



Situation Report: Monsoon Floods in Pakistan - 29 July 2010

This situation report is based on information received from UN Agencies, humanitarian partners and government sources.

SITUATION OVERVIEW

Heavy rains in the past few days have triggered both flash floods and riverine floods in several parts of the country resulting in a loss of life and widespread displacement.

Khyber Pakhtunkhwa (KPK), Baluchistan, and Punjab have been the worst affected areas. Thousands of people have lost their homes and livelihoods. Crops have been destroyed, and roads and bridges damaged. All 7 districts of FATA have also been affected, according to the FATA Disaster Management Authority, although the severity is unclear.

Khyber Pakhtunkhwa

In KPK, these are the worst floods since 1929 and 25 districts are said to be hit. At least 400,000 people have been affected.

Swat, Charsadda, D I Khan, Tank and Upper and Lower Dir districts are among the districts badly hit. They have received between 100 – 290 mm of rain in the past 24 hours. This is the highest recorded rainfall in the region in the past 35 years.

Reports indicate that in Charsadda, more than 5,000 homes are underwater and 20 villages have been affected. The road links to Peshawar have also been cut off.

In Swat, the Swat river has broken its banks. It is reported, 4 subdivisions have been affected, with 2 villages flooded and more than a thousand homes underwater. Allegedly, hotels and shops have also been swept away.

In DI Khan and Tank initial reports say 23 villages have been affected. There is also a danger the river Indus will overflow.

In Mansehra initial reports suggest some villages have been hit by landslides.

Baluchistan

In Baluchistan, floods have hit seven districts including Sibi, Kohlu and Barkhan. It is reported that some 150,000 people have been affected.

Punjab

The rains have hit parts of upper Punjab; Mianwali, Attock, Rawalpindi and Jhelum in particular. Moreover, moderate to heavy rains continue to batter the flood plains in Rajanpur

RESPONSE

In KPK, relief operations, led by the government are underway. The Provincial Disaster Management Authority (PDMA) is putting together a response, and has started providing food and NFI's. It is also giving tents and other relief items.

In parts of KPK, the army is evacuating people from their villages. Some areas are only accessible by helicopter or boat as roads and bridges have been damaged.

In Swat, local authorities have established a camp in a school and 60 families have been moved there.

The humanitarian community is working on getting assessment missions to the affected areas. However, continued rains and damaged infrastructure make the roads impassable and so far multi cluster assessments have not yet been carried out. This means the picture of needs is still limited.

In Baluchistan, the government is leading the relief effort. The Shelter and Health clusters have been asked to assist. UN Habitat and UNHCR are providing tents and NFIs. WHO is coordinating with the government to provide medicines and WFP is ready to provide food if required.

The threat of more rains necessitates close monitoring of the situation.

In Punjab, the District Government has set up seven camps in Rajanpur to provide relief assistance to the displaced.

NEEDS

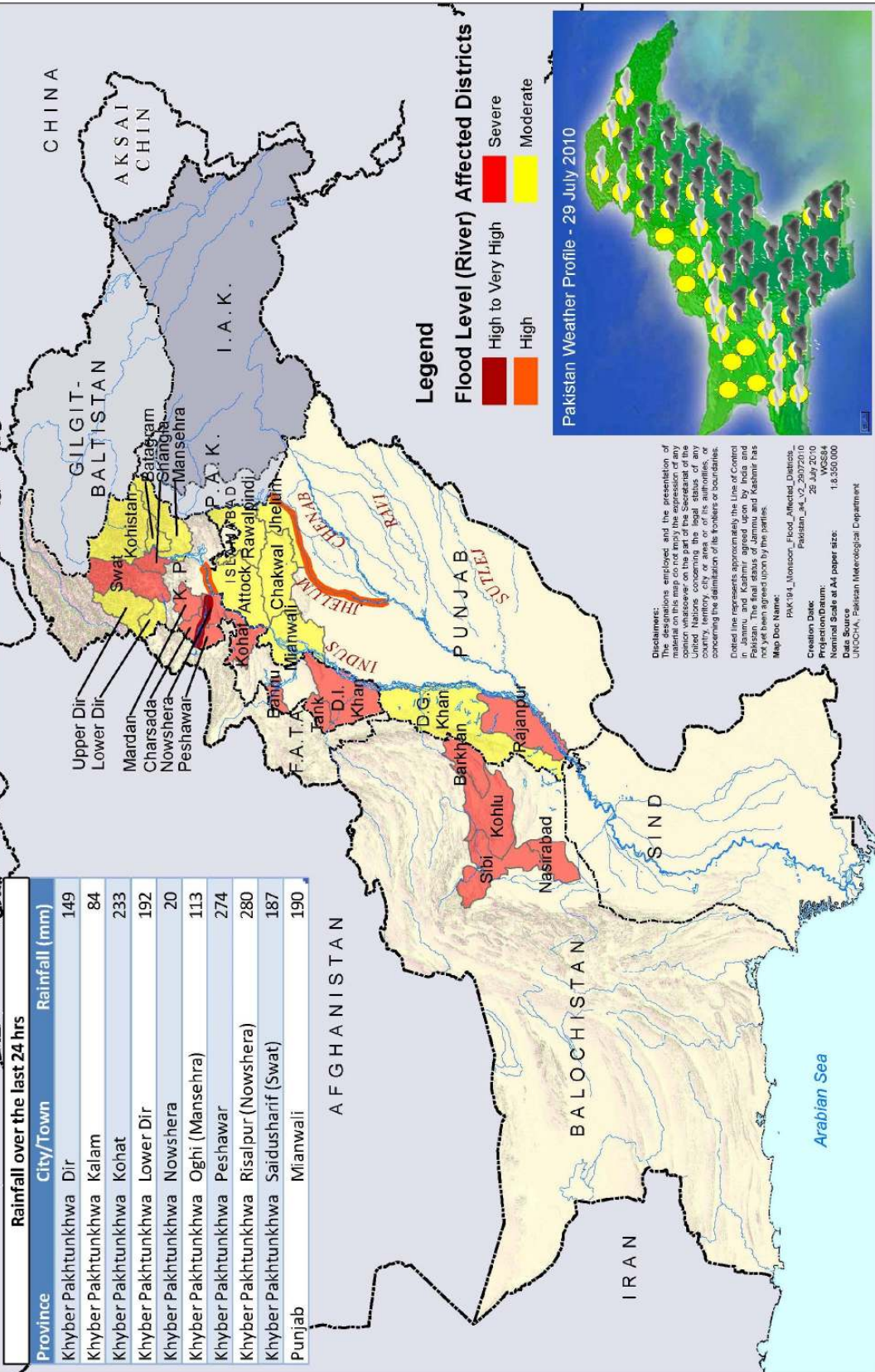
Based on the information currently available priorities include rescue and immediate life saving assistance. The army is evacuating people with boats and helicopters, but more rescue capacity is needed.

In addition, needs have been identified in four key sectors; Food, Health, WASH, and the Emergency Shelter and NFI Clusters. Items required include tents, Non-Food-Items (NFI) kits, utensils, hygiene kits, aqua tabs and emergency medical supplies.

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