

UNHCR FLOOD RESPONSE IN PAKISTAN UPDATE # 5

Key Updates

- In early October, UNHCR released a [Supplementary Appeal](#) asking for some \$65.8 million to cover the immediate and mid-term needs of flood-affected communities from September 2022 to December 2023.
- A revised [2022 Floods Response Plan](#) (September 2022 – May 2023) consolidated by UN OCHA on behalf of the Humanitarian Country Team and its partners, was launched during the same period appealing for \$816 million.
- Over 3,000 individuals have received cash-based assistance to date.
- UNHCR Pakistan has [enhanced its operational capacity](#) following the arrival of 9 technical staff to Balochistan, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa and Sindh province.



UNHCR has delivered 100 per cent of supplies it had initially planned for to authorities © UNHCR Pakistan

**Going forward, this update will be issued on a bi-weekly basis.*

Operational Highlights

Protection

- From 10 October, UNHCR led a five-day joint UN mission to flood-affected areas in Jaffer Abad, Nasir Abad and Sohabt Pour (eastern Balochistan). Joined by UNICEF and UNFPA, the main objective of the mission was to [monitor the situation on the ground, provide assistance and mainstream protection](#) in the second phase of the flood response.
- On 14 October, UNHCR and UNICEF organized a [prevention of sexual exploitation and abuse workshop](#) in Hyderabad attended by 40 participants, including 20 partners supporting the flood response in Sindh province. [A similar session is planned in Sukkur \(Sindh\)](#) on 21 October for partner organizations in the area.

Livelihoods, Community Empowerment and Self-Reliance

- 984 refugees (139 families) received cash assistance in Peshawar and DI Khan (Khyber Pakhtunkhwa) in addition to 789 refugees (123 families) in Rahim Yar Khan and Chakwal (Punjab). Distributions in Quetta Urban are still ongoing with 1,593 refugees (152 families) reached. The total number of beneficiaries stands at 3,366 individuals. Cash transfers are great tools which enable flood-affected households to [meet their most pressing needs](#) thereby making it less likely for people to resort to negative coping mechanisms.

Coordination

- The first hub-level inter-sectoral meeting was convened in Hyderabad (Sindh) with the aim of enhancing district-level coordination structures. The meeting was chaired by the Assistant Director of the Provincial Disaster Management Authority (PDMA) and attended by more than 70 participants from UN agencies and national and international NGOs. While humanitarian hubs have been established in Karachi and Sukkur (both

in Sindh), Peshawar (Khyber Pakhtunkhwa) and Quetta (Balochistan), additional hubs are also being set up in Hyderabad (Sindh) and in Multan (Punjab). UNHCR will support efforts to enhance the protection coordination capacity in these locations. These hubs [provide platforms for humanitarian partners to closely coordinate their response efforts](#) and are [operated in collaboration with the relevant local authorities](#), including the PDMAs and district disaster management authorities.

Background

Since mid-June, [over 30 million people in Pakistan](#) have been affected by unprecedented rains and devastating floods across the country, leaving [6.4 million people](#) in urgent need of humanitarian assistance. [Extreme and intense rainfall is expected to continue](#) in September and October in Sindh province – the hardest-hit area – and threatens to [exacerbate an already dire situation](#) for at-risk populations who are among the most vulnerable to climate change. As part of UN-system wide efforts, [UNHCR is supporting the government-led response](#) to scale up humanitarian assistance for refugee and host communities affected by the monsoon rains. UNHCR – as the protection sector lead – is coordinating with other partners to [mainstream protection, ensure gender sensitive approaches and promote refugee inclusion](#). UNHCR is also actively engaged in the [inter-sectoral coordination](#) of the shelter, WASH, education, health, food and nutrition, and livelihoods response. While the main priority is to provide assistance to the worst flood-hit areas with [relief items to address immediate needs, reprioritizing activities for early recovery and rehabilitation is also underway](#).

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