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Situation Update **“More Devastation after Weekend Downpour”**

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Background:

According to the National Disaster Management Authority, the 2010 floods have become the worst disaster in Pakistan’s history. The affected population has drastically increased to 12 million individuals, and approximately 650,000 houses have been damaged.

More monsoon rainfalls over the weekend along with flashfloods caused severe damage in the provinces of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, Balochistan, Punjab, and Sindh. The water flows continued to increase on Sunday, August 8 at Guddu and Sukkur barrages posing greater concerns for the residents of Sindh. The weekend downpour inflated the number of death casualties while destroying more towns and villages. Media sources shared that parts of Peshawar, Charsadda, Nowshera, and D. I. Khan Districts where floodwaters had receded were again inundated.

Many roads in the province of Khyber Paktunkhwa reported by the Provincial Disaster Management Authority (PDMA) have been blocked. The intensity of damage is expected to increase with widespread rains and heavy showers predicated over the next few day in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa and throughout parts of the country.

Food prices have already drastically increased in the country. This is due to the coming of holy month of Ramadan that will combine, in four days time, overlap with the flash floods and monsoon rains causing threats of food insecurity for the thousands of families affected by the floods.

Media sources shared today that the prices of green vegetables are to go up by more than 100 percent. To the affected population the price hikes could mean severe food insecurity and malnutrition, and thus, the likelihood of increasing number of deaths.

Families remain at high risk of waterborne and skin diseases. Thousands of families remain without shelter and can be found roaming and sleeping on the streets. For the

affected population, all these challenges also mean the likelihood of an increase in the number of deaths.

Zafar Wazir, CWS-P/A Project Officer, describes the situation in D. I. Khan, “Everyone is on the streets, animals and people. There is no shelter; tents are high priority. There is food shortage. A lot of humanitarian assistance is needed, and this area has received very little media coverage or assistance. Only the army and a few organizations can be seen in D. I. Khan.”

CWS-P/A Response:

CWS-P/A along with its partners, VEER, NCBP, and Save the Children (a Royal Netherlands Embassy supported consortium) continues relief efforts during this time of crisis in providing immediate relief to families affected by the worst floods in Pakistan. Distribution of 70 ton of food items in Balochistan and Khyber Pakhtunkhwa is complete, and an additional 70 tons of food items will be distributed in Allai within in a couple of days. The procurement of an additional 490 tons of food items is underway. CWS-P/A also continues its health services.

Current flood-related assistance is reaching 155,200 beneficiaries (direct and indirect) in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa and Balochistan.

NCA Response:

NCA is coordinating with its implementing partners, PVDP and Taraquee Foundation, for planned distribution of 4,500 food and non-food items (31,500 individuals) over a period of 3 months in Charssada and Nowshera in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa and Sibi District in Balochistan. NCA is also participating in coordination and cluster meetings.

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