Pakistan is participating in the Global Humanitarian Response Plan 2020 with a total funding requirement of USD126.82m (the protection sector requested USD17m) and aims to assist 1.3m people in need, with 5.46 million being most in need of protection interventions. The Protection sector brings together the government with 21 UN and non-governmental organisations, as well as child protection and GBV sub-working groups, to respond to protection risks due to the COVID-19 pandemic. This dashboard provides an overview of the Pakistan Protection Sector response and progress against indicators for the Pakistan COVID-19 Humanitarian Response Plan 2020.

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KEY FIGURES

SO3.1: Advocate and ensure that the fundamental rights of refugees, migrants, IDPs, people of concern and host population groups who are particularly vulnerable to the pandemic are safeguarded, and that they have access to testing and health-care services, are included in national surveillance and response planning for COVID-19, and are receiving information and assistance.

SO 3.2: Prevent, anticipate and address risks of violence, discrimination, marginalization and xenophobia towards refugees, migrants, IDPs and people of concern by enhancing awareness and understanding of the COVID-19 pandemic at community level.

SECTOR HRP OBJECTIVES

NEEDS:
- The Pakistan Global Humanitarian Response Plan (GHRP) recognizes the 6.7 million most vulnerable populations expected to be disproportionately affected by the health and non-health impacts of COVID-19. This includes Afghan refugees, IDPs and returnees, undocumented Afghans and people affected by natural disasters.

PLANNED RESPONSE:
- The Government of Pakistan provided emergency cash assistance of USD 75 per family to approximately 12 million Pakistani families through the Pakistan Social Protection programme to help improve access to healthcare and support economic conditions. While the UN has provided 35,835 of 70,000 households with the planned cash response, additional assistance to support food needs and livelihoods remains a priority for the most vulnerable communities. Over 282 million people have been reached through TV and radio through Government and other partners. Using WASH sector communication networks, 10.8 million people have been reached with COVID-19 hygiene promotion messages.

GAPS: • Current data and surveillance are missing on protection dimensions whereas high level advocacy on protection dimensions associated with COVID is missing for integration and realization among policy makers.

NEEDS:
- Survivors of violence must have access to information, services and protection mechanisms for GBV survivors must be ensured.
- Law enforcement agencies and administration related SOPs must recognize that some women may be escaping dangerous and violent situation. They must respond to the complaints such complaints during COVID-19.
- GBV helplines and tele-psychosocial support services should remain functional with upgraded capacity to respond to GBV survivors during COVID-19 pandemic.

PLANNED RESPONSE:
- UNFPA is co-chairing the GBV Sub Working Group (GBV-SWG) under the protection sector working group with NDMA and PMDAs as chairs. The GBV-SWG with representation from Government, UN and I/NGOs are focused on addressing the most urgent GBV issues. It is also supporting the efforts of the Protection against Sexual Exploitation and Abuse (PSEA) Network.
- Tele-psychosocial support services - Rozan’s helpline continue to provide support to GBV survivors at national level. GBV Helplines are established in the provinces of Punjab and KP in partnership with relevant government departments.

GAPS: • Pre-existing vulnerabilities of “at risk” groups in Pakistan, including refugees and TDPs, were further aggravated by the related stressors, including family anxieties, the disruption of means of income generation and daily subsistence activities due to social distancing and government lockdown measures.

NEEDS:
- An increase of child protection risks were observed in the current COVID-19 pandemic as has been observed in previous health related pandemics. Some of these include: Physical and emotional maltreatment, gender-based violence (GBV), mental health and psychosocial distress, child labour and social exclusion.

PLANNED RESPONSE:
- Provision of Psychosocial Support (PSS) to those individuals or group of people who require care and support within facilities and in areas receiving suspected/infected people and families, relatives and caregivers of such people through digital platform. However, if people demonstrate exacerbated distress and signs of mental health concerns or adverse reactions, they would be referred to specialized mental health and psychosocial support.
- Prevention of stigma, labelling and discrimination of people who are perceived to be infected or affected by COVID-19.

GAPS: • The need for mental health and psychosocial services (MHPSS) have increased for families and children coping with elevated levels of anxiety and stress.
Pakistan: COVID-19 Protection Sector Dashboard as of August 2020

People reached by sex & age

986K people reached

38% men
32% women
16% girls
14% boys

Type of beneficiaries

79% Populations particularly vulnerable to COVID-19
20% Refugees
1% Temporary Dislocated Persons and Returnees

21 organizations responding

The boundaries and names shown and the designations used on this map do not imply official endorsement or acceptance by the United Nations. Dotted line represents approximately the Line of Control in Jammu and Kashmir agreed upon by India and Pakistan. The final status of Jammu and Kashmir has not yet been agreed upon by the parties.

People reached per district

Cumulative people reached (from May to Aug 2020)

People reached with child protection messages including stigma prevention and discrimination

0% 20% 40% 60% 80% 100%

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Type of beneficiaries

Temporary Dislocated Persons and Returnees

Refugees

Populations particularly vulnerable to COVID-19

Date: PS 5Ws, Aug 2020

Source: Protection Sector Pakistan

PROGRESS BY SELECT INDICATORS AND ACTIVITIES

Sector Indicators
1) Number of women, men, girls and boys benefiting from prevention, risk mitigation and preparedness programming, including community-based protection programming
2) Number of women, men, girls and boys benefiting from protection life-saving interventions, including protection assistance, counseling, information dissemination, access to services and rights
3) Number of beneficiaries / GBV survivors and target groups provided with GBV related services in line with minimum standards
4) Number of affected people including children (Girls and boys) who received child protection services including psychosocial support
5) Number of people (men, women, boys and girls) reached with child protection messages including stigma prevention and discrimination

Activities
Protection awareness raising and prevention messaging
Individual Protection Assistance
Protection by presence
Provision of child protection services including PSS
Psychosocial Support and counseling
Social and Behaviour Change Communication
Women and girls friendly space programing
Protection assessments and monitoring
CBP preparedness and protection risk mitigation

Men
Women
Girls
Boys
Total

Men
Women
Girls
Boys
Total

429,442
544,823
366
15,892
4,491

424,314
302,735
15,892
5,086
4,491

0% 20% 40% 60% 80% 100%

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