

WFP Pakistan Situation Report

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Flood-affected people received WFP food assistance in Lasbela, Balochistan. © WFP

In Numbers

33 million people affected by floods and flash floods in 84 districts.

At least **1,638** people have died, and **12,865** have been injured since 14 June 2022. **2.05 million** houses, **23,900** schools, and **13,074 km** of roads have been destroyed or damaged.

An estimated **6.4 million** people require immediate assistance.

Highlights

- WFP began its scale-up of relief assistance on 25 September to reach **1.9 million people** with **15,524 mt** of food in the provinces of Balochistan, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa (KP), Punjab and Sindh over the next four weeks.
- Prior to the floods, **96 percent of children under 2** were not consuming minimum acceptable diet, and at least **40 percent of children under 5** were stunted in Balochistan, KP, Punjab, and Sindh. WFP provided **5,982 children** aged 6-23 months and **5,286 pregnant and lactating women** in Balochistan and Sindh with **10.6 mt** of specialized nutritious foods as of 25 September.
- WFP is using **20 boats** from “Operation Rescue 1122” – a government entity – to provide food assistance to a total of **104,000 people** in hard-to-reach areas of Sindh.

Situation Update

- **The floods have exacerbated previously high levels of food insecurity and malnutrition** for millions of people. Prior to the floods, multiple shocks, including high food and fuel prices, drought, livestock diseases, and loss of income-generating opportunities due to the COVID-19 pandemic had already driven increasing food insecurity in Balochistan, KP and Sindh provinces.
- Based on the comparison of [satellite data](#) between 1-7 and 8-14 September, the overall flood situation appears to be decreasing. Receding floodwaters in 1,700 km² of lands in Balochistan, 3,900 km² in Punjab, and 850 km² in Sindh were observed. This notwithstanding, some [7.9 million people](#) are reportedly displaced, including some 598,000 people living in relief camps.
- At least **1,638 people** (including **588 children** and **332 women**) have died and **12,865** have been injured since 14 June 2022. With over 1,200 medical facilities marooned in flood water, malaria and diarrhoea are spreading fast in Sindh. [318 people](#) have died from water-borne diseases since 1 July, including gastroenteritis, diarrhoea, and malaria, in flood-hit areas of Sindh, the most heavily affected province.
- Prior to the floods, an Integrated Food Security Phase Classification (IPC) analysis of 28 vulnerable districts in Balochistan, KP, and Sindh estimated 5.96 million people to be in IPC Phase 3 (crisis) and 4 (emergency) between July and November 2022 – a figure that was expected to increase to 7.2 million people from December 2022 to March 2023. According to latest WFP and FAO projections, initial estimates are that floods will increase the number of people requiring emergency food assistance (IPC3/4) to 11 million.
- Incidence of severe acute malnutrition is also growing. Prevalence of Global Acute Malnutrition was significantly high in Balochistan, KP, Punjab, and Sindh prior to the floods: **96 percent of children under 2** were not consuming a minimum acceptable diet, and at least **40 percent of children under 5** were chronically malnourished (stunted). It is inevitable that these numbers will increase given the impact of the floods. WFP is closely working with UNICEF to collate field-based data.

- [73 percent of households](#) in ten assessed districts of Balochistan have inadequate resources to buy food, according to the UN Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA).¹
- **The Government of Pakistan is leading the response:** The National Flood Response and Coordination Centre, comprising representatives of federal stakeholders, provincial governments, and the Pakistan Armed Forces oversees the national response to the monsoon rains and floods. Together with the NDMA, the Provincial Disaster Management Authorities (PDMA) have established sector coordination mechanisms to ensure better coordination of the response in partnership with the humanitarian community.
- Through the Benazir Income Support Programme (BISP), the Government is now planning to reach approximately **17.9 million people** (over 2.7 million households) with a one-off cash pay-out of PKR 25,000 (US\$104) per household to the flood-affected families.² Over **PKR 40.9 billion** (US\$169.8 million) has already been disbursed to over 1.6 million flood-affected households in Balochistan, Gilgit-Baltistan, KP, Punjab, and Sindh as of 25 September, representing 59 percent of all planned disbursements (PKR 68.9 billion or US\$286.6 million).
- Seventy members of the [National Humanitarian Network](#) evacuated more than 4,415 people, and provided 215,151 people with food rations, shelters, CBT and health and water, sanitation and hygiene services.

WFP Response

- **WFP started scaling up food assistance in September to cover the needs of 1.9 million people across 30 flood-affected districts in Balochistan, KP, Punjab and Sindh** for the next six months. Beyond immediate needs, WFP plans to transition to recovery and resilience activities through early 2023 to help communities rehabilitate climate-smart infrastructure and restore livelihoods.
- This is complementary to the cash stipend the Government is providing through BISP as well as other support from the Government (including food and non-food items [NFIs] to 2.3 million beneficiaries) and humanitarian actors (including food and NFIs to over 900,000 people).
- WFP's Provincial Offices in Balochistan, KP, Punjab,

and Sindh are coordinating with other UN agencies and humanitarian actors to ensure an integrated response for the affected populations.

- WFP mainstreams gender, age, disability and other factors and employs a gender transformative approach in its programmes. WFP targets and prioritizes vulnerable groups affected by floods, including persons with disabilities, transgenders and households headed by children/women, with an aim to leave no one behind.



