

PAKISTAN

Flood in Pakistan, July 2010

Severe heavy rains during the monsoon season of 2010 led to more than 17 million people affected by flood waters. Between flooded crops and homes, many people were left without a roof over their head or food to eat.

The flood waters contributed to an environment that was ripe for disease. Dirty, standing water served as a breeding ground for mosquitoes and unsafe drinking water. To make things worse, 400 health facilities were shut down due to sustained flood damage, leaving those who did fall ill little chance of immediate care.



ACT/ICCO/Saskia Bolt

ELCA Disaster Response

The ELCA was able to provide families with much needed food and clean water. We also helped construct temporary shelter for those whose homes were destroyed by the waters. Mobile health units were set up to create access to swift medical attention for those who were sick, helping to prevent the further spread of disease.

Fifty-year-old Royan Bibi lost everything when destructive floodwaters washed away her house in July 2010. Thanks to the support of people like you, she was able to receive medical assistance through one of the mobile health units. Seeing first-hand the destruction the flood waters had on her mother, Royan's daughter voluntarily offered a room in her home to house medical treatment through the mobile health unit. Women from surrounding villages were provided hospitality along with medical assistance.



Royan sits with a child also affected by the floods.

Partners in response: Lutheran World Relief and Church World Services

Contribution: \$210,000

Response:

- Hygiene kits for 500 families
- Clean water for 5,000 families
- 3 mobile health units
- Food assistance for 38,500 people
- Shelter for 17,000 people