

Access to health

Providing health-focused emergency relief, **Pakistan**

Americares is responding to the monsoon flooding in Pakistan, which has affected large parts of the country, creating a health and humanitarian crisis. The organization will provide health-focused emergency response to children and families in the Khyber Paktoonkhwa region.

The problem

Since the beginning of the monsoon season in mid-June, more than 1,162 people have died (including almost 360 children), and more than 1,500 individuals sustained injuries. 33 million persons have been affected by monsoon rains, of which 184,000 have been displaced to relief camps across Pakistan.¹ Almost 900 health facilities have been damaged². Red warnings from floods, river overflow, and landslides have been issued for several areas of Pakistan, and heavy rainfall with strong winds and thunderstorms is forecast over most of Pakistan.

The partner

Americares is a health-focused relief and development organization that responds to people affected by poverty or disaster with life-changing medicine, medical supplies and health programs. Americares also is recognized as a global leader in providing mental health training and support in emergency contexts around the world.

The philanthropic solution

The immediate emergency response is focused on Khyber Paktoonkhwa region and Americares's emergency team is coordinating with a local NGO partner to provide the following support:

- Equip local partner's emergency medical camps with all the needed medicines and supplies
- Procure emergency supplies including tents, sleeping mats and cooking equipment for up to 1500 families

- Facilitate the installation of hand pumps to ensure access to clean water
- Support the rehabilitation of damaged health facilities during the recovery phase

The evidence

Americares has over 40 years of experience responding to emergencies, including conflicts that lead to large-scale displacements. Americares responds to more than 30 natural disasters and humanitarian crises worldwide each year. Americares is a key partner of the UBS Optimus Foundation in responding to the global COVID-19 pandemic as well as the war in Ukraine.

Americares has worked in Pakistan since 1990 with local NGOs and the Ministry of Health to provide ongoing medical assistance to address critical health issues as well as immediate and long term disaster recovery aid.

The impact

Americares will ensure that children and their families affected by the flood in Khyber Paktoonkhwa have access to the emergency healthcare they need.

All programmatic data provided by Americares. The UBS Optimus Foundation is a grant-making foundation that offers UBS clients a platform to use their wealth to drive positive social and environmental change. The Foundation selects programs that improve children's health, education and protection, ones that have the potential to be transformative, scalable and sustainable as well as programs tackling environmental and climate issues.

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