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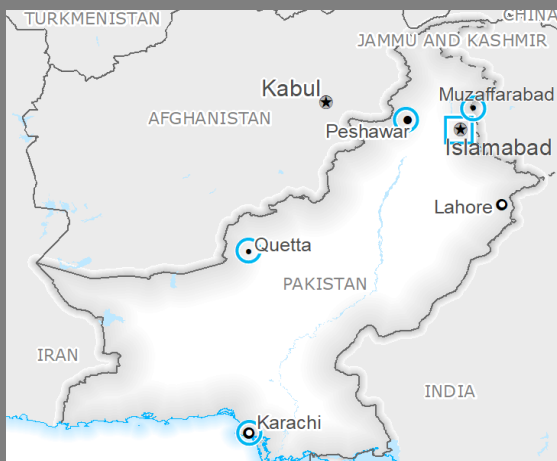


Muhammad Iqbal (37), father of four children, receiving WFP assistance after losing his only livelihood source, a small tuck shop, due to the devastating floods. @WFP/Balach Jamali

Operational Context

Millions of families in Pakistan have been confronted with extreme climate events in 2022 – from unrelenting heatwaves to super-charged monsoon rains and flooding, bringing unprecedented scale of damages for Pakistan. This climate emergency comes at the heels of a series of economic downturns in Pakistan, aggravated by chronic trade imbalances with soaring food and fuel prices. Recent floods have also exacerbated the food insecurity and malnutrition crisis that Pakistan was already struggling to cope with. Four out of ten children under five years of age are stunted and 17.7 percent suffer from wasting or acute malnutrition (the highest level recorded in the country's history).

WFP Pakistan's Country Strategic Plan seeks to support the Government through the provision of critically needed relief and nutrition support to vulnerable population groups. All WFP activities in the country aim to complement the Government's efforts in enhancing food and nutrition security of the population. WFP's work also encompasses community resilience building, disaster risk management and preparedness elements for sustainability and national ownership. WFP has been present in Pakistan since 1968.



Population: **243 million**

Chronic malnutrition: **40% of children between 6-59 months**

Income Level: **Lower middle**

2021/22 Human Development Index: **161 out of 191 countries**

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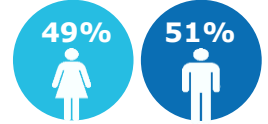
In Numbers

3,612 mt of food distributed

US\$ 881,700 in cash distributed

US\$ 186.7 million six-month (October 2022 – March 2023) net funding requirements

551,618 people assisted



Operational Updates

- As of 30 September, WFP assisted 643,259 flood-affected people** with 4,133 mt of in-kind food and US\$ 617,531 in cash-based transfers in Balochistan, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa (KP), Punjab, and Sindh provinces, with plans to reach 2.7 million people in the coming months. WFP utilised a range of transport modalities, including boats, to provide assistance in inaccessible areas of Sindh. Under the blanket supplementary feeding programme, WFP provided 11,200 children aged 6-23 months and 12,007 pregnant and lactating women (PLW) in Sindh, Balochistan and Punjab with 53 mt of specialised nutritious food (SNF), out of the total targeted 636,042 PLW and children. In addition, WFP plans to provide 117,640 children and 104,209 PLW with SNF under a targeted supplementary feeding programme to treat and prevent wasting. After the initial relief phase, WFP will gradually transition to recovery and resilience activities, to assist communities in rehabilitating climate-smart infrastructure and restoring livelihoods.
- WFP, alongside other development partners, supported the Government of Pakistan in conducting a **rapid needs assessment (RNA)** in the flood-affected districts of Sindh, KP and Balochistan provinces. The findings of the RNA revealed that:

 - 30 percent of orchard farmland was destroyed;
 - 31 percent of livestock owners lost at least one animal;
 - 22 percent of people have been displaced due to the floods;
 - 72 percent of the affected households have inadequate resources to buy food;
 - on average, households were left with only around 10 days of food stock; and
 - affected households were adopting negative coping strategies and nearly 40 percent had reduced their food intake.
- WFP started its preparation work with the Government, alongside other stakeholders, to carry out a **post disaster needs assessment** of the 2022 floods in late October.

