

This update is produced by National Humanitarian Network which aims to provide a brief overview of Floods situation on daily basis. The information below is provided by NHN chapters in coordination with member organizations.

Pakistan is been hit by the Monsoon Flash Flood and is causing damages in Punjab, Sindh, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, Gilgit Baltistan and Baluchistan.

### Khyber Pakhtunkhwa

#### Chitral:

Different parts of District Chitral were hit by Glacial Lake Outburst Floods (GLOF) which carried massive torrents and flash floods washing away villages, access roads, bridges, drinking water supply systems, public/private property and agricultural crops. Till date about 300,000 people in Chitral are affected, 26 villages has been devasted and Upper Chitral is cut off from the rest of the district at Kuragh, standing about 200,00 people. (Source: Dawn Newspaper)

On 16 July 2015, torrential rains damaged Shoghor village, some 30 km away from central Chitral and destroyed the main Karimabad Bridge at Shoghor, isolating over 30,000 people from access to main Chitral, the main supply market of all essential commodities to the entire Chitral. The flood destroyed 12 shops, hotels, residential houses and main Garumchashma Road. Garumchashma and Arkari with the population of over 80,000 are now completely cut off from access to Main Chitral.

Garumchashma road is strategically very important in defense point of view as well as a commercial point of view. The region is popular for potato crop production and every year one billion potatoes are supplied to the national market, a major cash crop for the people of Garumchashma and Karimabad.

The residents are facing severe shortage of potable water and food owing to these bridges and roads swept away by flash flood. On 16 July 2015 flash flood destroyed Broze village killing a woman and a five-year-old girl, destroying over 30 shops, dozens of bridges, standing crop, fruit bearing trees, agricultural lands, and residential houses when heavy rain followed by flash floods hit various parts of the Chitral district early Thursday.

The nature of the damages could be divided into three parts:

- a) Affecting Chitral town with a population of over 50,000. This consisted of breaking down of the main drinking water systems, electricity and the road communication
- b) Breaking down of large government funded infrastructure schemes particularly main roads to Upper Chitral, Garam Chashma and Kalash valleys
- c) Community Infrastructure, because of physical size of the area, vast majority of the community are dependent on irrigation channels, drinking water schemes, link roads, bridges and Hyde which have been constructed by the communities and maintained by them

Most affected Union Councils are:

- Chitral
- Ayun, Broze
- Drosh 1
- Drosh 2
- Shoghore
- Charun

### **Kalash Valleys**

*Bumboret Valley* in Kalash was also triggered by heavy rain which destroyed numerous houses, bridges, roads, water supply system, and micro-hydro power stations. In Bumboret, 11 houses in Shekhandah locality and two houses in Karakal were also damaged. Most of the houses swept away were built right on the edge of streams.

Flash floods also affected houses, shops and roads in *Birir Valley*, forcing the residents to shift their cattle and important possessions to higher altitudes. Road from all the three tourist villages of Kalash are completely disconnected from the Chitral Head Quarter. Ayon village, and Orghoch villages are also seriously affected. Main Chitral and Peshawar road were also blocked for all traffic for two days, now temporarily opened for lighter traffic.

Torrential rain also triggered in Reshun, Charun, Kuragh, Baranis villages. The main Chitral Mastuj/Gilgit and Peshawar Road is cut off and over 500,000 residents have been left stranded within their villages due to no bridges, road and other mean of communication, as the flooded rivers washed away the critical infrastructure and properties besides river bed and the economical cost of the flash flood are estimated to be in the billions.

### **Recommendations**

- A detailed and multi-sectoral damage and needs assessment is required to ascertain complete destruction of flash flood damages
- 1,000 tents, 2,000 blankets, tarpaulins, bedding, food items, and medical aid is urgently required
- A comprehensive and integrated approach is required to coordinate with responding and humanitarian agencies to avoid duplication in response and recovery process
- WASH and health, hygiene facilities to affected people is urgently required
- Shelter for the displaced people urgently required before start of the winter
- To regularize market mechanism and to ensure availability of essential commodities of daily use, opening local roads within the villages and district is urgently required
- Most of the irrigation channels and water sources damaged during flooding require urgent repair and maintenance to avoid further damages to the crops owing to non-availability of water supply to crops, fruit bearing trees, fauna, flora and forestry
- Repair and construction of micro-hydel station to restore electricity
- Cash for starting work to restore the destroyed properties

## Gilgit Baltistan

Deputy Commissioner Skardu declared emergency in the city. Flash floods caused damage in the Village Wairpur Shigar, crops and thousands of fruit trees are also destroyed. In the area of Narthang, a tent colony was established for the affected population. Main access roads, bridge and 75 households are affected. Oral Keris village Gangche and Kanday Gangche also faced destruction making 15 and 25 homeless respectively, 15 houses were damaged in Khashu Balghar.

