



Distribution of the additional winterization items such as blankets, quilts, sleeping mats has started in various parts of Sindh. The staff of the implementing partner Health And Nutrition Development Society (HANDS) is getting the items ready for distribution in Shikarpur district, northern Sindh. UNHCR/ H. Mehboob

Overview:

As the winter season reaches its peak, the flood-affected parts of Pakistan are facing an unusually harsh weather this year. Sindh being the hottest of the provinces in Pakistan is facing temperatures as low as Peshawar in the north. Dense fog and cold winds with occasional showers has made the lives of people residing in the IDP camps very difficult. As the New Year dawns, UNHCR has scaled up its distribution of winter aid among the flood victims in camps as well as the return areas across the country. The winterization distribution aims to assist 112,000 most vulnerable individuals in southern Punjab, 273,000 people in Sindh, more than 400,000 people in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa (KPK) and 57,000 people in Balochistan. The distribution is prioritised based on vulnerability of the flood-affected population.

To date, more than 1,417,900 WATAN card applicants have been processed and almost 1,416,800 cards have been issued. Although registration centres officially closed at the end of Dec 2010, National Database and Registration Authority (NADRA) is continuing to register and verify persons who were missed out in the process. UNHCR is monitoring the process in the field and responding to any complaints of discrimination and persons missed out of the process by working closely with the authorities to ensure a fair process and inclusion.

Sindh Province

Shelter & NFI Distribution

Emergency Shelter: So far, 167,172 tents and 320,960 plastic sheets have been distributed in Sindh as emergency shelter items. As agreed with the local government authorities UNHCR is assisting the flood-affected population returned back to their homes in different parts of Sindh by distribution tents and NFIs in the return areas.

Transitional Shelter: UNHCR in collaboration with its implementing partner Health And Nutrition Development Society (HANDS) has started a pilot project of constructing semi-permanent transitional shelters made of bricks in Northern Sindh. UNHCR plans to construct 7000 – 8000 transitional shelters for the most vulnerable families in the province.

The distribution of the winterization kits has started in Sindh and so far 56,000 flood victims have already received winterization kits in Jacobabad and Daddu districts of Sindh where communities are also still struggling with stagnant waters and lack of livelihood recourses. Distribution is continuing for another 217,000 flood victims in the province. The winterization kit per family includes two blankets, two quilts, four sweaters, four shawls, 19 sanitary napkins, one tooth paste and one tooth brush.

Camp Coordination and Camp Management (CCCM)

There is an immediate need for the distribution of winterization items in the various camps across the province in order to assist the flood-affected population in the unusually cold weather. UNHCR team is planning to start the distribution in the camps in the coming days.

Almost all the schools and government buildings in northern Sindh have been evacuated and the flood-affected families have voluntarily shifted back to their areas of origin. Three school buildings in Qambar Shahdadkot and 15 schools in Hyderabad are still occupied by the flood affected families. The families in need of assistance at their areas of origin are being provided additional NFIs and tents in order to facilitate their return.

Protection Issues & Challenges

“WATAN card information desk” has been established with the cooperation of camp authorities in camps situated in Jamshoro and Dadu Districts. UNHCR has shared the important facts and information regarding the WATAN card with the camp authorities. The information sharing is a part of the mass information strategy in order to spread awareness about the WATAN card distribution and usage for the flood induced displaced persons residing in the camps. Simultaneously, UNHCR is also working together with IOM towards strengthening the monitoring and reporting mechanisms within the provinces

Khyber Pakhtunkhwa (KPK)

Shelter & NFI Distribution

As of 30 December, 6,180 transitional shelters have been constructed for flood victims in Swat, Peshawar, Charsada, Nowshera, D.I. Khan and Lower Dir by UNHCR’s implementing partners, reaching 92% of the planned target. UNHCR is planning to continue the transitional shelter project in 2011 as well. It is agreed that as per the request of the Provincial Disaster Management Authority (PDMA), the transitional shelters will continue to be

constructed in the northern snow bound areas of the province. Meanwhile UNHCR is planning the expansion of the project to Chitral, Kohistan and Shangla Districts. In light of the recent returns to Waziristan, the transitional shelter project may also be started in Bajour and Mohmand agencies in FATA, depending on security situation.



Floods victims search through the destroyed remains of their properties in the village of Azakhel on the outskirts of Nowshera, Khyber Pakhtonkhwa UNHCR/J. Tanner/September 2010

The distribution of the winterization kits is ongoing in KPK. So far, 33,535 Winterization Kits have been distributed to assist 234,745 flood-affected individuals in 16 locations in the affected districts of Swat, Peshawar, Charsada, Nowshera, D.I. Khan and Lower Dir. The winterization kit distributed in KPK includes six blankets, four quilts, four sleeping mats, one plastic sheet, four shawls and four sweaters. About another 200,000 people will receive winter aid across the province in the coming weeks, including flood-affected Pakistanis and Afghan refugees, conflict-affected internally displaced people residing in camps, and those returning to the Federally Administered Tribal Areas (FATA).

Conflict-induced IDPs

The displaced population from Waziristan has resumed returning to their areas of origin from 5 January. So far, 407 families/1,087 individuals have gone back to their homes in Waziristan. The government has divided the process of return to South Waziristan Agency in different phases. The initial phase, which started, last year included returns to the cleared areas of Chagmalay, Ganra Katch, Mandana, Shaikh Ziarat, Spinkay Raghzay and Murghiband. UNHCR assisted the families returning by providing transportation and cooked meal in addition to standard assistance of emergency shelter and NFI kits.

