

# Pakistan Floods 2022

Humanity First – Situation Update 01

02 September 2022



## Situation

For many months, above average rainfall has led to unprecedented flooding across much of Pakistan. Across the country, 80 districts have been declared as ‘calamity hit’ covering a massive area from Balochistan and Sindh in the south, to Gilgit and KPK in the north.



Over 1.1 million homes have been damaged of which over 436k have been totally destroyed, and in many cases, washed away.

In total 33 million people have been affected and reports suggest a third of the entire country is flooded. Around 6 million need urgent help.

Many people are living in ad hoc camps with virtually no hygiene and sanitation, very little food, and no access to medication. Official figures suggest that 1,200 people have died and 4,900 injured, but the figures are likely to be higher due to the remote nature of many villages.

As the impact of the flooding continues, there are fears of growing cases of Typhoid, Diarrhoea, Hepatitis A, Malaria and Dengue fever. Living conditions are also leading to growing skin complaints, and in these conditions, there is a growing risk of snake and scorpion bites.

## HF Response

Humanity First responded at scale in Pakistan after the Kashmir Earthquake in 2005 and the national floods of 2010, and has a wide network of partners on the ground.



So far, Humanity First has been able to deliver food rations packs for over 11,000 people consisting of 5kg of rice, 5kg of sugar, 3kg of lentils, 5kg of oil, 20kg of flour as well as packets of salt, chilli powder, tea, dates, pickles and hygiene items such as detergent and bath soap. Each pack will serve a typical family of 6 people for 3 to 4 weeks.

In addition, shelter is a major concern for displaced families. HF is distributing 531 tents, 14,400 water treatment tablets and mosquito nets for 2,000 families.

Many farmers have seen their crops, particularly cotton, chillies and animal fodder totally wiped out through the inundation. HF has started providing farmers with feed for their livestock, many of which have perished through starvation, compounding the food security situation.

In total, HF has so far assisted an estimated 12,000 people this week, and the operation will expand.

HF is also making local arrangements for medical teams to visit remote villagers in the coming weeks and sourcing medication and other consumables.

As with the 2010 floods, longer term Humanity First will plan to assist affected communities with new homes and crop compensation for farmers, whilst also considering needs such as education and psychosocial support.



### About Humanity First

Humanity First (HF) is an international aid agency, with HQ in the UK and branches in 62 countries. HF provides emergency assistance using a global volunteer network, and works on the basis of need alone, irrespective of race, gender, age, religion or political affiliation. Since being launched in 1995, HF has responded to over 190 emergencies in 99 countries, and assisted around 2.5 million people.

### Contacts:

Dr Mahmood Qureshi  
Director of Disaster Relief  
Humanity First International  
E: [mqureshi@humanityfirst.org](mailto:mqureshi@humanityfirst.org)