## Punjab

### Rajanpur

In Rajanpur the rise in Indus River started from 16 July 2015 and start damages of livelihood (Standing Crops) of the riverine areas from 18 July 2015. On 19 July 2015 there was a medium level flood in Rajanpur with approx 4, 00,000 cusec which is continuously rising as per the local based knowledge. Flash flood is another hazard developed from the mountains range of Koh-e-Suleman from the west side of Rajanpur. On 18-19 July 2015 heavy rains fall on Suleman range which developed a high level flash flood in Pachadh Areas of Rajanpur. Approx 46,000 cusec water reported to cross the Dara Kaha Sultan and 18,000 Cusec crossed the Dara Chachar on 20 July 2015. This rain water also fall in Indus River at Raikh Bagh Wala and Basti Leghari.

### List of Affected Union Councils

Indus River Flood	Flash Flood
<b>Tehsil Jampur</b>	
1. Basti Rindan 2. Kotla Deewan 3. Kotla Mughlan 4. Mohammad Pur	1. Harrand 2. Lal Garh 3. Noor Pur Manjhoo Wala 4. Hajipur
<b>Tehsil Rajanpur</b>	
1. Peer Bakhsh Sharqi 2. Sikhani Wala 3. Sahan Wala 4. Shikar Pur 5. Noor pur 6. Kot Mithan 7. Murghai	Not Affected
<b>Tehsil Rojhan</b>	
1. Sabzani 2. Miranpur 3. Rojhan 4. Bangla Icha 5. 5. Soonmiani	Not Affected

## Major Damages

- A rough estimate Approx 2 to 2.5 Lac population has been affected in 20 UCs
- Damages of mud houses have been reported in Kacha & Pachadh Areas; exact figure not available
- Crops at large scale have been damaged in both the riverine as well as in flash flood areas i.e. 1- Sugarcane 2- Cotton 3- Mungbean 4- Fodders

## Immediate Needs

It is expected that on 23-24 July 2015 approx 5-6 lac cusec will pass through the district Rajanpur which may create a critical situation and it is expected that there will be a huge evacuation. Following are the major immediate needs for the IDPs:

- Safe Drinking Water
- Cooked / dry food
- Fodder for livestock
- WASH in Relief Camps
- Plastic Sheets as the monsoon rains are continue
- Family size tents

## Layyah

High-level flood (500,000 cusec) in the River Indus has been reported in 150 villages of 70 mouzas in 11 riverine union councils of the district Layyah, Punjab. The floodwater has caused severe damage to standing crops of sugarcane, rice, cotton, sesame seeds, vegetables, mango orchards, moong and green fodder on more than 200,000 acres in the district.

The flood-hit Union Councils include:

- Warrah Seharan
- Baseera
- Sahowala
- Shahpur of Karor tehsil
- Shadu Khan
- Kotla Haji Shah
- Lohanch Nashaib
- Jhakkar
- Bait Wasawa Shumali
- Bhakri Ahmed Khan
- Paharpur

Over 46,000 acres of land in 10 villages was submerged when the floodwater in river Chenab washed away an embankment near Sirki in Alipur tehsil headquarters four days back. According to an official data, the embankment near Sirki was washed away inundating villages, including Kundai, Malik Arain, Missan, Kotla Ghulam Shah, Bait Burrerah, Khan Garh Domma, Bait Noorwala and Bait Channa. The floodwater also inundated houses and badly affected crops, including cotton, mongi, sugarcane and vegetables.

## Muzaffargarh

District Muzaffargarh has been issued a "red alert" warning on Monday, 20 July 2015 as a high flood of 500,000 cusec is reportedly passing through the Taunsa Barrage. According to the District Administration, 200 mauzas (small villages) along the River Indus had been evacuated urgently, in response to the warning. According to irrigation department estimates, if water in the River Chenab exceeds 290,000 cusec it could become a threat for Muzaffargarh city, while the Indus capacity at Taunsa Barrage was 800,000 cusec. According to sources, River Chenab floodwater has submerged more than three dozen villages some eight kilometers away from the city.

## Balochistan

On 19 July 2016 heavy rainfall and windstorm created the flood situation in District Zhob damaging flood protection bunds, electric poles, roads, uprooting trees, etc. Also caused breaches at various locations to the protection bunds claiming 4 lives so far. Further various bridges on D.I Khan and Mir Ali Khel road damaged/washes away. The most flood hit area include:

- Kharotabad
- Ganj Mohallah
- Islamiyar Mohallah
- Pani Taqseem
- Sherani
- Bazar
- Viala
- Takai
- Sui Sheikhan
- Baber Lakaband

## Media Reports

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- <http://www.chitraltoday.net/chitral-peshawar-road-closed-after-flooding-in-drosh-gol/>

## Annex

- PDMA KP reports
- DDMU Chitral reports

- Monsoon daily situation report, 22 July 2015
- Flood advisory, 22 July 2015
- Significant flood forecast
- Monsoon contingency directives 2015 by NDMA