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PAKISTAN: FLOODS

The Federation's mission is to improve the lives of vulnerable people by mobilizing the power of humanity. It is the world's largest humanitarian organization and its millions of volunteers are active in 185 countries.

In Brief

This Bulletin (no. 01/2007) is being issued for information only, and reflects the status of the situation and information available at this time. The Federation is not seeking funding or other assistance from donors for this operation at this time.

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The Situation

Cloud bursts caused flash floods in three villages of Swat district in the North West Frontier Province (NWFP) of Pakistan, on 16 June 2007 (at around 1300 hours local time), leaving 17 people dead and 60 people injured, mostly children.

The three affected villages are located about 20 kilometers north of Mingora, the headquarters of Swat district. Around 1,850 families (13,000 individuals) live in the affected area, out of which an estimated 500 families (4,000 individuals) have been affected by the flash floods. The torrents damaged about 500 houses (partially), as well as livelihood and livestock in the area.



The collapsed roof of a house damaged by flash floods in Swat district, NWFP

Red Cross and Red Crescent action

The Pakistan Red Crescent Society (PRCS) has a district branch in Swat. The chairman of the NWFP branch, along with three staff members and five volunteers of the Swat district branch, immediately dispatched relief teams to the scene. After assessments, the teams distributed the following non-food relief items and food packages to the 100 most affected families.

Table 1: Non-food and food items distributed by the PRCS

Items	Quantity
Non-food items	
Tents	100
Blankets	200
Quilts	200
Kitchen sets	100
Jerry cans filled with water	100

Food items	
Sugar	500 kilograms (5 kg/pack)
Rice	500 kilograms (5 kg/pack)
Pulses	500 kilograms (5 kg/pack)
Oil	500 kilograms (5 kg/pack)

The PRCS is working closely with the district administration and the community in assessing damages and the need for emergency relief. Though the immediate shelter needs of the affected population were met, assessments are being carried out to identify other relief needs. The PRCS district branch in Swat has additional disaster preparedness stocks for 100 families which, if required, can be made available after coordination with the PRCS provincial headquarters.

How we work

All International Federation assistance seeks to adhere to the [Code of Conduct for the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement and Non-Governmental Organizations \(NGO's\) in Disaster Relief](#) and is committed to the [Humanitarian Charter and Minimum Standards in Disaster Response \(Sphere\)](#) in delivering assistance to the most vulnerable.

The Federation's Global Agenda

The International Federation undertakes activities that are aligned with its Global Agenda, which sets out **four broad goals** to meet the Federation's mission to "improve the lives of vulnerable people by mobilizing the power of humanity".

Global Agenda Goals:

- Reduce the numbers of deaths, injuries and impact from disasters.
- Reduce the number of deaths, illnesses and impact from diseases and public health emergencies.
- Increase local community, civil society and Red Cross Red Crescent capacity to address the most urgent situations of vulnerability.
- Reduce intolerance, discrimination and social exclusion and promote respect for diversity and human dignity.

