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The distribution continues in Turbat this week, with 700 out of a total 1000 food packages being given out. Whilst the weather in Balochistan has generally remained more stable, fresh rains on July 16th caused three wide breaches resulting in the flooding of 18 more villages in Dadu, Sindh. 800 acres of cultivated land in Johi and Khairpur Nathan Shah talukas has been submerged.

Up 'til now, approximately 175 villages and 85,000 persons have been affected by flood water in Dadu . Rescue operations in the villages of Mehar and Khairpur Nathan Shah have already begun. However, people have been advised to move to safer areas from Johi, as the construction work to protect the town is yet to start.

Recent surveys in flood affected regions show that a large number of people have settled in makeshift spontaneous camps that lack basic sanitation facilities. Incidence of skin and eye infections have been reported in these settlements.

To ensure long term support helping those affected by the floods through the relief and recovery phases, CWS-P/A issued an appeal this week to the Action by Churches Together network (ACT), entitled 'Emergency Assistance for Storm Affectees'. It will cover the period from August 1st 2007 to May 31st 2008

Thus far we, along with other humanitarian agencies, have provided a prompt relief response in Gadap and Thatta in Sindh and Turbat in Balochistan, where food packages and plastic sheets for shelter were distributed, after three detailed assessments. The immediate relief response was carried out under the ACT Rapid Response Fund.

The next phase of the project will address the shelter, psychosocial support, primary healthcare, water & sanitation and hygiene needs of the most affected households in each of the three target districts. A total number of over 20,000 households will be supported directly. Vulnerable families and people such as widows, children and the elderly who are without food and in need of assistance will be given priority in the selection process. In addition, 500 humanitarian workers will benefit from Sphere training. 20 people have already taken part in training held by CWS-P/A in Karachi this week, on the 16th and 18th July.

CWS-P/A and its partners will follow the Sphere Minimum Standards for emergency relief and code of conduct. The components of the proposed programme will be directly implemented by CWS-P/A, with involvement of partners including Norwegian Church Aid (NCA), Strengthening Participatory Organisation (SPO), and South Asia Partnership - Pakistan (SAP - PK)