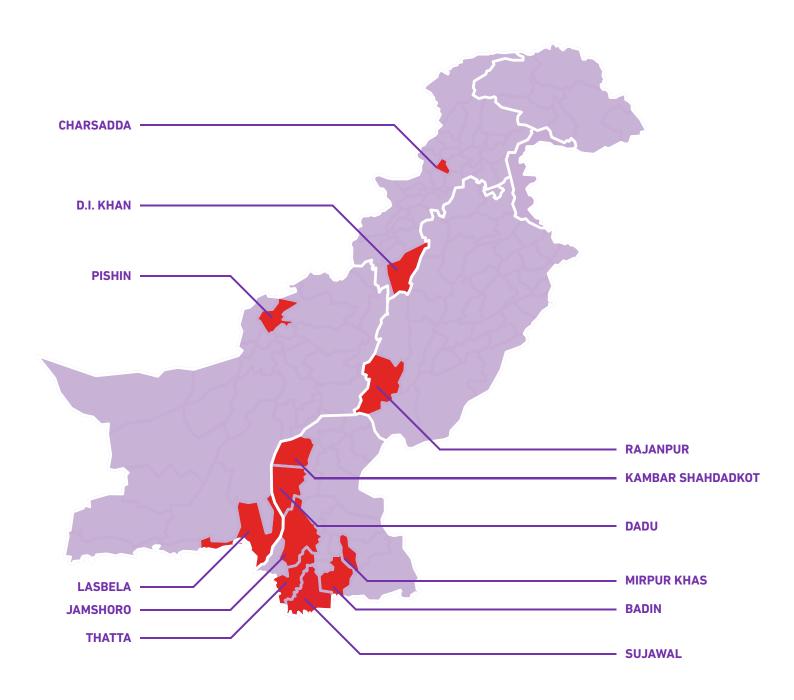


# WHERE WE ARE RESPONDING IN PAKISTAN





# CURRENT SITUATION IN PAKISTAN

The unprecedented monsoon season from June to September 2022 triggered one of Pakistan's worst flood disasters in decades. Rainfall was nearly three times higher than the national 30-year average. Official counts estimate more than 33 million people, around 15 per cent of the total population of the country, have been affected by the floods. The floods have caused around 800,00 houses to be fully damaged, and another 1,210,000 to be partially damaged, as well as displacing millions of affected households.

Some of the worst affected regions include Punjab, Khyber Punkhtawa, Balochistan, and Sindh, which was the most devastated. More than 12,000 people have been injured and 1,739 people have lost their lives.

Because there were already pre-existing challenges with Pakistan's infrastructure and capacity to address long-standing poverty, flood-affected survivors have a multitude

of complex needs. Malnutrition is a serious threat to children's lives and is a major issue in flood-affected communities. Floods have caused communities to resort to unsafe water sources, and waste management is a problem. leaving people at risk of disease, especially water-borne diseases. Healthcare systems and facilities are severely degraded in flood-ravaged communities, with rates of disease climbing. Communities are facing large-scale destruction of school facilities, meaning school children lack safe and protected learning spaces. Across all affected districts, one-third of houses were fully destroyed and not repairable while a significant portion of homes suffered partial damage as well. Key priorities for humanitarian aid include nutrition assistance, shelter, water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH), household goods, healthcare, and education.

## OUR RESPONSE SO FAR

Thanks to our generous donors, we have reached more than 634,633 flood-affected survivors so far.

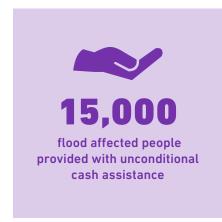
#### **HERE'S THE BREAKDOWN:**















# FUTURE PLANS

- One and two-room permanent housing construction and rehabilitation for 100 families in district Kambarshadkot-Sindh.
- Reconstruction and rehabilitation of 100 government schools and public health facilities in Punjab and Sindh.
- Temporary learning and child protection centers in Punjab, KP, and Sindh.

