



ShelterBox

MONTHLY RESPONSE SUMMARY

PAKISTAN: FLOODING

Since mid-June Pakistan has been overwhelmed by severe monsoon rains and flooding affecting areas in both the north and south of the country.

The authorities have reported a 150% increase in rain in 2022, compared with the 30-year average. Water ways that feed the main Indus River that runs through Pakistan burst their banks, and as of 27 October, it is estimated that around 33 million people have been affected by the flooding (15% of the total population of Pakistan). More than 1,700 people have lost their lives and almost 8 million people have been displaced.

Although floodwaters have since receded since peak levels, vast volumes of standing flood waters continue to be reported, the majority of which are in Sindh province. As many as 13 million people now face flood related risks across Balochistan, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa (KP), Punjab and Sindh provinces with extreme concern for the heightened incidence of disease transmission due to standing water. As many as 14.6 million people are facing acute levels of food insecurity through the next few months. Furthermore, as the winter season in many of the affected areas is approaching fast, the vulnerabilities of the flood-affected people are further heightened with the immediate need for shelter and NFI (non-food items).

We have responded three times in Pakistan before, including in 2010 when we supported thousands of the worst affected households by the most severe flooding to hit the country in 80 years.

ShelterBox is responding to the flooding crisis with two emergency projects to support those in the worst affected areas, in collaboration with our partner Islamic Relief Worldwide (IRW) and implementing partner Islamic Relief Pakistan (IRP). The main considerations of the response are speed and efficiency, given the enormous scale of the humanitarian need. Rotary have offered their support, through help with visas and travel arrangements, and have introduced the team to important local contacts and potential partners.



The ShelterBox team met with displaced families in Pakistan in November 2022.

Project 1 has focused on supporting approximately 1,200 households across four locations in Sindh and Balochistan with an emergency shelter package including ShelterBox relief tents, tarpaulins and rope, along with an accompanying NFI package to support the same households with water filters, water carriers, blankets, mattresses, mosquito nets and solar lights.

Project 2 has aimed to contribute to the self-recovery process of approximately 5,000 households in Sindh and Balochistan through distribution of cash assistance in compliment to shelter and non-food item assistance that households have already received, empowering families to continue their journey to recovery. Distributions are now complete for both projects 1 and 2, and PDM (post-distribution monitoring) is ongoing. So far, we have received very positive comments on the quality of the tents and aid items. As of 3 Jan 2023, 6,191 households have been assisted through the emergency phase.

Planning is continuing to scale up the ShelterBox response with a third longer-term recovery focused project. Project 3 will focus on providing families with an improved, more durable and longer-lasting shelter solution which will allow them better protection in case of future flooding. We are working on selecting a shelter design and aiming to finalise the project plans and sign the project agreement with our partner late January 2023 for a project start in February.

IMPLEMENTING/PLANNING

PROJECT 1 HAS SUPPORTED 1,200 HOUSEHOLDS IN SOME OF THE WORST AFFECTED AREAS WITH AN EMERGENCY AID PACKAGE COMPRISED OF:



tents



tarpaulins



blankets



solar lights



mosquito nets

as well as water carriers (jerry cans), water filters, buckets, rope, mattresses and sleeping mats

UKRAINE: CONFLICT



On 24 Feb 2022, Russia launched a major military operation in Ukraine, representing a significant escalation of the conflict which has been ongoing in the east of the country since 2014.



Snow shrouds the remains of Victoria's house which was destroyed in the conflict.

By the end of October, more than 7.5 million Ukrainians were living as refugees in countries across Europe and another 6 million had been displaced within the country. Around half the population have been affected by the war in some way and an estimated 12 million people are in urgent need of humanitarian assistance.

Though there has been little change in territorial front lines in recent weeks, artillery exchanges have continued in the east and Russia has stepped up its bombardment of Ukrainian cities, targeting critical infrastructure. This has had a devastating impact on power supplies, which in turn effects heating and water provision.

Ukraine is now in the grip of winter, with heavy snowfalls and temperatures dropping well below zero. Winterisation activities are being scaled up by humanitarian actors but needs and targets exceed current capacity and recent attacks on power stations will only exacerbate the crisis. Up to 40 per cent of Ukraine's energy system has been destroyed by recent Russian attacks, causing emergency blackouts in several regions.

Phase 1, consisting of three projects, is now complete. For project 1 we worked with two different partners, to distribute a total of 12,000 mattresses to people living in 'collective centres' throughout western and central Ukraine.

For project 2, with our partner, ReliefAid, we focused on supporting people still within Ukraine living in buildings damaged by the conflict. We supplied shelter tool kits and tarpaulins along with fixings as required, as well as blankets, mattresses, water carriers, buckets, solar lights, and hygiene kits.

