Pakistan is participating in the Global Humanitarian Response Plan 2020 with a total funding requirement of USD126.82m (the protection sector requested USD17.7m) 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 27 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.

KEY FIGURES

Pakistan:
- 6.6M people in need
- 5.46M PS people in need
- 1.3M people reached
- 14.9M COVID-19 Required US$
- 2.4M people targeted
- 1.5M Funded

Sources: Protection HRP Monitoring Framework, May- Dec 2020

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.

**NEEDS:**
- The Pakistan Global Humanitarian Response Plan (GHRP) for COVID-19 prioritizes 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 575 per family to approximately 12 million Pakistani families through the Pakistan Social Protection programme to help improve access to healthcare and support economic conditions. The UN has provided 73,916 vulnerable refugee households with the planned cash response of the total 80,636 identified households. The remaining households are in the process of getting assistance to support food needs and livelihoods which remains a priority for the most vulnerable communities.

**GENERAL PROTECTION**
- 2,593,500 people in need
- 617,500 Targeted people in 2020
- 1,350,478 Reached people

**NEEDS:**
- Establishment of full spectrum of GBV prevention and response services with increased focus on women with disabilities, adolescent girls, older women, women headed households and transgender.
- Establish and strengthen GBV helplines including remote case management and referral pathways.
- Ensure dissemination of messages on prevention of violence against women and girls including needs of persons with disabilities and women headed households through (social) media and print material.
- Establish PSEA mechanism in humanitarian response activities.

**PLANNED RESPONSE:**
- GBV is integrated in Humanitarian and health sector response through establishment of women and girls’ safe spaces, provision of MHPSS, case management including multi sectoral referral support to the GBV survivors and at risk groups.
- GBV tele helplines support services continue to provide support to GBV survivors at national and provincial levels. GBV helplines are established in the provinces of Punjab, KP, Sindh and Baluchistan in partnership with relevant government departments.
- Integration of GBV prevention and response into preparedness mechanisms and plans at national and subnational levels.

**GENDER BASED VIOLENCE**
- 1,228,500 people at risk of GBV
- 292,500 Targeted people in 2020
- 68,619 Reached women and girls

**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 included: 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.
- Capacity building of relevant stakeholders including government officials and civil society organizations on MHPSS and strengthening case management and referral systems to prevent and respond to violence of children and women affected and provide care and protection for children in need of alternative care.

**CHILD PROTECTION**
- 1,638,000 children and people in need
- 390,000 Targeted people in 2020
- 1,047,242 Reached children

**NEEDS:**
- The need for mental health and psychosocial services (MHPSS) have increased for families and children coping with elevated levels of anxiety and stress.

**GAPS:**
- Pre-existing vulnerabilities of “at risk” groups in Pakistan, including refugees, TDFs, ACC holders and undocumented Afghans 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. Community outreach and risk communication interventions, along with prevention and control, should also focus on prevention of protection concerns associated with multiple vulnerabilities, abuse, stigma, discrimination and rights violations due to COVID-19.
Pakistan: COVID-19 Protection Sector Dashboard as of December 2020

People reached by sex & age

- **2.4M people reached**
  - 46% men
  - 36% women
  - 8% girls
  - 9% boys

Type of beneficiaries

- **78%** Populations particularly vulnerable to COVID-19
- **18%** Refugees
- **4%** Temporarily Displaced Persons and Returnees

- **28 organizations responding**

### Sector Indicators

1. **Number of women, men, girls and boys benefiting from prevention, risk mitigation and preparedness programming, including community-based protection programming**
   - Men: 548,636
   - Women: 867,540
   - Girls: 2,490
   - Boys: 27,220
   - Total: 995,170

2. **Cumulative people reached (from May to Dec 2020)**
   - 2.4M people reached

3. **People reached per district**

4. **Refugees**
   - 78%
   - 18%
   - 4%

5. **Boys and girls**
   - Boys: 46%
   - Girls: 36%
   - Men: 8%
   - Women: 9%

6. **Cumulative people reached**
   - 2.4M people reached

7. **Countries**
   - Pakistan
   - Afghanistan
   - Iran
   - China
   - India

8. **Activities**

   - Social and behaviour Change Communication
   - Individual Protection Assistance (IPA)
   - Protection awareness raising
   - Protection by presence
   - Protection assessments and monitoring
   - Provision of child protection services
   - Capacity building of service providers
   - Psychosocial Support and counselling
   - Establishing and supporting of referral mechanisms

- **Activities**

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  | 995,170 | 608,213 | 242,860 | 52,704 | 2,490

Source: PS 5Ws, Dec 2020