

emergency relief

Pakistan



UNICEF's Updated Immediate Needs for Flood Relief in Pakistan

With each passing day, the news out of Pakistan becomes more grim. More than a fifth of the country has been affected by the disaster—in terms of land area, that's the size of Belgium, Austria and Switzerland combined.

Since UNICEF's previous *Immediate Needs Document* was issued in early August, the number of Pakistanis directly affected by the floods has increased from over 3 million to over 17 million. Nearly 8.6 million children are believed to have been affected due to these unprecedented floods. Large numbers of children and women have yet to be reached with the humanitarian assistance they need.

Based on early estimates, UNICEF launched its first *Immediate Needs Appeal* for \$47,344,820. As the true scale and nature of the disaster has emerged, UNICEF has been forced to revise its funding needs. UNICEF urgently requires much more in order to deliver humanitarian assistance to millions of Pakistani families. This revised appeal seeks a total of **\$141,000,000** in order to provide food, safe drinking water, sanitation facilities, medical and nutritional supplies, immunizations, and educational and recreational activities to millions of Pakistani children.

Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene (WASH) (\$82,150,000)

UNICEF is seeking more than \$82 million for the children and women affected by the floods. With this amount, UNICEF is planning to continue providing safe water to the displaced, restore water and sanitation services that have been damaged by the disaster, distribute hygiene kits, and providing hygiene messaging intended to teach children and their families about the importance of proper hygiene habits. UNICEF will continue to distribute water purification tablets, water containers, hygiene materials, and soap during the initial phase of the recovery. UNICEF will also set up temporary water distribution sites where they're needed most. Simultaneously, UNICEF will monitor water quality to ensure that the water provided is potable. In the longer term, UNICEF will work to re-establish Pakistan's water and sanitation infrastructure. UNICEF and its partners plan to:

- Enhance the coverage of safe drinking water to support six million people;
- Restore critical and strategic water points in communities around the country; and
- Construct and enhance safe water supplies and appropriate sanitation facilities in schools, health facilities, and communities.

Health (\$23,000,000)

UNICEF will target approximately 2.4 million children and 700,000 women among the affected population with essential health interventions. Through mobile health teams and the provision of medicines, supplies, and equipment, UNICEF will support essential health services. What is more, UNICEF and its partners will immunize hundreds of thousands of children against measles to prevent outbreaks of the deadly disease in the high-risk areas. UNICEF and its partners intend to:

- Rapidly assess the health status of the target population;

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Pakistan's Most Immediate Needs

- Access to sanitation and safe drinking water for six million women and children
- 150,000 hygiene kits
- Five million water purification tablets
- One million buckets and one million bars of soap
- Three million packets of oral rehydration salts
- Vaccines and vitamin supplements for 1.5 million children
- Nutritional supplementation for 800,000 children and 1.2 million pregnant women
- Support for one million school children

- Disseminate appropriate health messages focused on the prevention of waterborne diseases, the benefits of home care, and the importance of recognizing the symptoms of common childhood illnesses;
- Provide health education through UNICEF's successful Lady Health Worker's program;
- Initiate measles and polio immunization campaigns targeting children displaced by the flood waters and living in camps or crowded shelters;
- Provide oral rehydration salts and zinc tablets for treatment of diarrheal diseases; and

Nutrition (\$17,350,000)

UNICEF will set up emergency nutrition intervention centers and mobile teams to cover 800,000 children and 1.2 million pregnant and lactating women to ensure that malnutrition rates are kept below the 10 percent emergency threshold. To prevent a backwards slide in the nutritional status of these vulnerable groups, UNICEF intends to:

- Assess the availability of nutritional supply stocks in and around Pakistan;
- Provide vitamin A supplementation;
- Provide high-energy food and powdered multi-micronutrient supplements;
- Procure and organize the distribution of emergency food rations to thousands of children with severe acute malnutrition;
- Support pregnant and lactating women through the distribution of fortified food;
- Promote breastfeeding;
- Determine the extent of structural damage do previously existing Nutrition Rehabilitation Centers; and
- Establish nutrition monitoring systems

Education (\$2,000,000)

Restoring a sense of normalcy for children that have experienced the uncertainty and trauma produced by the floods is a major priority. UNICEF will establish 'child-friendly' spaces where children can feel safe, play, and receive psychosocial support. UNICEF is planning to provide

essential school supplies to ensure that all school children affected by the floods have access to educational materials and activities essential to the normal development of children. In addition, UNICEF and its partners are preparing to train teachers how to help traumatized students cope with what they have experienced. UNICEF is prepared to:

- Rapidly assess educational needs in camps and in government schools;
- Coordinate with Pakistan's Department of Education to plan major repair and reconstruction of schools damaged by the flood waters;
- Supply School-in-a-Box (SIB) kits to affected schools including schools in camps;
- Engage partner NGOs to provide support in temporary schools located in camps;
- Provide tents and temporary shelters; and
- Provide black boards, tarpaulin sheets, stationery, and plastic mats in camp schools and in affected districts.

Photo right

Pakistan: A girl rides on a cart carrying her family's salvaged belongings in Khwas Koorona Village. Her family's home collapsed in the heavy monsoon rains. © UNICEF/Asad Zaidi



Protection (\$6,000,000)

UNICEF's Child Protection Specialists are now focusing on 1.5 million children and 80,000 young women. They are expecting to reach more than 10 million people with child protection messaging over various media vehicles.

To prevent trafficking and other forms of exploitation, UNICEF will register separated, unaccompanied, and other vulnerable children and simultaneously trace and reunite children with their families or make temporary alternative arrangements. UNICEF will also develop mechanisms to

ensure that vulnerable children and their families are prioritized in the distribution of basic relief services. To achieve these results, UNICEF will:

- Support active child-friendly spaces in order to provide psychosocial and semi-structured learning activities designed to promote the well-being of children and women;
- Identify and register unaccompanied, separated, and missing children;
- Prevent and respond to violence against children; and

Coordination (\$500,000)

Funding is necessary to support all of UNICEF's emergency response operations, including coordination, guidance, oversight, advocacy and

communication in all of its core program areas. Necessary actions include:

- Hiring experts to improve the quality of data collection, management, and communications;
- Training of support on the ground; and
- Assessing the status of the population's health, water quality, and supplies.

The challenges throughout Pakistan are daunting. But rest assured that UNICEF will stay to help provide long-term recovery to the children and families who survived this crisis. UNICEF, with the support of partnering organizations and donors alike, has the global experience, resources, and reach to give children throughout the region the best hope of survival.

Let's do whatever it takes to save a child.



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progress—the annual number of under-five deaths dropped from 13 million in 1990 to 8.8 million in 2008. But still, 24,000 children die each day from preventable causes. Our mission is to do whatever it takes to make that number zero by giving children the essentials for a safe and healthy childhood. For more information, visit www.unicefusa.org.

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