- Livelihoods restoration through financial, in-kind, non-food items (NFI's) and capacity building support of flood-affected families.
- Winter support to flood-affected communities in Punjab and Sindh.



#### KAREEM'S STORY

"May Allah bless the doctor who treated me today."

"My name is Kareem Bakhsh. I'm almost 80 years old. I had eight children – two of my boys and one daughter passed away due to illness. We struggle with poverty and work hard to make ends meet. My children work and I help them whenever I'm able to.

Our conditions have worsened since the floods. The houses didn't collapse, but foundations are damaged, so they are not safe to enter. Two rooms collapsed and we've no money to renovate. Winter has come, and we're struggling with inflation. It's very difficult to live in this situation. If we had the money, we'd be able to build a house, but we don't

even have a tent. During the flood, I got sick due to mosquitos and wading through water. I suffer from asthma, and I had fever. Not just me, the whole village suffered. Today I took medicine and feel better.

The water here isn't good, and it got worse in the flood. The mosquitos and dengue mosquitos increased. There was chaos everyone and there's no one left who is not sick. May Allah bless the doctor who treated me today. The animals have suffered with skin disease. We didn't' lose a lot of animals in the flood, but the disease spread amongst them. Now we only have one calf. May Allah save him!"

### NATHI'S STORY

"My children fell sick, then I fell sick with malaria. Human Appeal doctors treated us and brought medicine for my children and I."

Rabu Shidi is a village in the vicinity of the city of Thatta that was devastated by the floods. After the relentless monsoon rains finally stopped, Rabu Shidi remained surrounded by stagnant, static floodwater, which quickly became a breeding ground for waterborne diseases. In response, Human Appeal set up a mobile medical unit to ensure those affected by cholera and skin infections received the right medical intervention.

"My name is Nathi. I live in Rabu Shidi village. There was so much rain that our house was submerged in water. The rain brought dirty water and mosquitos, which cause disease and malaria. My children fell sick, then I fell sick with malaria. Human Appeal doctors treated us and brought medicine for my children and I."

#### How our mobile medical unit in Pakistan is saving lives

Thanks to your kindness and generosity, Human Appeal's mobile medical unit with professional doctors and nurses are still assessing patients and providing the right medical support to communities affected by the floods. Without this intervention, many people could have lost their lives to waterborne diseases, while pregnant women may have lost their unborn children.

Thanks to your mercy, Rabu Shidi is just one of many villages in Pakistan that our mobile medical unit will be visiting over the next few weeks and months. This has only been possible because of your generous donations. Thank you for helping us to save and protect precious lives.





#### SAVING BASTI EMAAN VILLAGE

## HOW WE HELD BACK THE FLOODS

The recent floods in Pakistan have devastated lives, killing over 1,350 people and 700,000 animals, while destroying 550,000 houses and displacing 33 million people.

Yet amidst all this destruction, our embankment project, which we implemented in District Rahim Yar Khan after the devastating floods of 2010, kept the Chenab River back, saving lives, homes, and livelihoods in Basti Emaan Village. Built 6 feet above the ground and 10 feet above river level, this 5km-long mud structure held strong, preventing floodwater from reaching homes, fields, and crops.

#### **FUTURE PROOFING PAKISTAN**

The deadly floods of 2010 affected more than 20 million people in Pakistan. Among the worst-affected districts was Rahim Yar Khan, where 500,000 people, many already living close to the poverty line, were impacted. Mosques, public buildings, and homes were obliterated. Not a single household remained. Thousands of families became homeless, while hundreds of acres of agricultural land worth billions became worthless.

In response, Human Appeal provided hot meals, food packs, tents, and other vital nonfood items to families. We later carried out needs assessments and helped to rebuild damaged and destroyed homes. Yet after several consultations, we knew that the only hope for Basti Emaan Village in Rahim Yar Khan was to fight back against the floods long-term by rebuilding, reinforcing, and raising the 25-kilometre embankment along the Chenab River that had collapsed entirely.







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