

# FIOH-USA BOARD APPROVES RAISING EMERGENCY FUNDS TO PROVIDE FLOOD RELIEF IN PAKISTAN



On September 2, 2010, three brothers, Irfan Leghari, 10; Jalal, 18; and Saddam, 20 drowned when they were carried away by flood water in Ahmed Khan Leghari village in Pakistan.

The floods, the worst in Pakistan's history, have left at least 1,710 people dead, affected around 20 million people, caused a 43-billion dollar loss and damaged an area bigger than England.

Water is slowly receding, but displaced people face returning to their villages to find nothing there. Houses have collapsed, livestock have perished, and household belongings have been swept away.

FIOH-USA is in a position to help. We have an FIOH network partner in Pakistan called the Participatory Village Development Programme (PVDP). This NGO (non-governmental organization) was founded in 1997 and works mainly in Sindh Province, one of the worst hit provinces in Pakistan.

**The funds need to go to where they are urgently needed.** FIOH-USA has established a direct connection with PDVP so that any donations we receive specifically for Pakistani flood victims can be sent to support those in immediate need.

PVDP is working directly with the people to:

- Establish Mobile Health Units to provide much needed health services;
- Provide non-food items such as soaps, towels, antiseptic solutions, sanitary pads, water filters, toilets, toys, beddings, cots, books for children, tooth brushes, toothpaste, buckets, water jerry cans and other items that will help suffering people return to normal life; and
- Provide emergency food and water. A donation of \$100 will provide a family of eight with a month's supply of emergency food.

Please consider a donation to FIOH-USA, designated for this disaster. It has been described by United Nations Secretary General Ban Ki Moon as the worst natural disaster he has ever seen. Indeed, the needs are urgent and overwhelming.

**One hundred percent of your gift will go directly to our FIOH partner, PVDP.**

Donations may be sent to:

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*(If donating by check, please indicate "Pakistan flood relief")*

You can see ongoing reports about PVDP's response to the disaster at their website: [www.pvdpsindh.org](http://www.pvdpsindh.org).