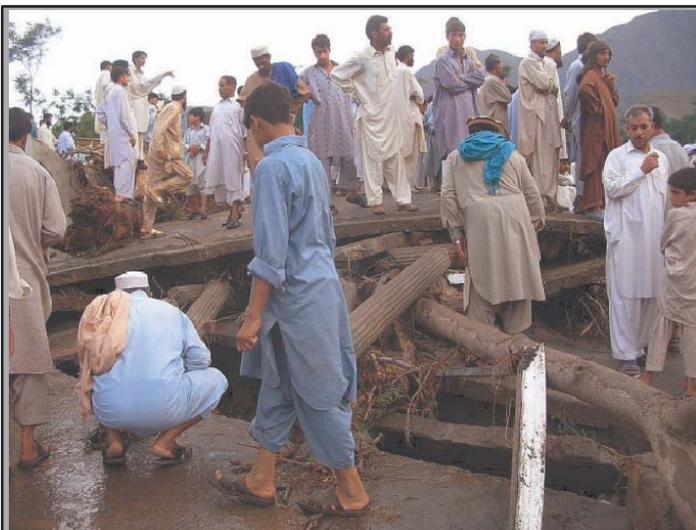
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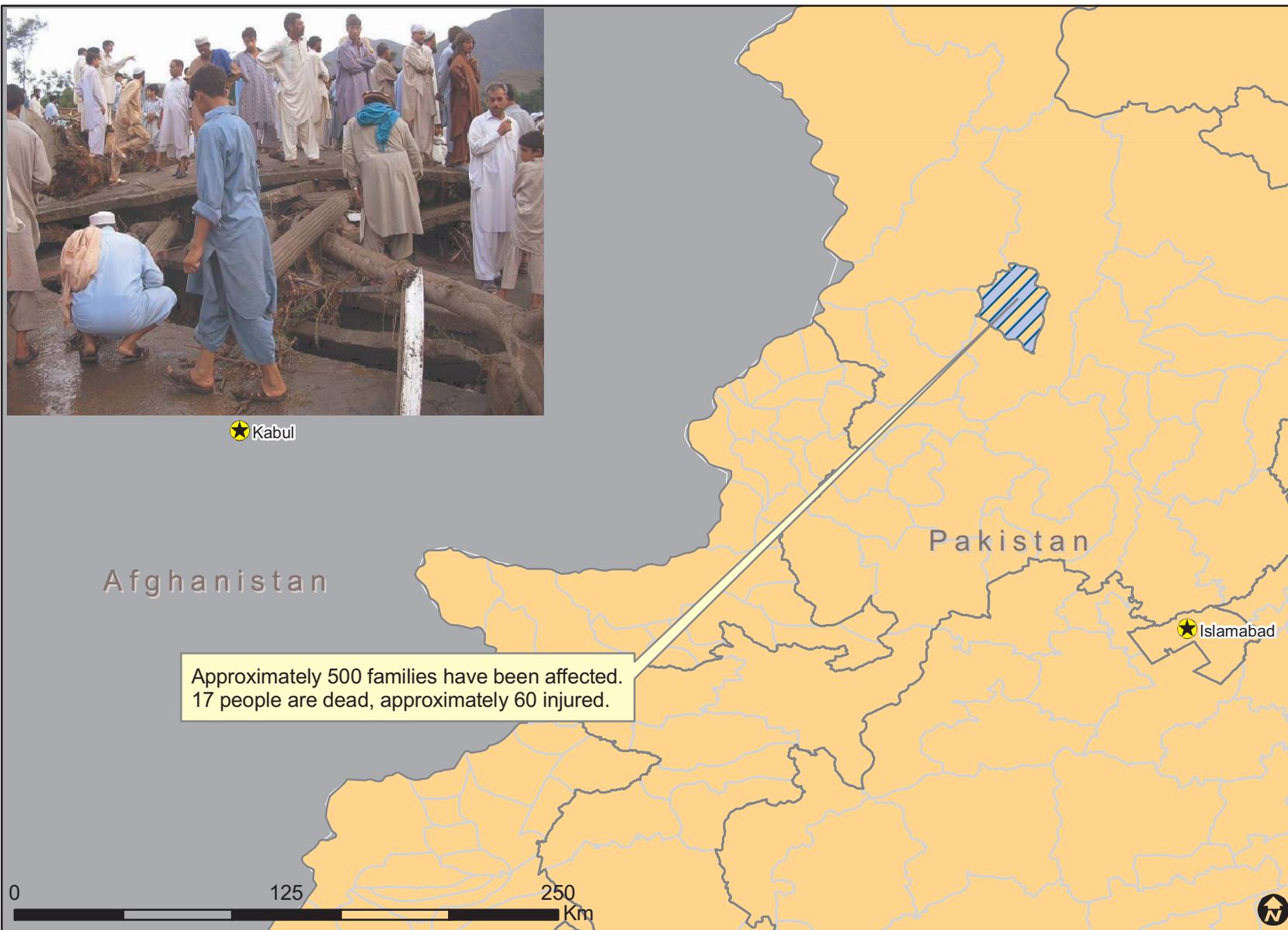
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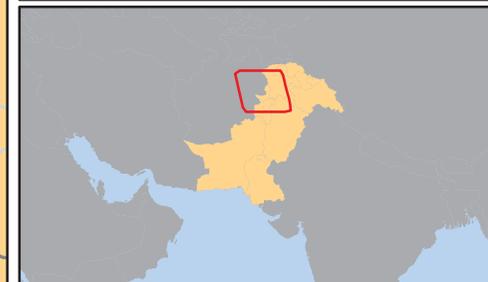
Pakistan: Floods



★ Kabul



Approximately 500 families have been affected.
17 people are dead, approximately 60 injured.



Pre-monsoon rains caused flash floods, killing 17 people and affecting approximately 500 families in Swat district. Pakistan Red Crescent distributed food and non-food items in the affected areas.