With our partner, ACTED, Project 3 supported refugees arriving at the border in Moldova with a portable assistance package, including hygiene items and cash.

With the passage of time, the number of refugees in need of shelter assistance has reduced whilst the gap in provision within Ukraine has remained widespread. Therefore, we are now fully focused on supporting people within Ukraine.

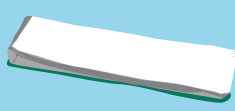
Project 4 was initially focused on providing 2,000 households in rural and suburban communities with emergency kits to allow them to make repairs to damaged houses that they are still living in: along with a selection of winter specific aid items, including winter jackets, hats, gloves, blankets, and solar lights. 1,000 of these households were intended to also receive a solid fuel stove and a supply of firewood. However, due to the shifting context, challenges in access due to the winter conditions and continued attacks on infrastructure, we have had to take a flexible approach to project 4. Some families who had intended to stay in their houses now find that without power, life is intolerable, and have made the difficult decision to move. We are therefore prioritising the distribution of winter clothing and stoves in Kyiv and Chernihiv oblasts, taking a street-level centralised approach to make it easier for recipients to reach distributions sites. We have decided to hold back the majority of shelter items for distribution in a third location, likely recaptured areas of Kharkiv, where the gap in provision of these materials may be greater.

With the recent escalation on attacks on energy infrastructure, it has been decided to run a rapid winter response (project 5) simultaneously with project 4. The aid package will focus on aid items (rather than specific shelter repair materials) that will improve living conditions through the coldest winter months. The provision of winter aid items aims to enable families surviving in sub-standard living conditions to live more comfortably in their homes that no longer have a source of heating or energy. It will include blankets, sleeping bags, winter clothing, stoves, light and water carriers; and will support around 6,000 households in the following oblasts: Lviv, Khelnytskyi, Vinnytsia, Kyiv, Chernihiv, Donetsk (Ukraine controlled areas only) and Mykolaiv.

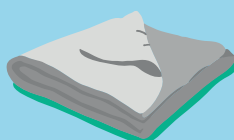
FOR PROJECT 4 WE ARE AIMING TO PROVIDE 2,000 HOUSEHOLDS WITH:



shelter kits



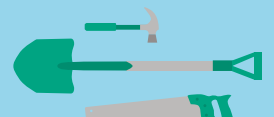
tarpaulins



blankets



solar lights



shelter tool kits

as well as winter clothes and stoves (to the 1,000 most vulnerable), to help prepare for the winter months ahead

SOMALIA: DROUGHT

Decades of conflict, disease outbreak, widespread poverty and the effects of climate change have devastated the people of Somalia, leaving around 7.7 million people in need of humanitarian assistance in 2022.

Currently drought across the Horn of Africa region is the leading driver of displacement within Somalia. The last four consecutive rainy seasons have brought lower than average rainfall, and in November 2021, the government declared a state of emergency as over one million people have been displaced by the drought and a further 500,000 displaced by ongoing conflict.

With the international humanitarian response significantly lacking in funding, ShelterBox are seeking to pilot an emergency shelter and HHI (household item) project supporting 500 house-



Families during a distribution in Somaliland, 2020

holds displaced by drought.

We are working through the final project agreement with our selected partner, Juba Foundation, and finalising the appropriate kit composition. The kits will likely be composed of locally procured household items and emergency shelter items, in addition to tarpaulins, which are most likely to be imported. We are hoping to sign the project agreement by mid-January with distributions aiming to start in February 2023.



Community assessment as part of cycle 2.

Ethiopia remains a complex humanitarian emergency characterised by the ongoing conflict, insecurity, and the effects of climate change which have all contributed towards mass displacement and humanitarian need.

The conflict in North Ethiopia intensified in 2021 and expanded from Tigray to the neighbouring regions of Amhara and Afar. At least 2.6 million people have been displaced with an additional 1 million since the conflict restarted in August. Recent estimates suggest that over 600,000 people have died since the conflict began, with half of these deaths attributable to starvation or lack of healthcare. A ceasefire agreement was signed in November, although there are many factors putting it at risk. The

ETHIOPIA: CONFLICT/DROUGHT



humanitarian corridor, which had been closed throughout the conflict, is now open allowing access to vital aid, including ShelterBox aid.

More than 24 million people within Ethiopia have been affected by drought which began in October 2020 with consecutive failed rainy seasons across the Horn of Africa.

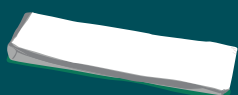
Project 5 is a 12-month project, running through to February 2023 and with our partner, IOM (International Organization for Migration), aims to support 12,000 of the most vulnerable displaced families. It represents a huge scale up on previous projects due to the massive needs in the country and will remain flexible with the ability to support people in areas who require emergency shelter as the needs arise. Project 5 comprises three cycles of distributions each supporting 4,000 households.

