



A house damaged by the recent flooding in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa province, Pakistan.

Pakistan experienced severe monsoon rains leading to widespread flooding across multiple provinces from July 1 to August 4. So far, 7,535 people have been displaced, with 2,170 internally displaced persons (IDPs) living in a relief camp established by the District Disaster Management Authority in the Sangar district of Sind province. The recent rainfall also has badly affected many villages in the Tehsil Daur district of Shaheed Benazirabad.

The torrential rains and flash floods are confirmed to have killed 126 people, injured 239 and damaged more than 700 houses across Pakistan. According to the United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA), the government of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa (KP) declared a flood emergency in Upper Chitral district until August 30, to facilitate relief activities.¹

The Pakistan Meteorological Department (PMD) has predicted more rains, with occasional gaps, in August throughout the country. These rains may lead to flash flooding in local streams, and landslides could cause road closures in vulnerable hilly areas. The PMD advised concerned authorities to remain alert and take necessary measures to avoid any hazardous situations.

Humanitarian actors are coordinating relief efforts with the provincial disaster management authorities, OCHA, the provincial Emergency Working Group and humanitarian organizations in the affected areas.

International Medical Corps Response

The rain and floods have impacted thousands of people in Pakistan, and many more are at risk of being affected by the situation, mainly in Sind and KP provinces. International Medical Corps has actively been working in

FAST FACTS

- From July 1 to August 4, Pakistan experienced severe monsoon rains leading to widespread flooding across multiple provinces. A severe Glacial Lake Outburst Flood (GLOF) hit Booni Gloe Nullah in the Upper Chitral district affecting the local bridge, powerhouse and irrigation canals.
- To date, 126 people have died, 239 people have been injured and more than 700 houses damaged across Pakistan by the torrential rains and flash floods, displacing 7,535 people. There are 2,170 IDPs living in a relief camp established by the District Disaster Management Authority in Sangar district of Sind province.
- A flood emergency has been declared in Upper Chitral district by the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa (KP) government until August 30, to facilitate relief activities.

OUR FOOTPRINT

- Since 1984, International Medical Corps has been providing health, nutrition, protection, mental health and psychosocial support, and water, sanitation and hygiene services across Pakistan.

OUR RESPONSE

- International Medical Corps has deployed teams in KP and Sind provinces to assess the situation. We have reinforced health facilities in targeted areas and mobilized two mobile health units to provide immediate lifesaving assistance to affected and at-risk communities.

¹ <https://reliefweb.int/report/pakistan/pakistan-monsoon-2024-flash-update-2-latest-monsoon-developments-and-response-efforts-5-august-2024>

coordination with OCHA and relevant district government departments as part of working groups to assess the situation and share information to support relief activities in the affected districts and areas.

International Medical Corps teams are working in Shaheed Benazir Abad, one of the flood-affected districts of Sind, to provide family hygiene kits, water purification tablets and sachets in affected villages.

International Medical Corps has already been supporting local communities and Afghan migrants in KP province by setting up counseling rooms to offer urgent case-management support to the affected population. We provide mental health and psychosocial support (MHPSS) services to affected and at-risk population through a dedicated team of trained male and female psychologists, regularly engaging with the communities and helping to mitigate the impacts of evolving flood situations. We also have also set up and co-chaired the MHPSS sub-working group in the KP province, collaborating with the key stakeholders and organizations to understand the MHPSS needs of the communities.



Debris in one of the local communities affected by the flooding.

International Medical Corps has also been leading efforts to provide health services to Afghan refugees in KP, establishing health facilities to improve access to primary healthcare services, nutrition screening and labor rooms. In response to the recent flooding, we have strengthened health facilities in six districts of KP and deployed two mobile health units, ensuring they are fully staffed and equipped to deliver immediate, lifesaving care to the affected communities.