# Devastating floods in Pakistan UNICEF is on the ground working with partners to help children and families.

# and at increased risk of waterborne diseases, drowning and malnutrition.

them overcome this climate disaster.

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Hundreds of thousands of homes have been destroyed, while many public health facilities, water systems and schools have been destroyed or damaged. Young children are living out in the open with their families, with no drinking water, no food, and no livelihood, exposed to a wide range of new flood-related risks and hazards, including from damaged buildings and

Torrential monsoon rains have triggered the most severe flooding in Pakistan's recent

history, washing away villages and leaving around 3.4 million children in need of assistance

drowning in floodwaters. UNICEF is responding with the Government and partners, helping to deliver safe drinking water; lifesaving medical supplies; therapeutic food supplies; and hygiene kits to children and families. We are also establishing temporary learning centres and supporting the protection and psychosocial wellbeing of children affected by these devastating floods.

We need your urgent support to help save lives.

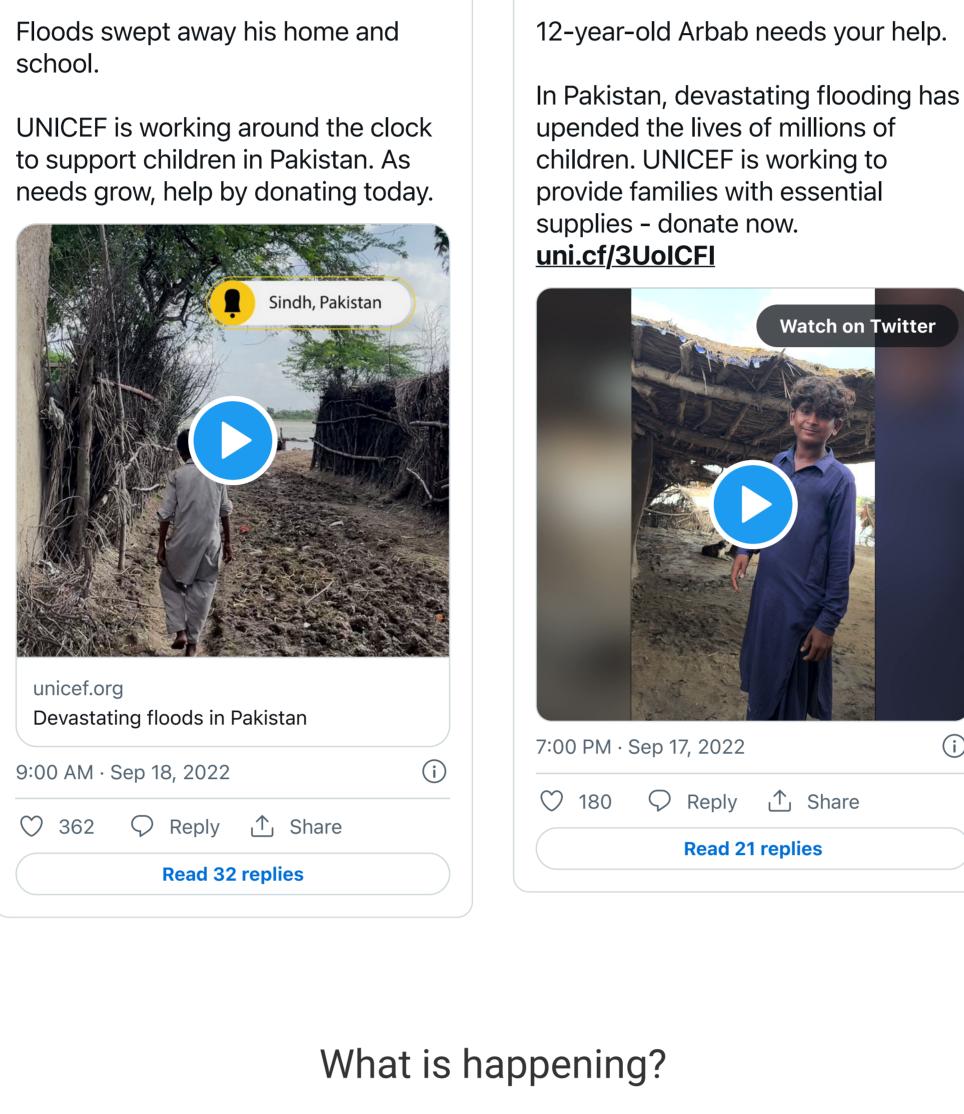
But much more is needed to ensure we can reach all families displaced by floods and help

