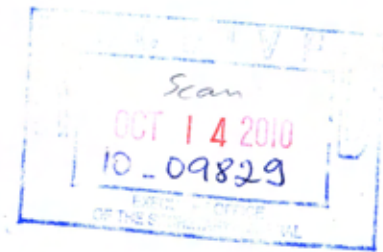


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**Note to the Secretary-General**



**UPDATE ON THE HUMANITARIAN SITUATION IN PAKISTAN**

1. This note is to update you on the humanitarian situation in Pakistan ahead of the Ministerial Meeting of the Group of Friends of Democratic Pakistan. People have returned home in most of the affected areas, except in Dadu and Jamshoro districts in Sindh where about 40 per cent of the land is still covered by flood waters. In all the return areas the humanitarian community is re-directing its efforts so as to start implementation of early recovery and livelihood activities in parallel to emergency relief. In Kybher Pakthunkwa (KPK), where most of the displaced persons have returned to their places of origin, the key priority is contingency planning as winter approaches, particularly in the hill districts. In Punjab, where 90 per cent of the IDPs have returned home, humanitarian organizations are working together to ensure that support for water sanitation and hygiene, shelter, livelihoods and agriculture are provided in a coherent and integrated manner.
2. With respect to the overall humanitarian operation, I chaired another IASC Principals meeting last week to urge agencies and partners to continue to build cluster leadership and implementation capacity on the ground. I am pleased to report that efforts are being made to strengthen cluster coordination capacity, although the critical need to also increase implementation capacity remains. Following the joint field mission of the Emergency Directors of WFP, WHO and UNICEF, efforts continue to address the needs of the affected population in a more coherent and efficient manner.
3. As you know, I have supported the efforts of the Humanitarian Coordinator to finalise the revised response plan and secure the endorsement of the Government of Pakistan. Unfortunately, despite our efforts to review the projects and comply with the criteria set by the Government of Pakistan, some areas of difference remain. In particular, the Government of Pakistan is adamant that we use the term "Azad Jammu Kashmir" while referring to Pakistan-administered Kashmir. In addition, they have asked us to reject some already endorsed projects from the response plan, as those projects do not comply with the criteria put forward by the National Disaster Management Authority. The Humanitarian Community and the Government of Pakistan have reached agreement on 417 of the total 471 projects and the total amount of the response plan is now \$1.98 billion, of which \$1.88 billion is agreed by the Government.
4. At this stage, the Pakistan Floods Emergency Response Plan is only 33 percent funded. Humanitarian partners are doing their best to increase their capacity and respond to the crisis, but the lack of funding is seriously hampering their ability to implement much needed programs. Although some discrepancies remain, I think it is now time to end the negotiation on the revision of the response plan. We have reached an agreement on 94.4 percent of the response plan. I am confident that the Humanitarian Community and the Government of Pakistan can jointly present the plan to donors, leaving it to Member States to decide on the minor areas of differences. I have written a letter to the Permanent Representative of Pakistan to the United Nations in New York, to inform him of this decision.



5. I have discussed the above with Ambassador Soysal and he will be supported by ASG Catherine Bragg during the Brussels meeting.



Valerie Amos  
13 October 2010

cc: Ms. Clark  
Mr. Guterres  
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Mr. Starr  
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Mr. Swing

**Note to Mr. Nambiar**

**PAKISTAN**



Please find attached a note to the Secretary General on the humanitarian situation in Pakistan.

I would be grateful if you could kindly submit this to the Secretary-General.

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13 October 2010