



## **NHN Statement for Launch of Revised Appeal for Floods 2022**

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### **Honorable presidium**

Pakistan after experiencing COVID – 19 pandemic and Heat Wave Emergency is currently facing a dire humanitarian crisis stemming from unprecedented rainfall and floods that have impacted every part of the country. This monsoon season has left one-third of the country underwater, over 1,697 dead, more than 33 million displaced and caused over \$40 billion in damages. While we do not know the full extent of the disaster, it is expected that these numbers will keep growing. These are the deadliest floods in Pakistan since 2010, when nearly 2,000 died in flooding, This is a climate induced catastrophe, to which Pakistan did not contribute , the country produces less than 1% of the world’s carbon emissions yet bears the brunt of these climate disasters.

We admire the efforts and contribution of the member states, UN agencies, international financial institutes, local and International NGOs and government for helping people in this crucial times. As we all agree that the crisis is not over yet and may take months or years for these millions of displaced people to come back to their normal life. Till that happens the plight and difficulties of over 33 million people will continue. As the winter season is nearing it is important to take urgent and focused actions to provide relief and recovery support to flood victims across country. NHN being the largest network of national humanitarian organizations working in length and breadth of the country considers it important that world community shall come forward and contribute in full recovery of these millions of families. It is not possible without a focused, well-coordinated and increased humanitarian support from UN and other funders. We take this opportunity to highlight some urgent and important needs of these families especially the most vulnerable.

- Displaced families, living both on camps or off camps need urgent support for food, shelter, medicines, safe drinking water, winterized tents and other utilities to survive the hardships of weather, health hazards and other hygiene related problems;
- More than 3 million pregnant and lactating mothers need nutritional supplements and healthy food. Children facing multiple health problems also need urgent supply of medicine, baby food, and other children diets failing to which may increase further fatalities;
- People with special needs including PWDs, elderly, ailing need urgent medical support
- For urgent and complete recovery of these families we need to provide livelihood support so that they can start earning their livelihood without any further delays

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- The boundaries between the response and recovery needs to be further blurred, as the livelihoods, rebuilding shelter and investment in Water and sanitation might look as recovery, but neglecting them now can produce another catastrophe.

Moreover, it is the high time that global community generate and provide funds to support Pakistan to cope with the devastating disaster. We need to make sure that global commitments are met and localization moves forward. As the local actors and communities have been the first responders and will continue to be first responders to future disasters too, their involvement in the response should go beyond tokenism, and the leadership and decision making process in the response, recovery and rehabilitation be localized. Let this operation be coordinated, decided and implemented by the local actors. We need to make sure that donors and partners support local actors and that they are not exploiting them. Localization needs to be trickled down from the national to the local level.

**Thank you very much...**

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