increased risk of food insecurity for the thousands of families affected by the floods. Media sources shared today that the prices of green vegetables are expected to go up by more than 100 percent. For the affected population, the price hikes could mean severe food insecurity and malnutrition, and thus, the likelihood of an increasing number of deaths. The families remain at high risk of waterborne and skin diseases. Thousands of families remain without shelter and can be found roaming and sleeping on the streets or are marooned by the waters and waiting to receive assistance.

Implementing Partners

Church World Service- Pakistan/Afghanistan (CWS-P/A)

Church World Service-Pakistan/Afghanistan is an international non-governmental organization which implements humanitarian and development activities across Pakistan and Afghanistan. Since 1954, CWS-P/A has worked for the development and relief of marginalized communities

on the basis that all individuals irrespective of race, faith, color, sex, economic status, or political opinion have the right to choose how to live.

Diakonie Katastrophenhilfe (DKH)

Diakonie Katastrophenhilfe (DKH) is a German based non-governmental organization providing humanitarian aid worldwide. It supports people affected by natural disasters, war and displacement and those who are not able to cope on their own with the emergency situation they find themselves in. Diakonie's work is part of an effort to help people in dire need of humanitarian aid worldwide, regardless of their color, religion, gender, race, ethnicity and nationality. DKH started its humanitarian aid operation in Pakistan after the earthquake in Kashmir in 2005

Norwegian Church Aid (NCA)

Norwegian Church Aid is an international non-governmental organization (INGO) with a long history of providing emergency relief, long-term development and advocacy. NCA works with partners in more than 60 countries ranging through faith based, secular and government institutions. NCA has a long history of providing emergency relief and long-term development support in Afghanistan and Pakistan and has had a presence in Pakistan since 1981.

Action

CWS – P/A

Objective 1

To alleviate suffering and increase the resilience of 7,500 of the worst flood-affected families through providing emergency food rations sufficient for two months and basic non-food relief items, in Swat, Kohistan, Shangla, D.I. Khan, Mansehra, Sibbi and Khairpur districts.

Objective 2

To provide shelter to 2,500 flood affected families of districts Sibbi and D.I. Khan

Objective 3

Ensure preventive and curative health care services with medicines and supplies to 3,500 flood affected households (26,500 people) of District Mansehra, Kohistan and District Swat through 3 Mobile Health Units.

DHK

General Objective

To meet acute emergency phase shelter and hygiene needs of flood-affected families and communities in Khyber Pukhtoonkwa Province within a two month implementation period.

Specific Objectives

1. To provide at least 1,000 families (approximately 8,000 individuals) with temporary shelters (tents and tarpaulins)
2. To prevent health problems and epidemics by providing basic hygiene training and hygiene kits to at least 8,000 flood-affected households (approximately 64,000 individuals)

NCA

Goal

To contribute to saving lives and protecting the health and integrity of flood-affected people through assistance to 31,500 flood affected people in the hard-hit districts with food, non-food items and medical assistance during the acute emergency phase.

Objectives:

1. Provision of a one-month food ration and non-food relief items (one time distribution) to 3,500 families
2. Provision of a one-month food ration and non-food relief items (one time distribution) and health services to 1,500 families
3. Improved health conditions to reduce morbidity and mortality through curative medical treatment (mobile clinics for 3 months) and supply of preventive health services (hygiene promotion) to 28,000 individuals (particularly women and children) during displacement.