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Khan and his family are among the approximately 20 million Pakistanis affected by flooding—5.2 million of whom have had homes destroyed or damaged. One-fifth of Pakistan is covered with water because of these unprecedented floods.

Floodwaters are receding in some communities, but the monsoon rains are doing more damage elsewhere. The need for assistance continues to grow as children and their families struggle to find safe water, food, shelter, and medical care. The contaminated floodwaters and a shortage of safe drinking water and adequate sanitation create a hospitable environment for disease and infections. Respiratory, intestinal, and skin infections are on the rise for children in flood areas.

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- The health and well-being of flood survivors
- The reunion of families
- Provision of physical and emotional needs
- Stamina, wisdom, and strength for staff

World Vision's response

World Vision's initial goal is to help more than 300,000 of those living in the hardest-hit areas of Pakistan. We are targeting communities in the provinces of Punjab, Sindh, and Khyber Pukhtonkhwa. The cost to help this small fraction of flood victims is an estimated \$20 million—which covers only the most critical necessities. World Vision plans to distribute shelter materials (tents or tarps), cooking items, clothing, water purification packets, and hygiene kits to 280,000 people, and to provide food to at least 26,000 people.

We are planning to set up 20 Child-Friendly Spaces and 20 Women-Friendly Spaces, where children and women will have a safe place for activities and support. We are operating a handful of health clinics, with a goal of establishing 20 health posts and 40 mobile clinics to meet pressing health needs.

How your congregation can help

You and your church can join us in helping families in Pakistan in the following ways:

- A gift of \$20 can help provide cooking utensils, food, clothing, and shelter materials for one person.
- A gift of \$70 can help provide bedding for a family
- A gift of \$90 can help provide a kitchen/cooking set for a family.
- A gift of \$700 can help provide five families with food packs that will last 30 days.
- A gift of \$1,140 can help provide shelter kits for 10 families.
- A gift of \$34,000 can help provide a Child-Friendly Space for 100 children in need of a safe, stable environment in which to participate in educational and recreational activities, as well as receive psychosocial care.



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