Food and Nutrition Assistance

- With food dispatched to provincial warehouses across Balochistan, KP, Punjab and Sindh, WFP started general relief assistance on 25 September to reach **1.9 million people** with **15,524 mt** of food in 30 districts. Distributions for this cycle, targeting 1.9 million people, are expected to be completed by 10 October.
- WFP is using 20 boats from "Operation Rescue 1122" – from the PDMA – to provide food assistance to a total of 104,000 people in hard-to-reach areas of Sindh. Starting 25 September, these boats were deployed for WFP cooperating partners to ferry food commodities.
- WFP provided relief food assistance to **586,146 flood-affected people in Balochistan, KP and Sindh** with in-kind assistance and livelihoods support as of 25 September 2022:
 - **Balochistan:** WFP has provided **392,283 people** (59,141 households) with **2,125 mt** of food and livelihoods support (**US\$390,247** in CBT) in Chagai, Chaman, Killa Abdulla, Killa Saifullah, Lasbela, Noshki, Pishin and Quetta since 5 August 2022. In Quetta, where food assistance for assets activities were ongoing prior to the onset of the flood response, livelihoods support was also provided in addition to general food assistance.
 - **KP:** WFP has provided **75,927 people** (11,681 households) with **616 mt** of food in Lower Chitral and Upper Dir districts.
 - **Sindh:** WFP has provided **117,936 people** (18,144 households) with **909 mt** of food in Jacobabad, Khairpur, Larkana, Naoshero Feroz, Qambar ShahdadKot, and Sanghar districts since 5 September.
- **Nutrition:** WFP provided **5,982 children** aged 6-23 months and **5,286 pregnant and lactating women** (PLW) with **10.6 mt** of specialized nutritious foods (SNF) in Dadu, Jacobabad, Khairpur, Larkana, Naoshero Feroz, Qambar ShahdadKot, and Sanghar districts of Sindh and

¹ Rapid Needs Assessments in Balochistan (August 2022) and KP, Punjab and Sindh (September 2022).

² The Government plans to reach a total of 5.4 million households in two phases.

Lasbela District of Balochistan. Under the blanket supplementary feeding programme, WFP plans to assist 334,759 PLW and 301,283 children aged 6-23 months to ensure the prevention of malnutrition for an initial two-month period. In addition, WFP plans to provide 117,640 children and 104,209 PLW with SNF under the **targeted supplementary feeding programme** to treat and prevent wasting.

- The month-long Post Disaster Needs Assessment (PDNA) is underway under the leadership of the Ministry of Planning and Development with the technical support of the Asian Development Bank, European Union, World Bank, and the UN. WFP is represented under the agriculture and food security sector, which is led by the FAO, as well as under the Nutrition sub-sector and for the cross-cutting themes under DRR. The data collection for PDNA is expected to be completed by 30 September. The report, with key recommendations, will be finalized by 15 October.



Supply Chain and Logistics

- Road access in Sindh Province remains a challenge. However, alternative roads are being identified, and congestion is easing. Roads from Sukkur to Dadu, Jaffarabad, Larkana, Moro, Nasirabad, Qubo Saeed Khan, and Sohbatpur roads are now open.
- There are increasing threats to food dispatch and potential risks associated with food distribution, in view of WFP's scale-up plan to reach 1.9 million people. As a mitigation measure, WFP is informing authorities whenever commodities are being dispatched to cooperating partners. No night movement of staff is authorized, and all staff movement to field is done with police escorts.
- Since the start of the flood response, WFP has distributed **3,661 mt** of wheat flour, yellow split peas, vegetable oil and salt to Balochistan, KP and Sindh provinces as of 25 September.
- WFP continues to support the NDMA with relief cargo handling at port and airport, as well as onward transportation as significant amounts of bilateral in-kind relief items continue to arrive. Since early September, WFP has facilitated relief cargo at port and airports, and supported onward transportation to more than 25 different locations across Pakistan, via 2,030 contracted trucks.
- Rehabilitation of the WFP warehouse in Sukkur started on 20 September and will be completed within a week. Fumigation for three out of the four storage spaces was completed, and WFP is increasing the storage capacity in Sukkur from 4,000 to 7,000 mt, by setting up mobile storage units or renting additional space with the Food Department.

- The third Logistics Working Group meeting took place on 19 September. Meeting minutes can be found [here](#). A total of 28 participants from 17 organizations joined and identified a need for information sharing on customs clearance procedures and access maps.

Resourcing Update

- WFP is expanding its operation to reach **1.9 million people** with food and nutrition assistance as well as livelihoods support. To enable the scale-up of the flood response, WFP urgently requires **a total of US\$152 million**. This includes the original requirements of **US\$34.3 million** under the US\$160 million UN Flash Appeal.
- To date, WFP has received a total of **US\$33.8 million** from the governments of Australia and Canada, Multilateral funds, UAE Mohammad bin Rashid Al Maktoum Global Initiatives and USAID. **This represents 22 percent of its US\$152 million total requirement for the flood response.**

Funding requirement

**represents emergency response requirement only.*

US\$152M* 

22% FUNDED

FUNDING SHORTFALL- US\$118.2M

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