



PAKISTAN FLOODS

DISASTER RESPONSE

Operation USA

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"I will never forget the destruction and suffering I have witnessed today. In the past I have witnessed many natural disasters around the world, but nothing like this."

UN Secretary General Ban Ki Moon

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Monsoonal rains begin. Resulting floods are soon described as the worst in living memory...

15.4 million people directly affected by the floods

1 million houses damaged or destroyed

700,000 people continue to be without
food and water

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Operation USA will work with existing local partners to ship urgently needed medical supplies to Karachi (to be distributed through local Operation USA-supported clinics), and is raising funds to support a large purchase of water purification tablets that can be used immediately to create clean drinking water.



Relief efforts will be focused in the following regional areas:

- Neelum Valley
- Sindh Province
- Bagh District
- Balochistan Province

RECOVERY PROJECTS



Through existing partnerships, Operation USA will be able to access remote areas that have been overlooked by larger aid efforts to provide small grants for food supplies and medications to affected communities.

- Janum (Network to Improve Maternal and Neonatal Health in Pakistan), will provide teams of pediatricians and midwives to provide medical support and training to the over 100,000 affected pregnant women and young children in the Sindh Province.
- Moldhara Basic Health Unit will be newly constructed and provide ongoing primary medical care to remote villages in Pakistan-administered Kashmir
- Various girls education initiatives through both the construction of schools and funding for vocational training programs.
- As done following the earthquake that hit Pakistan 2005, we will work with grassroots organizations to mobilize affected communities to determine their immediate and long-term needs.



Following the devastating Pakistan Earthquake in October 2005, Operation USA assisted affected communities in the region by providing support for both immediate relief and rehabilitation.

Working with local grassroots partners across the country, Operation USA shipped immediately needed medical supplies and supported the construction of two basic health units, one amputee rehabilitation clinic, and an ambulance.

Working through these primary projects Operation USA created the sustainable development initiatives of women's vocational training and continued rehabilitation and psychosocial support for children with prosthetic limbs.

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