

NCHD: Reaching Out to the Inaccessible

Unprecedented rains have inundated more than 17 million acres of agricultural land in Pakistan. Loss of life has been relatively low given the scale of the floods—over 1,750 people of the 20 million affected have perished—but the homes and livelihoods of millions of Pakistanis have been obliterated. Countless

villages had been swept away leaving hundreds of thousands of people in urgent need of shelter and food. Seventy percent of roads and bridges in the flooded areas have been washed away. Government of Pakistan is working to both save lives and lay the foundations for the country's recovery from disaster.

Floods severely damaged many districts of Gilgit Baltistan in the North of the country. Many villages were cut off from the rest of the province as the floods washed away roads and bridges. In these areas, NCHD staff and volunteers were forced to trek through the region's epic mountain ranges to establish relief distribution points. Chatorkhad is one of those villages where government couldn't provide relief services due to inaccessibility of the area. It is 100 km from Gilgit with extremely poor vehicle passages.



NCHD volunteers were the first to reach this village. They found people suffering from various diseases. Analyzing the people's need carefully, NCHD set up a team of doctors who rendered their services voluntarily to help these flood victims. In collaboration with APPNA and Al-Shafa International, NCHD established a medical camp at Village Chatorkhad, District Ghizer. Over 500 patients were provided free check up and medicines.