Cycles 1 and 2 are now complete. Owing to the cessation of hostilities in the area, distribution cycle 3 will aim to support families in the Tigray region who have fled the conflict. Beneficiary selection for cycle 3 is being undertaken and distributions are expected to start by mid-January.

PLANNING

IMPLEMENTING

PROJECT 5 IS AIMING TO SUPPORT 12,000 HOUSEHOLDS (IN THREE CYCLES) WITH:



tarpaulins



sleeping mats



blankets



kitchen sets



mosquito nets

as well as ropes, washbasins, jugs, bags and 20l jerry cans, with soap being added into the package where possible.

PHILIPPINES: TYPHOON NALGAE



Severe tropical storm Nalgae (locally named Paeng), brought heavy rains and strong winds to the Philippines in late October and has affected almost 6 million people across the country.

Whilst the storm did not cause severe wind damage, the intense and torrential rainfall over a short period of time triggered flooding, flashfloods and landslides in Luzon, Visayas and Mindanao, which have been the major cause of deaths and infrastructure damage.

A total of 63,198 houses were damaged with huge destruction of livelihoods, infrastructure, and access to basic amenities including water and electricity. Although Mindanao was not directly along the path of Nalgae, it was particularly hard hit with landslides and flooding. For Zamboanga City alone, a total of 15,827 families from 33 barangays (villages) were affected due to flooding and landslides.

ShelterBox Operations Philippines (SBOP) has focused on supporting 1,212 households in Zamboanga City, whose homes were either totally or partially destroyed and are now uninhabitable. In collaboration with a local partner in Mindanao, project 1 has aimed to contribute to the self-recovery of affected people by provision of emergency shelter and household items including shelter kits, tarpaulins, blankets, solar lights, jerry cans and mosquito nets. Distributions are now complete and PDM activities are due to start in January.



IMPLEMENTING



Extremist attacks, severe weather conditions and the impact of coronavirus in the Lake Chad Basin have resulted in a dire humanitarian crisis in the Far North region of Cameroon.

Flooding affecting Cameroon's northern regions, and the shrinking Lake Chad, amplify an already insecure environment.

As of September 2022, violence in the far north has uprooted 641,000 people including over 377,000 IDPs (internally displaced people), 130,000 returnees (people who were displaced but who have returned), and 134,000 Nigerian refugees.

CAMEROON: CONFLICT



Minawao Camp - one of the largest in the country - was initially opened in 2013 to host 35,000 refugees fleeing insecurity in Nigeria. However, that number has now more than doubled. We have been working in the Far North region since 2015, previously with our partner IEDA relief, with activities taking place both on camp, supporting refugees, and off camp, mainly supporting IDPs.

For project 11, we are working with a new partner, Public Concern, a national NGO based in Maroua in the Far North of Cameroon. They have extensive experience working in this region, including the founding and management of Minawao Camp itself. This project aims to support approximately 9,800 households in the Far North (refugees, IDPs, returnees and vulnerable populations) with a range of emergency, transitional and durable shelters. Project 11 builds on the learning of our previous projects and will utilise our new local partner's ability to carry out local procurement, delivering a larger range and more specific set of aid packages to affected people in Cameroon. Distributions of community tool kits and durable shelter kits began in December, and the first shipment of international aid has now arrived in Maroua.

IMPLEMENTING

PROJECT 11 WILL SUPPORT APPROXIMATELY 9,800 HOUSEHOLDS WITH:

a range of emergency, transitional and durable shelter kits plus household items, both on and off camp, including:



community tool kits



kitchen sets



tents



mosquito nets



sleeping mats



The ShelterBox team hosted a community focus group in Metuge in November.

MOZAMBIQUE:

CONFLICT



Since October 2017, an Islamist extremist group has launched a series of attacks in the northern province of Cabo Delgado.

Violent incidents involving the Islamist extremist group, Ahlu Sunna Wal-Jama, began in 2017 and include attacks on civilians, government forces, and military installations. The violence increased in 2021, causing people to flee to other districts and neighbouring provinces. The conflict situation is still volatile, despite the recapturing of territory by the Government and allied foreign forces in the second half of 2021. Overall IDP figures have increased by 20% this year now numbering close to a million people, the majority of these are women and children.

In partnership with CARE, project 2 aims to support the urgent needs of 6,000 vulnerable displaced households in Cabo Delgado. 3,000 households who have been living in resettlement sites for over six months will receive replenishment of shelter and household items; and 3,000 households in hard-to-reach areas will receive shelter survival kits. The aim is to improve people's ability to survive in areas where they are cut off from access to basic items. Distributions for project 2 began in November and are ongoing.

