

PAKISTAN FLOODING

THE DISASTER

Due to the scale of this catastrophe, international news media has made general information available. Currently, about 1/3 of Pakistan is under water...

“The catastrophic floods, resulting from monsoon rains that began in June, are unprecedented in scale and scope. So far, they have affected some 33 million people — about 14% of Pakistan’s population — causing death, damage, displacement and loss whose effects will be felt for months and years to come.

More than 1,000 people have been killed. Agriculture, a mainstay of Pakistan’s economy, has been overwhelmed as fields drown. Nearly half the cotton crop has been lost in southern Sindh province...a ‘crisis of unimaginable proportions.’ Of Sindh — which is still bracing for more floods as rivers to the north swell and burst their banks — [a Pakistani leader] tweeted: ‘The crops are gone, lives ruined, livelihoods wiped out, roads swept away, houses destroyed or barely standing ... Where to pump/drain the water? There’s water everywhere.’

The United Nations has launched a joint appeal with Pakistan’s government for \$160 million. ‘The Pakistani people are facing a monsoon on steroids — the relentless impact of epochal levels of rain and flooding,’ said U.N. Secretary-General António Guterres, who will visit the country on Friday. He referred to the flooding as a ‘climate catastrophe.’” - NPR, Aug 30, 2022



YFC PAKISTAN RESPONSE

Many who came to Christ thru YFC are now completely destitute. Their mostly-mud houses, and all contents, are gone. They're living on flooded streets and have desperately reached out to the YFC Nat'l Director due to no food or water. He has slept very little in the last week because he knows how they are suffering.

We quickly raised an initial \$4000 so YFC Pakistan could respond. Having indigenous leaders on the ground makes for fast response. Already the Nat'l Dir and other staff rapidly purchased, assembled, and made a first arduous 2-

day trip to distribute relief to those least likely to get other aid due to religious minority status, with particular focus on those who came to Christ through our ministry. His stories of villages completely washed away, the stench of dead livestock floating and lying along roads, and the desperation of the people, are sobering. This travel is also risky, as detection of food and medical resources would trigger robberies, so distribution was done at night. A short video of quick unloading at a secure, dry site can be viewed at <https://tinyurl.com/PkRelief>.





Word of mouth was used to inform targeted families of a gathering in a safe, standing building. A time of worship, encouragement and sharing God's love and care was accompanied by relief pack distribution. Our Nat'l Director says, "These hungry people were *extremely* happy to see us, to know someone cared about them. It seemed the love and encouragement meant more to them than the goods." Because we distribute such goods personally, the ministry of the Gospel can be a meaningful part of assisting those in need.

SPECIFIC FINANCIAL NEEDS GOING FORWARD

Now that a first trip has been made and the situation assessed, at least one more relief trip is being planned, and we have enough information to assess needs for the next 6 months. The rebuilding and recovery after flooding of such scope and severity will likely be 4-5 years, but the acute needs of up to 100 impoverished families most influenced by and involved in YFC ministry can be realistically met to the degree that funds are provided.

The following figures reflect current, and realistically anticipated, inflation as the crisis is already affecting the cost of everything we must purchase. We also have a YFC volunteer who works for the government and has been able to negotiate special prices for relief items on our behalf, and we expect that to continue.

Second trip for distribution of immediate relief packs, adding clean drinking water, mosquito nets and repellent, tents and plastic sheets = \$3,000

Basic needs for up to 100 extended families (may include several households):

- Food and related \$420
- Power/fuel \$50
- Medical \$30
- TOTAL \$500 per extended family per month**

Our ultimate desire is to provide this for 6 months, which would be **\$3,000 per family for 6 months.**

We can manage up to 100 such extended families if resources are provided.

YFC leadership travel one full year:

Fuel and van expense, food, lodging
\$750 per trip X 12 months = \$9,000



Above and below: God's Word encouraging many new believers, most illiterate, in time of severe trial



Thank you for prayerfully considering these things. Time is of the essence in disaster situations and we hope to hear soon if you plan to participate. All funds will be carefully used and accounted for, YFC Pakistan has a stellar reputation for this.



Surrounded by endless water covering villages and crops, thousands await rescue/relief on strips of land. Half of Pakistan's cotton crop has been lost. Brick kiln on right implies bondslaves toiling years/lifetimes due to inherited debt. Whatever they had is now gone.



YFC staff and volunteers encourage with God's Word and singing, greeted at times with long tearful hugs and crying



"Blessed are those with tents or mosquito nets" as Dengue Fever spreads



Prayer for girl who is ill and has broken leg in improvised cast

