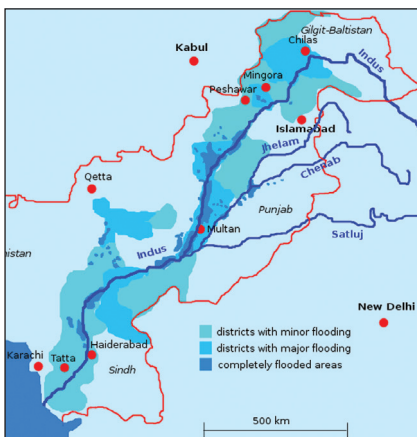


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Act for Peace project partner, Church World Service Pakistan/Afghanistan (CWS P/A), was working with internally displaced people from the war with Taliban insurgents when floods swept across the countryside in July 2010. The Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, Sindh, Punjab and Balochistan Provinces of Pakistan and the Indus River basin were inundated. At one point, approximately one-fifth of Pakistan's total land area was under water.

About 20 million people were directly affected, mostly by destruction of property, livelihood and infrastructure, with a death toll of close to 2,000. This disaster affected more people than the 2004 Indian Ocean tsunami, the 2005 Kashmir earthquake and the 2010 Haiti earthquake combined.

Thanks to your gifts and those of other Act for Peace supporters, CWS P/A swung straight into relief action by providing emergency food, temporary shelter and household items, as well as vital mobile and stationary health services. The help continues with long term recovery and rebuilding work. The threat of the Taliban has not dissipated, but the

Pakistani Government and humanitarian agencies have concentrated on using their resources in relief and recovery work.

\$50 can provide women with vaccinated poultry, feed and training in the aftermath of the floods.

\$140 can provide a toolkit for trainees at a construction and trade training centre in flood affected communities.

\$350 can provide a monthly salary for a pharmacist working at a health unit supporting flood survivors.

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THANK YOU Partners for your commitment to Act for Peace through your prayers and regular gifts. Through your generosity, we are making a real and lasting difference to the lives of so many people, particularly for the people of Pakistan during the rebuilding phase.

Partners, please tell a friend about this work and encourage them to become an Act for Peace Partner. If you would like more information or if you wish to upgrade your own regular gift, simply free call Howard or Sarah on **1800 025 101** or email hgraham@ncca.org.au.

Your feedback and suggestions are welcome, as we love to hear from you and to pass on comments to our project partners. Your support gives them great encouragement.

On the other hand, if you are not yet an Act for Peace Partner and would like to be or would just like to help this project, please call or email us today!

Survival in the Aftermath of Pakistan's Floods

Dear Act for Peace Partner,

I am Mohammad Afzal, aged 36, and I lived in Badi Serai Village located in Swat District before the floods tore through our village. The floods completely washed away my house leaving my wife, four children and me with nothing besides the clothes on our backs. In the months since, we have been living with my uncle and his family. His house is situated farther away from Badi Serai River, so they were not affected by the floodwaters.

When the waters approached our house we gathered our children and left immediately. There was no time to take anything with us. I have not only lost my house and everything in it, but I have also lost my wheat-grinding machine which provided my source of income. Now, I have no way to make a living and feel helpless

because I cannot support my family. My earnings per day were \$3.60. Nowadays, I am unable to even provide a single meal to my family. By lifting stones or making roadways, I receive \$1.20 per day. It disheartens me even more to see my wife and children cry.

Thanks to Church World Service – Pakistan/Afghanistan, we have received food to help us survive. The food package lasted us for the entire month of Ramadan. There is some rice left and we have been sharing the food package with my uncle's family as well. I have also received other supplies which included items such as a bucket, hygiene kit, kitchen set and mats.

Because of the kitchen set, we have our own spoons, glasses and towels and do not feel obligated to ask my uncle for these things. My wife is pleased with the kitchen set, and we can take these items with us, but it seems hard to imagine a new place of our own. I would prefer to move to the city for work, but to move there, I'd need money I don't have. Also, it would be difficult to move there with my wife and children. By the grace of Allah, we have received this kind support from your gifts to Act for Peace. We cannot expect support from others because they give us false promises and we have to beg for their help.

Sometimes I feel I would like a tent so I can move from my uncle's house and have something of my own. It has been really hard during winter with rising prices all over the country. How will we survive in future? This is the question my wife and I keep asking each other. We are in distress, and it is going to take a long time to recover all that we have lost. Please pray for us in our struggle to recover and rebuild after the floods.

Mohammad



Pakistani Flood Victims



Mohammad Afzal with children and CWS P/A emergency packs

Partner's Prayer Points:

Give thanks for the devotion and faith of those working with flood victims, war refugees, orphans, the dying and the hungry.

Pray for an end to violence and growth in the ability of different groups to work with one another in the recovery and rebuilding effort.