ShelterBox is submitting an ECHO funding proposal which would enable us to continue our project work in Northern Mozambique in 2023 and we should hear the outcome by mid-February. This bid is part of a consortium including CARE Austria and CARE Mozambique, Save the Children, Norwegian People's Aid.

YEMEN:

CONFLICT



More than eight years of armed conflict in Yemen has caused tens of thousands of civilian casualties, uprooted millions, destroyed the economy and disrupted basic services. It remains one of the world's largest humanitarian crises.

Conflict between Houthi rebels and the Yemeni government began in 2004 with tensions escalating into outright civil war in 2014, when Houthi forces seized the country's capital and largest city Sana'a. In response, Saudi Arabia led a coalition of Arab states to begin a military intervention, in order to restore the Yemeni Government. As a result, 21.6 million people are estimated to require some form of humanitarian assistance in 2023. The war has internally displaced some 4.5 million people, and more than half the population are facing acute levels of food insecurity.

The highest unmet shelter needs are in Marib governorate which hosts the largest population of IDPs. Unfortunately, the truce which had been in place since April, expired in October, and efforts to expand the truce were not successful. Conflict has since resumed in some areas of Marib, but the new rate of displacement has remained steady. Despite this, the shelter needs remain significant with heavy rains and flooding throughout July and August resulting in destruction of property and livelihoods, with Marib governorate being among the hardest hit.

Working in partnership with BCHR (Benevolence Coalition for

Humanitarian Relief), project 2 will focus on providing a more durable, locally made emergency shelter known as an 'iron net' to IDPs in Marib. The principal design consists of an iron grid, fireproof thermal insulation, iron panels and plastic sheeting, with a concrete floor to protect against damage from flooding. Wooden doors and windows provide more ventilation and privacy, and they also have lighting and sockets. Iron nets are more durable than other emergency shelters, and have a lifespan of at least two years.

Project 2 aims to support around 1,415 IDP households in total, with 915 households receiving a shelter package consisting of the iron net and priority household items (mattresses, blankets, floor mats and fire extinguishers). The project will also include emergency prepositioning of a less comprehensive shelter package (tarpaulins and rope) to enable rapid response to 500 households impacted by displacement during the project timeline. The project is expected to last 13 months, with the first distributions of the iron net to start in March/April.



The interior of an 'iron net' shelter design



Hado received shelter support in the form of a Sahelian tent as part of project 4

BURKINA FASO: CONFLICT



Burkina Faso is one of the fastest-growing displacement crises in Africa. Since January 2019 over 1.7 million people have been forced to flee their homes due to extremist violence.

SYRIA: CONFLICT



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The current Syrian crisis is compounded by a series of factors and events that interlink to create significant suffering to the resident population including the ongoing threat of hostilities, including sporadic artillery and air strikes; the regional economic crisis which has seen the dominant currency in Idlib (the Turkish Lira) depreciate significantly; the effects of Covid-19; and environmental factors such as drought, seasonal flooding and wildfires.

In preparations for the cold winter conditions, we are running two winterisation projects. In the Northwest with our partner ReliefAid, we are providing essential shelter and household items to 2000 households as well as 800 households receiving tent levelling support (temporary foundations for tents, raising them off the ground).

From 2020 there has been an escalation in the conflict with Jihadist groups fighting over ideological differences and for control of territory, causing further mass displacement. Nearly 40% of the population is directly affected by the closure or reduction of basic social services. IDPs from Burkina Faso represent more than 68% of the total of displaced persons in the Central Sahel region.

Burkina Faso's military government has continued to dismantle its ties with France and the humanitarian community with the expulsion of notable French figures and the suspension of French radio stations in recent months.

With our partner, HELP, we are currently planning for project 5 which will seek to build on the success of Project 4. It will focus on the construction of new transitional shelters, called Sahel Tents, for around 1,100 newly displaced families and is designed to support families during their first 1.5 years of displacement. We are learning, however, that displaced families are residing in these shelters for a lot longer. We are therefore considering improvements to the design to facilitate this, with the construction of a concrete base that will protect families from flooding and improve levels of hygiene and dignity. The tarpaulins, rope and household items will be internationally imported as per before but items that form the structure of the Sahel Tents, along with wash kits, cooking pots and water carriers will be locally procured.

Distributions are complete in the NorthWest with an extra 36 tent levels constructed for new arrivals into camp.

In the NorthEast with our partner, Bahar Organisation, we are providing essential shelter and household items to another 2000 households. Both projects contain household items that focus on providing thermal comfort to the individual through clothing, mattresses and blankets; whilst the tarpaulins will be used to repair leaking tents. Distributions started in the NorthEast in December and are ongoing.



Abu and his two children were one of the 800 families to receive tent levelling support - a concrete base, raising their tent off the ground.



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