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How Irish agencies are already helping in Pakistan

Here is a quick update on what some of the Dóchas member agencies and their partners are doing in response to the catastrophic floods in Pakistan.

Christian Aid

Christian Aid has released approximately €60,000 to help Act Alliance partners respond to the devastating floods that have killed more than a thousand and left millions displaced in Pakistan.

ACT Alliance staff are currently visiting the affected areas to identify the most urgent needs so that they can begin distribution of food, water, tents, kitchen kits, hygiene kits, mosquito nets and emergency medical care.

Concern

Concern Worldwide released €500,000 from its emergency fund to kick-start response. Concern is responding in the Province of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa (KPK), which has been the worst affected. Concern will be targeting 9,000 families by providing the following: Kitchen sets and hygiene kits ; Clean water; Temporary sanitation; and Dry rations of food, including flour, oil and sugar.

Irish Red Cross

Red Cross teams are on the ground in the affected area working with the local community to save lives and provide food, water and shelter. They are treating flood victims for injuries, skin infections and respiratory problems as well as helping those who have been displaced.

Oxfam Ireland

Oxfam, with the help of its partners, has mapped out the 13 most affected districts and is providing rescue services where possible. It will also be providing water and sanitation facilities, and livelihood services to 30,000 households in all the thirteen districts during the next three months.

Plan Ireland

Plan has begun relief work in the Southern Punjab areas of Rajanpur, Muzafargarh and Layyah - providing bottled water, dried milk, food rations and cooked meals to 3,000 affected families. An outbreak of diarrhoea and cholera is now feared. Plan is working closely with health officials and preparing to distribute health and hygiene kits to more than 9,000 families.

Trócaire

Trócaire has already committed €200,000 to help families and communities in the north west of the country. In Peshawar district, one of the worst affected areas, Trócaire's partners have already begun working in four villages where 10,000 people need food, water and support.

World Vision

World Vision is responding with emergency health care and has already opened a clinic in Lower Dir, with plans for 6 more underway. Food and water has already been delivered to more than 7,000 people in Khyber Pakhtoonkhwa district, one of the worst-affected areas. The aid agency will continue working to distribute water, emergency food items, and kitchen kits (with items like pots, bowls, spoons, and plates) and plans to reach 150,000 people over the next three months of its response.