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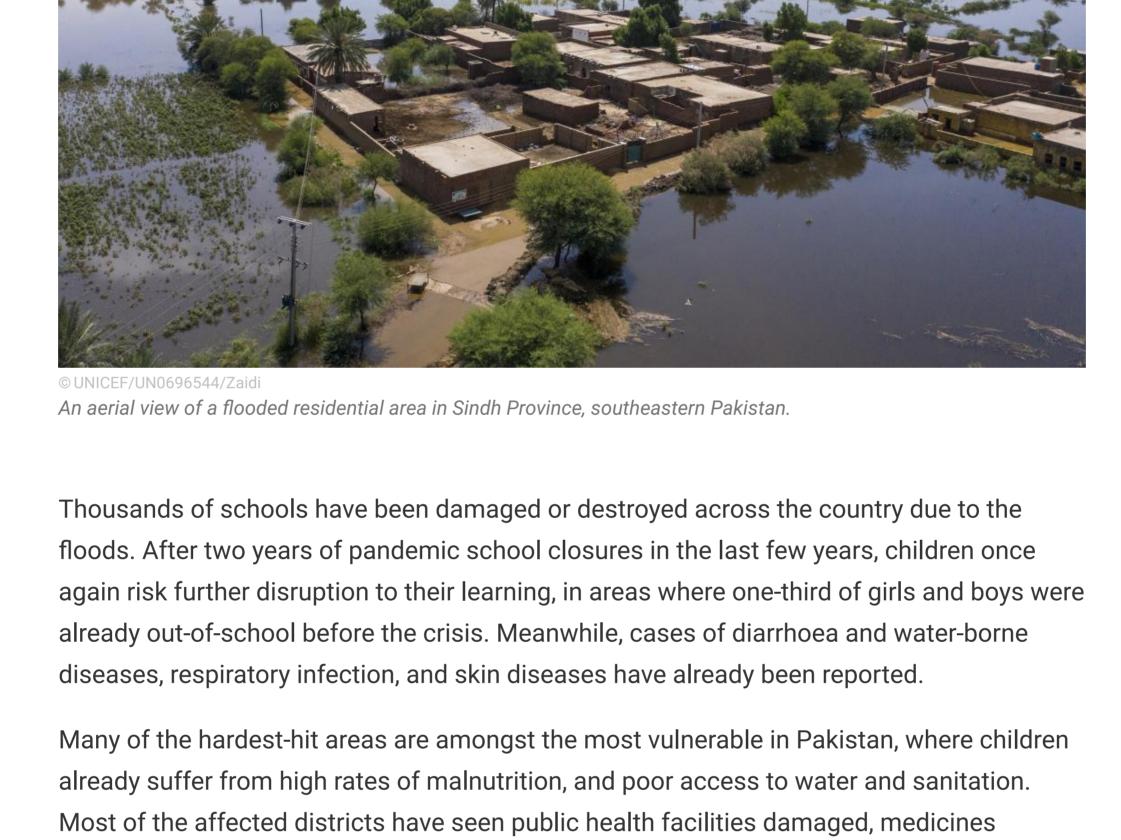
Around 33 million people, including approximately 16 million children, have been affected

floods and landslides. Some major rivers breached their banks and dams have overflowed,

by this year's heavy monsoon rains in Pakistan, which have brought devastating rains,

destroying homes, farms and critical infrastructure including roads, bridges, schools,

hospitals and public health facilities.



destroyed by the floods, and many health workers displaced from their homes. The risk of

Climate-related crises will not affect everyone equally. Children will suffer more than adults,

waterborne diseases is high, including cholera.

support children and women affected by the floods.

with those in the poorest communities bearing the biggest burden.

