

## AKDN Flood Response in Pakistan

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Pakistan has been affected by unprecedented natural disasters triggered by monsoon rains and intensified by Glacial Lake Outburst Floods (GLOF) causing flooding across Pakistan. Since 26 June 2025, the widespread devastation has claimed 883 lives, left 1,177 injured, damaged infrastructure including 9,261 houses, 239 bridges and 671 km of roads. More than 6,180 livestock have perished. Millions of people have been displaced, and thousands of villages have been submerged, placing immense pressure on food security, health systems and livelihoods. The affected communities are in urgent need of support. The country is still recovering from 2022 floods that claimed 1,700 lives and affected 33 million people costing \$14.9bn and leaving \$16.3bn in recovery and reconstruction needs. The cycle repeated itself after the monsoon rains in 2023, claiming hundreds of lives and destroying thousands of houses.

The Aga Khan Development Network (AKDN) is on the ground working with local communities and authorities to provide relief to the affected people and has been supporting in early recovery and rehabilitation efforts. Over 4,500 individuals were evacuated as precautionary measures by the Community Emergency Response Teams (CERT) volunteers. The Aga Khan Agency for Habitat (AKAH) field teams actively monitored high-risk valleys and disseminated early warnings through SMS, local radio and in-person outreach. More than 3,500 CERT and other volunteers are taking part in the rescue, response and relief operations. AKAH has supported 402 families (Over 3,200 individuals) with food and non-food items. Aga Khan Health Services (AKHS) with the support of AKAH and the Regional Health Board, Gupis Yasin, conducted three medical camps in Khalti Gupis, Harap (Thoi) and Raushan (Talidass), examining in total 511 patients.

Following the 22 August Talidass, Ghizer incident that submerged the Ghizer road and cut off the communities in Gupis, Yasin and Phander valleys from Gilgit, AKDN helicopters enabled reconnaissance, emergency logistics and medical evacuations. A total of 6,230 kg of food items and medicine were transported to stranded families upstream of Talidass, Raushan Ghizer. 171 individuals were airlifted including 30 critical patients, students and professionals. The helicopters carried out 23 sorties (56 legs were flown over 29 hours) to Gupis (mostly), Taus, Thoi, Chatorkhan, Gahkuch, Hundur and Gulmit.

Through the FCDO-funded BRAVE (Building Resilience and Addressing Vulnerability to Emergencies) project implemented in partnership with the Aga Khan Foundation (AKF) and Concern Worldwide, AKAH delivered one-month food assistance to 52 families in Ganche, Baltistan and 17 families in Kharmang, Baltistan whose homes were fully damaged. The Aga Khan Rural Support Programme (AKRSP) has supported the Danyore Local Support Organisation in providing water tankers to 231 households in the Gulodas area of Sultanabad and the Syedabad area of Danyore, Gilgit to ensure an emergency water supply to save trees and orchards.

HBL Foundation distributed over 1,000 ration packages to flood-affected families in Talidass, Raoshan, Dain, Khalti and other villages across Gilgit-Baltistan, ensuring month-long sustenance support in the immediate aftermath.

In Central region, CERT volunteers evacuated 16 families from Lahore and four from Sarghoda. A total of 36 dewatering pumps were distributed in South and Central regions benefitting around 25,970 people. AKF in collaboration with other AKDN agencies is developing new proposals and reallocating approved projects to address urgent needs in flood-affected areas. These efforts focus on relief, recovery and rehabilitation, with additional resources required to scale interventions and ensure sustained support for the most vulnerable communities. AKRSP technical teams are assessing damaged water channels, bridges and land across all 10 districts of Gilgit-Baltistan and Chitral to initiate rehabilitation and land reclamation projects. The rehabilitation of 44 water channels, repair of nine footbridges and pathways, and reclamation of 225 Kanals (approximately 113,000 square metres) of flood-affected land in Gilgit, Ghizer, Diamer and Ghanche districts are underway.

In the aftermath of the 2025 floods, the Chief Minister of Gilgit-Baltistan formally wrote to His Highness the Aga Khan, seeking AKDN's support in relief, recovery and resilience-building efforts. His Highness graciously responded with deep concern for the affected communities, reaffirming AKDN's solidarity and long-term commitment. AKDN agencies in Pakistan have been collectively responding to those affected by the catastrophic floods, in close collaboration with local authorities and the provincial/federal government.