Country Strategic Plan (2018-2022)

Total Requirement (in USD)	Allocated Contributions (in USD)	Six-month Net Funding Requirements (in USD)
514.04 m	484.93 m	186.67 m

Strategic Result 1: Everyone has access to food

Strategic Outcome 1: Affected populations in Pakistan have timely access to adequate food and nutrition during and in the aftermath of natural disasters and shocks (SDG 2.1).

Focus area: Crisis response

Activities:

- Unconditional resource transfers to support access to food
- Asset creation and livelihood support activities

Strategic Outcome 2: The social protection system at the federal and provincial levels provides the populations most in need, especially women, adolescent girls and children, with improved and sustained access to safe, nutritious and sufficient food by 2022.

Focus area: Root Causes

Activities:

- Institutional capacity strengthening activities
- School meal activities

Strategic Result 2: No one suffers from malnutrition

Strategic Outcome 3: The entire population of Pakistan, especially children under 5, adolescent girls and women of reproductive age, has improved nutrition in line with national targets for 2025.

Focus area: Root Causes

Activities:

- Malnutrition prevention activities
- Enhanced social and public-sector capacity to identify, target and assist nutritionally vulnerable populations

Strategic Result 4: Food systems are sustainable

Strategic Outcome 4: Communities in disaster prone districts have more resilient food systems and development gains are better protected by disaster risk management systems at all levels by 2022.

Focus area: Resilience building

Activities:

- Climate adaptation and risk management activities.
- Emergency preparedness activities

Strategic Result 5: Countries have strengthened capacity to implement the SDGs (SDG target 17.9)

Strategic Outcome 5: Federal and provincial systems have strengthened capabilities to provide food security and essential services by 2022.

Focus area: Root Causes

Activities:

- Institutional capacity strengthening activities.

Donors

Australia, Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, Canada, China, ECHO, Emergency Preparedness and Response Trust Fund, Germany, Italy, Japan, Republic of Korea, Pakistan, Norway, Saudi Arabia, Switzerland, United Arab Emirates, UN Centralized Emergency Response Fund (CERF) Fund and USA.

- In early September, WFP started **supporting the National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA) with the handling and transportation of relief cargo and goods**. WFP deployed its staff at Karachi's airport to manage all incoming relief cargo. As of 28 September, over 15,000 mt of relief cargo were received and transported to more than 50 locations across Pakistan, using more than 2,000 WFP-contracted trucks. From 26 September, WFP started the transportation of 150,000 tents, from 7 cities to 48 locations in Balochistan and Sindh provinces, and 69,000 tents were transported within September. Since mid-September 2022, WFP also started trans-shipping relief items from train to truck for NDMA, arriving from Türkiye via rail. In addition, WFP supported the management of relief cargo from China, United Arab Emirates, the United States and the United Kingdom at local seaports.
- In September, **WFP provided 225,045 children aged 6-59 months and PLW with SNF and health support, through its nationwide stunting prevention programme, 'Benazir Nashonuma'**. The programme supports people registered under the Government's largest social safety net, the Benazir Income Support Programme (BISP). In addition to food and health support, women also receive supplementary cash transfers. This intervention is currently being implemented through 118 facilitation centers with plans to expand to 447 centers across 141 districts. WFP aims to support the Government in reaching 1.7 million women and children through the programme over the next three years.
- Through its **Community-Based Management of Acute Malnutrition (CMAM) programme** in KP and Azad Jammu and Kashmir (AJK) region, WFP provided **59,598 malnourished children and PLW** with SNF through 149 targeted supplementary sites.
- **WFP Pakistan continues to facilitate the transport of food commodities from Pakistan into Afghanistan, as part of its support to the ongoing humanitarian response in Afghanistan**. In September, 21,676 mt of locally procured food was dispatched to Afghanistan, bringing the total amount of locally produced commodities dispatched to 200,206 mt since August 2021. In addition, 14,147 mt of international shipments carrying food commodities have been cleared in Karachi and either dispatched to Afghanistan or stored in WFP Pakistan's warehouses for onward transportation, bringing the total amount shipped to 125,126 mt since August 2021.