



The remainder of the 250 food packages were handed out yesterday on Tuesday 3rd July in Gadap. The distribution continued peacefully, with an overwhelmingly positive response from community members in the area. Beneficiary selection for the 250 plastic sheets will conclude by the end of today (Wednesday 3rd) and all material purchased in the ACT Rapid Response Fund will have been given out by the end of this week. CWS-P/A was one of the first organisations on the ground to actually distribute goods to those affected by the storms. The Nazim of Gadap has requested 100 more food packages, which we are currently looking into. More distributions in Thatta and Turbat are planned for later this week.

Assisting with yesterday's distribution were a Union Council officer and members of a local CBO, Al-Hussai Wadheila Baloch Social Welfare Association. It is these fostered local links (we had worked with the CBO in the area previously) that ensured the distribution went as smoothly as it did.

Similarly to yesterday, this was the first food that certain beneficiaries had had for over three days. Aburi, from Haji Bachhal Bagh had traveled up to our distribution centre in Murad Memon Union Council with one of her daughters. She is a widow, who has three children in total. Prior to the storms she earned





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“My house was not made of concrete, so during the rain storm it collapsed,’ she explained to our team. She is currently living in temporary accommodation. “When the neighbors told me that my name is listed as a food package recipient, I and my children were very happy,’ she continued. “Even this morning my children were without food.”



Another recipient, Dildar Ali, who was paralysed from the age of five, was still living in the remains of his house with his three brothers, and five sisters. “There is no place to go and I am disabled so movement is a great problem for me,’ he told us. “This food package will save our life.”

These are just two stories out of many, in just one area of Pakistan. The full scale of the tragedy is only just beginning to emerge from across Sindh and Balochistan.

The death toll in Balochistan rose today to 150 with a large number of people still reported missing. The cost of the damage is currently estimated at 60 to 70 billion PKR (approx 1 billion USD). After the earthquake of 2005, this is the second largest natural calamity to hit Pakistan.

Breaches in major canals and over flooding in water works pose ever rising threats. Evacuation by armed forces continues as humanitarian agencies step up their relief efforts. Big cities such as Quetta are without gas supplies.

The recent results of joint assessments by CWS-P/A in collaboration with Oxfam, Save The Children and Concern in Balochistan, show that many of those left homeless are at risk of cholera breakouts and snake bites. A huge number of livestock carcasses buried under muddy waters contaminate water sources and cause hazardous environmental conditions. As the monsoon fast approaches in the region, there is a very small window of opportunity to help those who are still living out in the open.

In Sindh, there are chances of more water surges from Balochiatan washing away human settlements and crops. 6 more casualties have been reported and at least 75 more villages of Talukas Miro Khan and Qubo Saeed Khan of the Kamar-