While the numbers of children lost in these floods continues to grow, UNICEF is

doing everything we can to support children and families affected and protect them from the ongoing dangers of waterborne diseases, malnutrition and protection risks. UNICEF is on the ground with partners, delivering life-saving medical and other emergency supplies to

Relief and rescue operations are still extremely hard to carry out - many communities are

still cut off by floodwater. However, using pre-positioned emergency supplies, UNICEF has

delivered immediate emergency services and supplies. These include drinking water, water

purification tablets, hygiene kits, medicines, vaccines, therapeutic nutritional supplements

for children, pregnant and lactating women, and mosquito nets. Meanwhile, dozens of

mobile health clinics are providing lifesaving assistance to displaced populations.

Help save and protect children in Pakistan

In these difficult times, your support can save lives. Your contribution can help UNICEF reach more children and families with critical, urgent and life-saving supplies. **HELP SAVE LIVES** 

UNICEF in emergencies

UNICEF is on the ground before, during, and after emergencies, working to reach children

and families with lifesaving aid and long-term assistance. At the onset of an emergency -

whether it's a conflict or a natural disaster - UNICEF is capable of delivering pre-positioned

life-saving supplies within 72 hours from a network of supply hubs around the world. Pre-

positioned supplies are essential items that are ready to be deployed from strategic

locations at any moment, to bring timely relief to an emergency anywhere in the world.

UNICEF also wants to help children resume learning and will support the Government to reestablish critical services for children as soon as possible.

© UNICEF/UN0659042/Lateef UNICEF staff in Cox's Bazar prepare supplies including dignity kits for dispatching as part of the flood response in Sylhet, northeastern Bangladesh. But the work does not stop at delivery. UNICEF works with partners to ensure assistance continues to have a positive impact in the long term, so that children can hope to enjoy healthy lives and fulfill their dreams.

In emergencies, children suffer first, and most.

When a sudden onset emergency such as an earthquake or hurricane strikes, it's children

who suffer first and suffer most. As well as the immediate, devastating impacts - loss of

life, destruction of homes and communities – the chaos of an emergency can threaten

access to food, shelter and social support. Children and mothers are often cut off from

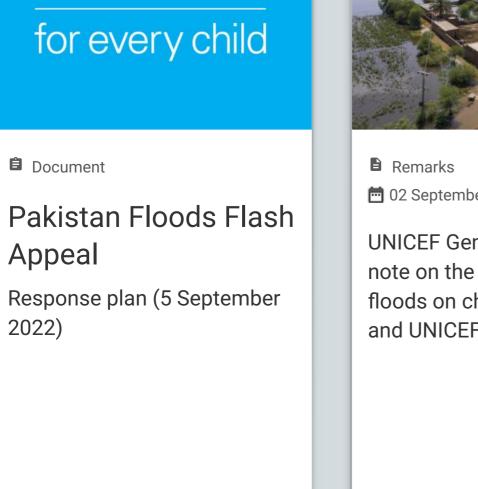
malnutrition soars. Shattered infrastructure means families can lose access to adequate

sanitation and hygiene facilities, leaving children even more susceptible to waterborne diseases. The destruction of schools means children can lose safety and routine. Without access to education, they risk losing their futures.

Read more about <u>UNICEF's work in emergencies</u> and its latest <u>humanitarian appeal</u> to

support conflict- and disaster-affected children with access to water, sanitation, nutrition,

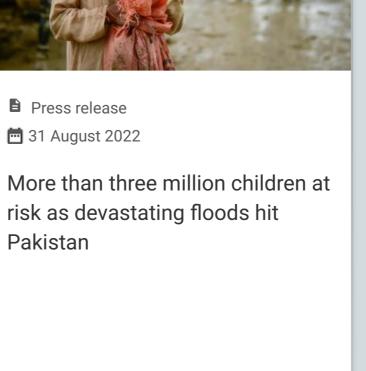
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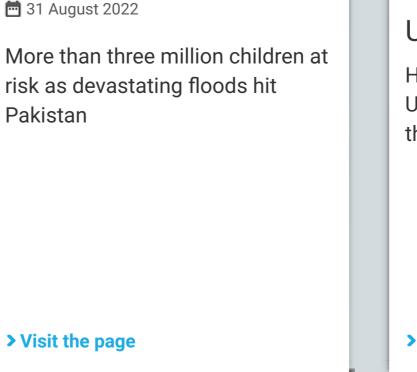


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