Flood-affected Afghan Refugees

The distribution of the winterization kits have started in the flood-affected Azakhel refugee village with a displaced population of over 4,600 refugee families/ 28,000 individuals, according to UNHCR database. There are

around 1,000 families living in tents in the area where UNHCR started the distribution of tents and NFIs immediately after the floods. The rest of the families (around 23,000 individuals) have been relocated to Shamshatoo camp by the authorities. In addition, distribution of Winterization Kits is ongoing in six flood-affected Afghan refugee villages with 11,000 registered families in Kohat since 5 Jan 2011.

Balochistan Province



A flood-affected woman in District Jaffarabad of Balochistan is back at her home after going through the ordeal of displacement in camp for two months and is now determine to rebuild. The entire Jaffarabad district was vacated in mid August and remained in water for 4 months. UNHCR/D.A.Khan/ December /2010

Protection Issues & Challenges

UNHCR's implementing partner Balochistan Rural Support Programme (BRSP) has shared the data of the vulnerable flood-affected population residing in camps with UNHCR and the protection cluster. In total 620 vulnerable individuals have been identified, among them are 255 children, 214 women, 41 disabled, etc. Data was analyzed and referred to the respective clusters/organizations for further provision of recommended assistance and follow-up.

Shelter & NFI Distribution

So far, In Balochistan more than 450,000 flood victims have been assisted by UNHCR through distributing tents and NFIs. In addition, the distribution of the transitional shelter kits has also been started. So far UNHCR has assisted 3,668 individuals by handing over 583 transitional shelters kits that are being build by the beneficiaries themselves in collaboration with the implementing partners' staff. The completed shelters are out of the total 16,000 transitional shelters planned in Jaffarabad and Naseerabad districts to assist more than 112,000 flood victims.

The distribution of the winterization kits has also started in Balochistan and so far, 40,000 flood-affected people have received winterization items in Sibbi, Jaffarabad, Naseerabad and Quetta districts. Distribution is ongoing over the coming weeks to another 16,247 individuals.

Camp Coordination and Camp Management (CCCM)

Due to provision of the health facilities in camps by Turkish Red Crescent and services of Agha Khan Hospital's doctors, the health services have substantially improved. However, latrines and sanitation facilities are still needed at many camps.

Punjab Province

Protection Issues & Challenges

The district Government has announced the evacuation of a spontaneous settlement/camp "Khudai" situated in Muzaffargarh. Some of the families are not willing to return to their homes as their properties were destroyed. UNHCR's implementing partner SHARP is assessing the situation in order to assist the families.

Shelter & NFI Distribution

UNHCR has started the distribution of winter packages to some 112,000 of the most vulnerable persons in the coldest pockets of 11 flood-affected districts of the southern Punjab. So far, 258 winterization kits have been distributed in Muzaffarabad & Binda Sandeela, District Multan through the implementing partner Courage Development Foundation.

Funding Situation

As at 17 December 2010, funding reached 82 per cent of the US\$120 million revised appeal budget.

*Global Distribution of NFIs and Shelter assistance per province

Items	Fam/Ind.	KPK	Balochistan	Sindh	Punjab	Total Families/ individual covered	Total items released from ware- house
		Families/ individual covered	Families/ individual covered	Families/ individual covered	Families/ individual covered		
Tents	Fam.	62,475	39,838	24,211	9,439	135,963	167172
	Indi.	437,325	278,866	169,477	66,073	951,741	
Plastic Sheet	Fam.	57,429	25,392	23,708	4,361	110,889	320960
	Indi.	402,003	177,741	165,953	30,527	776,223	
Plastic Rolls	Fam.	6,325				6,325	6325
	Indi.		-	-	-		
Total Coverage for Shelter	Fam.	119,904	65,230	47,919	13,800	246,852	
	Indi.	839,328	456,607	335,430	96,600	1,727,964	
Blanket	Fam.	105,278	19,491	23,132	5,815	153,715	1175451
	Indi.	736,946	136,435	161,922	40,703	1,076,005	
Quilts	Fam.	189,926	12,522	22,965	8,722	234,135	596101
	Indi.	1,329,482	87,654	160,755	61,054	1,638,945	
Kitchen Sets	Fam.	104,812	47,792	22,965	8,722	184,291	237195
	Indi.	733,684	334,544	160,755	61,054	1,290,037	
Mosquito Nets	Fam.	75,059	41,266	22,965	8,722	148,012	395638
	Indi.	525,413	288,862	160,755	61,054	1,036,084	
Jerry Cans	Fam.	108,552	35,518	22,965	8,722	175,757	412787
	Indi.	759,864	248,623	160,755	61,054	1,230,296	
Sleeping Mats	Fam.	104,211	23,151	22,965	8,722	159,049	828040
	Indi.	729,477	162,055	160,755	61,054	1,113,341	
Plastic Buckets	Fam.	85,207	39,639	22,965	6,208	154,019	349378
	Indi.	596,449	277,470	160,755	43,456	1,078,130	
Soap	Fam.	105,278	15,200	22,965	8,722	152,165	267488
	Indi.	736,946	106,400	160,755	61,054	1,065,155	

At least 1.7 million flood victims have been assisted with shelter and NFIs in the affected areas as of 17 December 2010