



Disaster Response Bulletin No 11b – September 15th, 2022 -Pakistan Flooding

As we see the continuing dreadful media reports about the Pakistan flooding here is the latest update

Water Survival Box (WSB)

They are still trying to resolve an issue with their cook sets. They are manufactured in India and are advised that they cannot be imported into Pakistan. They have contacted the Pakistan Embassy for clarification. It appears all agencies have the same problem, and they were told by Save the Children and ShelterBox that they have the same issue. Save the Children said that WHO is discussing the situation with the Pakistan authorities. By the end of this week they will have 400 boxes ready to go

Aquaboxes

Aquabox will be sending a consignment of water filters to Pakistan this week. The consignment will comprise 24 Aqua 12's (296 family filters) and 20 community filters. These filters will have the capability to meet the water needs for 13,000 people.

The Aquabox partner for this shipment are the Asian Fire Service Association (AFSA). AFSA have a strong presence in the South Asia region and, following a detailed assessment of the worst impacted areas, they have confirmed that there is a critical need for clean water, and they are pleased to be able to respond to this devastating disaster.

Thank you to all our supporters who have made it possible for Aquabox to provide this life saving response in the aftermath of these terrible floods. The Aquabox team are already focusing on preparing further shipments to Pakistan and other disasters that could occur through the monsoon and hurricane season. Thank you for your continuing support

ShelterBox

The first of our aid has arrived in Pakistan and we have more on its way. We are working in partnership with Islamic Relief Worldwide (IRW) and Islamic Relief Pakistan in-country to get our aid to thousands of people, Dave Raybould is leading the ShelterBox response team in Pakistan. He says: "Countless people, driven from their homes by the floods, remain out in the open and that's deeply concerning with temperatures expected to drop. "Coupled with more monsoon rains and further flooding, the humanitarian situation is likely to deteriorate before it gets better – with roads and infrastructure increasingly unable to cope and the gravity of the situation taking its toll on people. "As well as the aid we have in country and on its way to help those in need, we're also looking further ahead at how we can help families withstand the cold weather that's coming."

Sindh in particular is the most affected province and produces half of the country's food supply, this could tip millions of people into extreme poverty next year

Yours in Rotary and friendship,

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