



*International Medical Corps MMT staff helping people in Buner district.*

Heavy rains and flash floods across Khyber Pakhtunkhwa (KP) province have caused 504 deaths and 218 injuries in the province, and destroyed 2,512 homes and 266 schools. About 23,430 people have been displaced, out of which 3,905 families have been relocated to various shelters. Some 50,000 families currently are being supported by host communities. There is an urgent need to clear debris in affected areas, enabling the recovery and reconstruction of homes and damaged infrastructure.

There also is an urgent need to restore essential health services in cut-off areas by supplying medicines, and maternal and newborn care, supported by surveillance, vaccination and ambulance referrals.

Flooded and cut-off communities face growing risks from diseases such as malaria, dengue and waterborne illnesses. Access to safe drinking water must be ensured through trucking, chlorination and repair of wells, complemented by sanitation facilities, hygiene promotion, and rehabilitation of water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH) services in health facilities. Rehabilitation of roads and bridges is also critical to restoring safe humanitarian access and ensuring the timely delivery of assistance.

## International Medical Corps Response

To help community members in Shangla, International Medical Corps has deployed four mobile medical teams (MMTs)—two in each district—to deliver lifesaving health services to affected communities. We also have finalized the procurement of essential medicines and dispatched supplies to target districts, and have donated medicines to the Department of Health in Buner to address the immediate healthcare needs of flood-affected communities. These medicines include antibiotics, analgesics, antifungals, intravenous fluids, oral rehydration salts, antiseptics, micronutrient supplements and vaccines, as well as other items needed to reduce the risk of disease outbreaks in the flood's aftermath. The supplies will be utilized by KP's Department of Health to strengthen emergency healthcare delivery and ensure timely access to treatment for conditions such as infections, diarrheal diseases, respiratory illnesses and fever, as well as other critical emergencies. This contribution forms an integral part of the collective response efforts to safeguard the health and well-being of vulnerable communities affected by the disaster.

## FAST FACTS

- Since June 26, severe monsoon flooding has caused 932 deaths and almost 1,060 injuries nationwide, with Khyber Pakhtunkhwa (KP)—with 504 deaths—worst affected.
- Buner district was hard-hit by the floods, with 237 deaths and more than 700 houses damaged. Some 23,430 people have been displaced.
- Shangla has also been affected, with 36 deaths and 204 houses damaged.
- KP continues to face a compounding crisis, including heavy casualties and a dengue outbreak in flood-affected districts.

## OUR FOOTPRINT

- Since 1984, International Medical Corps has been providing services in health, protection, livelihoods, mental health and psychosocial support (MHPSS), and water, sanitation, and hygiene (WASH) in 15 districts of KP.
- Since then, we have supported provincial and district governments in responding to natural disasters like earthquakes and floods, as well as the needs of refugees and internally displaced people, tailoring our multi-sectoral rehabilitation and development interventions to community needs.

## OUR RESPONSE

- We have deployed four mobile medical teams (MMTs) to address the immediate primary healthcare needs of flood-affected communities identified by our rapid assessment
- We have provided medicines and medical supplies to help healthcare facilities effectively deliver services.
- We have deployed two counsellors per district in government-led health facilities to provide psychosocial support and individual counselling to people in need.
- Our WASH team has provided water-purification sachets to 1,300 flood-affected households in Nowshera district.

We have also provided four psychologists (two per district) in Buner and Shangla, to address the mental health needs of affected communities. The psychologists are based in government-led health facilities to offer individual counselling to those seeking support.

Our WASH team has provided water purification sachets to 1,300 flood-affected households in Nowshera District, to enable access to safe drinking water. We have engaged a group of 100 volunteers to raise awareness on hygiene practices in their communities to reduce the risk of communicable diseases.

Immediate funding support is urgently needed to enable International Medical Corps to expand mobile health services, scale up WASH interventions, strengthen nutrition support for children and mothers, deliver emergency shelter and non-food items, restore livelihoods, and provide psychosocial and protection services for thousands of families displaced by the floods in KP.