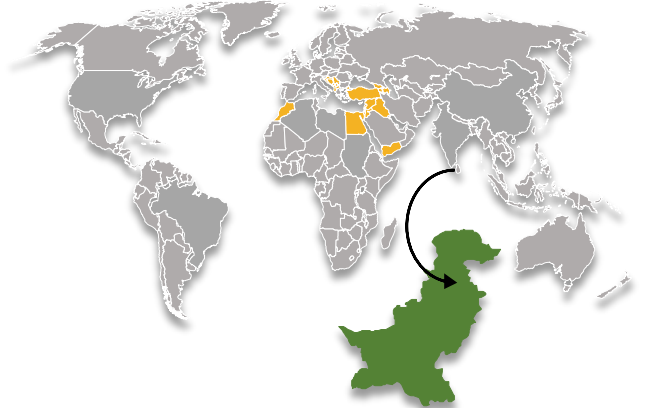


PRCS KP URGE TO TAKE STRONG STEPS TO COUNTER PREVALLING DISEASES IN FLOOD AFFECTED DISTRICTS OF KHYBER PAKHTUNKHWA

PRCS in collaboration with the International Federation of Red Cross & Red Crescent Societies (IFRC) & Norwegian Red Cross (NorCross), launched its mobile health units in nine (09) districts of KP for the provision of emergency health services in the flood affected districts of the province. The Mobile Health Teams (MHTs) aims to provide access to basic primary health care to flood-affected and displaced communities where health facilities have been destroyed and people have no other means of accessing health care. Medical camps provide free medical check-ups, free medicines and Health & Hygiene education to overcome water born and other diseases to flood victims. So far, PRCS has reached 16,168 people in need, including 4,370 men, 6,848 women, and 4,950 children in the districts including Tank, DI Khan, Swat, Bannu, Nowshera, Charsadda and Chitral. PRCS with the support of IFRC & NorCross has also distribute health, hygiene kits and dignity kits among flood affected communities as well as the rehabilitation of clean drinking water schemes. PRCS jointly with Norwegian Red Cross will also support District Health Office in the rehabilitation of flood affected health facilities. In the flood affected areas stagnant water has spread contagious diseases which have been increasing over the time. These diseases include Acute Gastroenteritis, Skin Diseases (Scabies, impetigo etc.), Ear infections (otitis media), Eye infections (Conjunctivitis), Suspected Malaria, Respiratory Tract Infections, Suspected Dengue.



Pakistan: KYBER PUKHTUNKHWA



TOTAL NUMBER OF MEDICAL CAMPS

100



TOTAL NUMBER OF OPD

16168



WOMEN FACILITATED IN MEDICAL CAMPS

6848



CHILDREN FACILITATED IN MEDICAL CAMPS

4950



MEN FACILITATED IN MEDICAL CAMPS

4370



PROVIDED FREE MEDICINE TO ALL BENF.

16168



NUMBER OF PEOPLE REACHED WITH KEY HEALTH & HYGIENE MESSAGES

11499



HEALTH AND HYGIEN KITS DISTRIBUTED AMONG FLOOD AFFECTESS

1373

A stagnant pool of water in these areas resulted in an upsurge of infectious diseases including water and vector-borne diseases. The top five diseases reported by Mobile health teams were gastrointestinal infection including diarrhea, acute watery diarrhea (suspected Cholera), and bloody diarrhea. Major skin infections include scabies, dermatitis, and fungal infection. The data shows that the incidence of suspected dengue and malaria cases also increased. PRCS KP is going to increase the number of Mobile Health teams in the Near future for the flood affected areas of Dera Ismail Khan, Swat & Charsadda.