



PAKISTAN: “Humanitarian Response for Displaced Women and Girls in the Northwest Frontier Province”

BACKGROUND

In late April 2009, insecurity intensified in the Malakand Division, leading to mass forced displacement of 2.31 million people in Pakistan’s North West Frontier Province (NWFP) and Federally Administered Tribal Areas (FATA). Traumatized by their journey, and leaving with virtually nothing, these vulnerable men, women and children are in urgent need of medical assistance, reproductive health care, food rations, safe water supply and shelter from soaring temperatures.

The massive dislocation in NWFP has put pregnant women at special risk, exacerbating the already severe lack of access to prenatal care, assisted delivery and emergency obstetric care. Of the displaced population, 69,300 are pregnant women. Nearly 6000 women are estimated to give birth within the next month, and approximately 900 women will need surgical interventions to handle pregnancy-related complications.



UNFPA EMERGENCY RESPONSE

UNFPA has been providing emergency reproductive health services to communities affected by the crisis. The Fund continues to work closely with federal, provincial, district authorities and NGOs to provide life-saving reproductive health services in IDP camps hosting districts in Noshehra, Lower Dir, Charsada, Mardan and Sawabi Districts. As part of the UN-led joint funding appeal launched as of 22 May 2009, UNFPA is asking donors for \$3.9 million to provide comprehensive maternal, neonatal and child health care services, basic hygiene supplies and psychosocial support, both in camps and in nearby medical facilities, through the end of 2009.

MEETING IMMEDIATE REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH NEEDS

UNFPA is well-positioned to rapidly address urgent reproductive health needs and the grief and distress triggered by the acute humanitarian situation.

UNFPA’s Reproductive Health interventions being planned and/or provided include:

- Health care providers working at UNFPA service delivery points have served more than 27,000 displaced people since last August.
- UNFPA has conducted a maternal, neonatal, and child health situational survey in IDP hosting districts and accordingly has established functional labor rooms at selected service delivery points (SDPs).
- Currently, UNFPA has established six fully-equipped SDPs (Service Delivery Points) in 5 districts to provide basic emergency obstetric care. This includes 5 SDPs established in camps (four working through Mobile Service Units and one at static school building in Palosa camp). These SDPs are provided with trained personnel, necessary equipment and medicines.
- At the Pabbi civil hospital in District Nowshera, UNFPA is supporting comprehensive emergency obstetric care near Jalozi camp (the largest camp with population of 90,000) to respond to pregnancy-related surgical interventions.
- UNFPA has provided reproductive health kits (RH kits) containing various medical instruments, medicines and supplies to each SDP.
- The Fund will strengthen four district hospitals and seven referral health facilities to deal with increased demand for medical services.
- 15,000 personal hygiene kits have been dispatched in the field to serve specific needs of displaced women and an additional 150,000 hygiene kits are currently being prepared for distribution. These kits include cotton rolls, gauze, a piece of cloth, soap, polythene bags, washing powder, towels, plastic comb, nail clippers, prickly heat powder, mosquito repellent body lotion, and a small carry-bag.

- UNFPA is also responsible for addressing the displaced women's protection and psychosocial issues. Working with community-based partners in camps, the Fund has organized health education, counseling sessions and focus groups to identify specific needs.
- As a lead agency of the Gender Sub-Cluster, under the Protection Cluster, UNFPA coordinates with all key actors to ensure the needs and concerns of women and girls are mainstreamed into different interventions.



Projects proposed under the revised Appeal

UNFPA has had considerable experience meeting the reproductive health needs of the community prior to the crisis. Nonetheless, substantial support is needed from donors to help UNFPA and its partners meet the emergency needs of the displaced population. Recent assessments reveal that in order to provide urgent, quality services, US\$3,900,000 is needed. The summary and details of the projects are described herein.

Project 1: Reproductive Health

Agency	United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA)
Project Title	Provision of PHC/RH/MNCH services through implementation of MISP for Internally Displaced Population in 7 districts of NWFP, Pakistan
Project Code	PAK-08/H06 (Revised)
Sector	Health
Objective	To provide PHC/RH services with special focus on essential obstetric care services among IDP women of reproductive age.
Targeted Beneficiaries	Target population of 325,000 in various IDP camps with special focus on 71,200 women at reproductive age
Implementing Partners	MoH/MoPW/NGOs
Project Duration	7 months from May 2009 to December 2009
Funds Requested	US\$ 3,500,000

Project 2: Protection and Psychosocial Services

Agency	United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA)
Project Title	Addressing IDP women and youth's protection and psycho-social needs
Project Code	PAK-09/P/HR/RL01 (Revised)
Sector	Protection
Objectives	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To ensure that IDP women's and youths' existing and emerging protection rights including psycho-social needs, prevention from violence, abuse, exploitation and self-harm are addressed. • To integrate gender dimensions in the implementations of MISP interventions for provision of RHC services in IDP camps/health facilities in NWFP with special focus on maternal health and services for women in reproductive age group. • Reaching out to IDP women and youth to engage them in self-help strategies through advocacy, social mobilization and providing holistic psycho-social support all along supporting existing support structures and mechanism. • Regular monitoring/reporting of service gaps in addressing women's and youths' protection
Targeted Beneficiaries	Target population of 325, 000 IDPs with special focus on 75,000 women and young girls at reproductive age group at in seven IDP hosting districts.
Implementing Partners	CSOs including: Pakistan Village Development Programme, Youth Resource Centre, Aurat Foundation, Children's Rights Defence Organization (CRDO), Media Master
Project Duration	7 months from May 2009 to December 2009
Funds Requested	US\$ 400,000

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