



World Food Programme

WFP Pakistan – Sindh Flood Response

Situation Report #1

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In Numbers

1 million people estimated affected in nine districts across Sindh

300,000 people estimated in need of food assistance in these nine districts

62,764 people (9,656 households) targeted by WFP with food assistance in the four most affected districts

Highlights

- On 28 August, the National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA) asked WFP to provide food assistance to flood-affected people in Sindh Province.
- As of 9 September evening, WFP had distributed food to 669 households in Karachi (out of the total 1,780 targeted in Karachi). Distributions to 7,876 households in rural districts will start on 11 September.
- NDMA has warned of potential new flooding across the country, which could further increase the number of people in immediate need of assistance.

WFP Funding Requirements

- **US\$ 410,320** are needed to replenish food stocks borrowed from other WFP operations

Situation Update

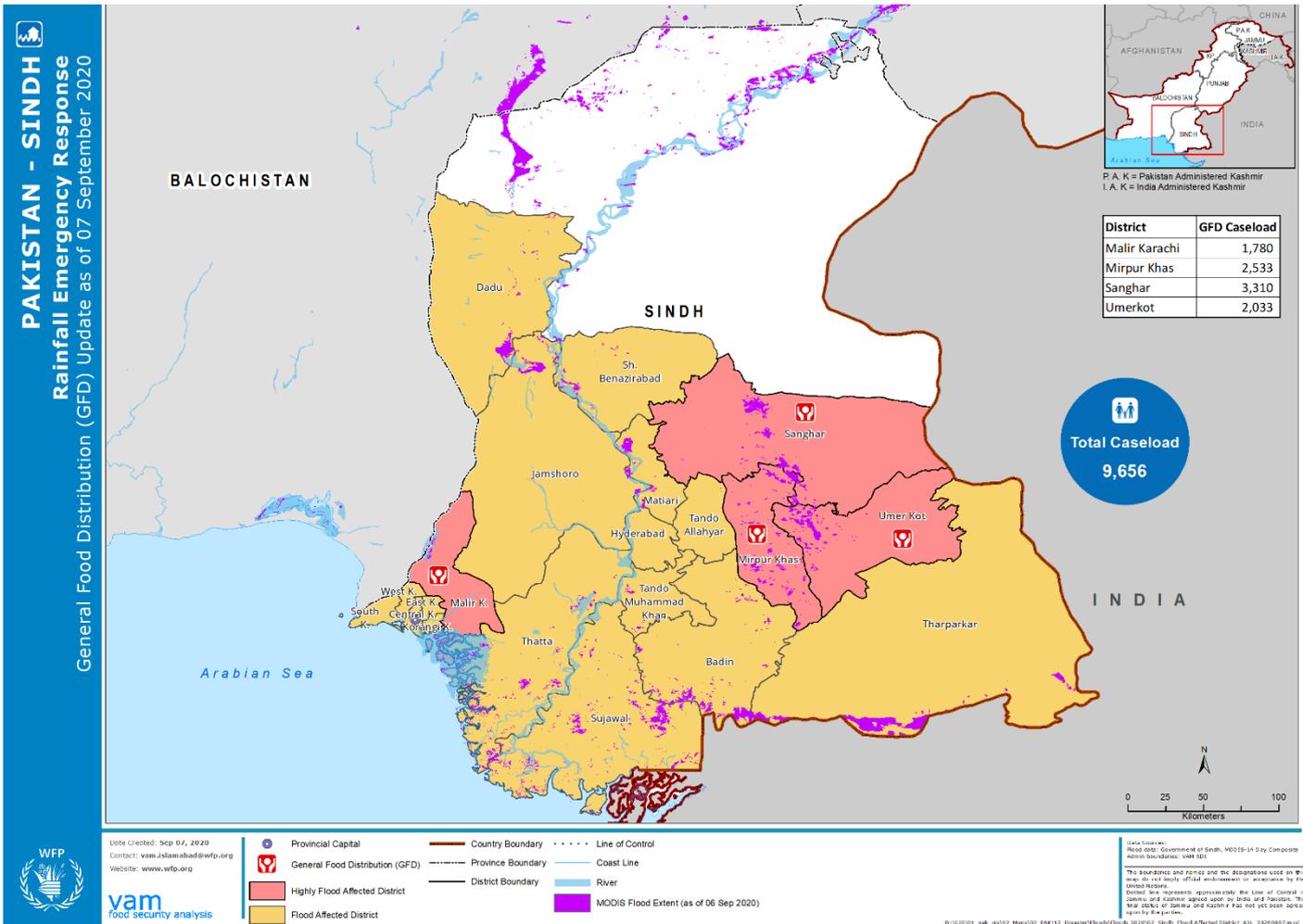
- The Sindh Government announced a state of emergency on 25 August, with 20 districts declared calamity-affected.
- On 2 September, at the request of the Sindh PDMA, the Sindh UN Provincial Programme Team launched a **rapid needs assessment** in the **nine hardest-hit districts** (including four in Karachi and five rural districts). The results were endorsed by the PDMA on 7 September.
- One million people are affected according to Sindh PDMA estimates; 30 percent of whom are estimated to be in need of food assistance based on the findings of the rapid needs assessment.
- In **Karachi**, water has receded in most parts of the city. However, the **informal settlements** of Malir District, located in low-lying areas and without sewage infrastructure, **remain flooded**. Only 4 percent of households interviewed in Karachi said they had already received food assistance. Most of these households depend on casual labour, and their coping capacities have already been exhausted by COVID-19.
- In the **rural areas** assessed, **only 1 percent of households had received food assistance**, and the vast majority reported their food stocks would run out in less than five days. Agricultural livelihoods have been severely affected, with 93 percent of cropland and 66 percent of irrigation infrastructure reported to be damaged.

WFP Response

- Out of the estimated 300,000 people in need, WFP is targeting those in the most affected areas which have not yet received assistance.
- On **8 September**, WFP started emergency food distributions to **1,780 households in Karachi** city's Malir District.
- Distributions to another **7,876 households in three rural districts** (Sangher, Umerkhot and Mirpur Khas) will start on **11 September**, once food commodities arrive at distribution points and security arrangements are in place.
- Distributions are expected to be completed within two weeks —barring disruptions caused by potential new flooding and security incidents.
- Food rations include **staples** covering essential household **needs for two weeks** (53 kg of wheat flour, pulses, oil and salt), and **high energy biscuits** (4.5 kg) covering the additional needs of children and pregnant and lactating women, who are at higher risk of acute malnutrition.



Top photo: men moving food stocks from their house, Mirpur Khas district. Bottom photo: WFP staff interviewing a household during the needs assessment in Mirpur Khas. Photos: WFP



Most severely affected districts based on the joint rapid needs assessment, and number of people targeted for WFP emergency food assistance.



Flood-affected informal settlements in Karachi's Malir District. WFP/Salma Yaqub.

Coordination

- Development partners are coordinating to ensure the immediate humanitarian response informs longer-term disaster risk reduction efforts.
- Complementary **WASH and shelter** assistance is under discussion in the Humanitarian Country Team.

Resourcing Update

- WFP **borrowed commodities** from its other activities in order to start distributions immediately. **WFP needs US\$ 410,320 to replenish** these stocks.
- WFP will also need to raise additional funds in the event that acute needs are found in districts not covered by the rapid assessment, or that new flooding increases the number of people in need of immediate assistance.

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