

Pakistan - Floods

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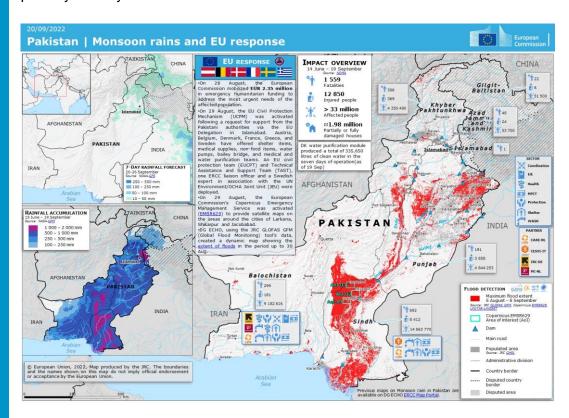
Request for assistance

Event Floods

Occurrence Date: 29/08/2022

Situation

Heavy monsoon rainfall and floods have affected Pakistan since mid June 2022. As of 19 September, the National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA) of Pakistan reported that at least 1,559 people died and 12,850 people were injured since 14 June. 787,918 houses have been totally destroyed and 1.17 million partially destroyed.



Request for assistance

ECHO Emergency Contact Tel.: +32 2 29 21112 Fax: +32 2 29 86651 echo-ercc@ec.europa.eu On 29 August, the EU Civil Protection Mechanism (UCPM) was activated following a request for support from the Pakistani authorities via the EU Delegation in Islamabad. The list of needs includes items related to shelter, hygiene and health, food and veterinary medicines, as well as heavy machinery. On 5 and 12 of September, the ERCC received an updated list of medicines, which was shared with Member States and Participating States.

On 3 September, the Emergency Response Coordination Centre (ERCC) received a request from the UNEP/OCHA Joint Environment Unit (JEU) for one environmental expert to be integrated into the OCHA structure and to work in support of the Government-led response.

Response

As of 17 August, the European Commission has mobilised EUR 2.35 million in emergency humanitarian funding to address the most urgent needs of the affected population.

On 29 August, the European Commission's Copernicus Emergency Management Service was activated (EMSR629) to provide satellite maps on the areas around the cities of Larkana, Shikarpur and Jacobabad. Nine satellite maps, showing the extent of the flood were produced. On 10 September, the Copernicus Emergency Management Service was activated by the Danish Emergency Management Authority to provide maps and imagery over the Danish Water Purification team deployed in Sindh province. Four maps were produced (EMSR631). In addition, the ERCC Analytical Team developed a dynamic map allowing a near-real-time flood monitoring, based on data from the Global Flood Monitoring System (GFM) developed by the Joint Research Centre (JRC).

To date six Member and Participating States have offered assistance to Pakistan:

- Belgium offered 300 family tents (UNHCR standard). The assistance was delivered on 1 September.
- **Sweden** offered 304 family tents (UNHCR standard) with 1,570 blankets. The delivery of the assistance is scheduled between 20 and 22 September. On 15 September, Sweden offered 1,200 additional blankets and 500,000 examination gloves, which were accepted. Transport arrangements are pending.
- Denmark offered a water purification team of 10 people with a purification capacity of 120,000 litres of water per day. The team started operations on 12 September and has produced a total of 409,350 litres of clean water as of 20 August.
- France offered four doctors and nurses, four water pumps technicians, 83 mobile water pumps, 200 family tents, 1,000 ground sheets, 200 kitchen sets, 400 hygiene kits and one bailey bridge. The medical team ended their mission on 16 September. The assistance was partially delivered on 2 September and the remaining baily bridge is expected to be delivered during the third week of October.
- Austria offered on 8 September, 2,000 blankets, 2,000 mattresses, 1,000 tarpaulins, 20 family tents and 1,000 mosquito nets. The assistance in being procured locally.
- **Greece** offered 30 boxes of medicinal material, 10 tents, 10,000 pairs of surgical gloves, 2,520 blankets and 150 sleeping bags. The offer was accepted on 16 September and it is expected to be delivered on 21 September.

The ERCC mobilised an EU Civil Protection Team and Technical Assistance and Support Team (TAST). Three experts from **Greece**, **Finland** and **Austria**, two TAST members from **Sweden** and one ERCC Liaison Officer were deployed to Islamabad on 6 September. Members of the team are on their way back to Europe, with the mission concluding on 23 September.

A workshop on Global Flood Awareness System (Glofas) and Copernicus Emergency Management Service is being organised with different Pakistani stakeholders and it is scheduled to take place in October.

Following the request from the UNEP/OCHA JEU, one environmental expert from Sweden has been deployed to Pakistan on 19 September for a mission of four weeks as an EU associated expert to OCHA.