

FACT SHEET

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HEALTH AND NUTRITION

- There are many injured and sick people in the affected areas who do not have access to medical care.
- In addition, the floods could be a source of mosquito breeding, leading to malaria and dengue fever outbreaks which are endemic in this country. Together with other serious threats of infectious disease outbreaks caused by unsafe water and poor hygiene, the mortality and morbidity of children and other vulnerable populations are dramatically increased.
- UNICEF is providing oral rehydration solutions, essential drugs for infectious diseases and mosquito nets but the quantities in hand are far short of the needs. Donations to UNICEF's appeal will be used for the procurement of additional supplies.

WATER, SANITATION AND HYGIENE

- Water quality and availability are an issue because of electricity breakdown and destroyed sanitation systems. So there's a high risk of infections and water-borne diseases like cholera and dysentery.
- Ensuring safe water supply, building latrines for displaced persons in camps, basic water family kits, water purification tablets, water guard solution (sodium hypochloride) and bleaching powder are among UNICEF's top priorities.

EDUCATION

- Many schools have been damaged and destroyed. UNICEF is focusing on returning children to schools by the 1st of June in an effort to bring a sense of normalcy to their lives and protect them from potential abuse and threats to their well-being as a result of displacement.
- UNICEF urgently needs funds for school repair/construction, temporary learning spaces and support to preschools. UNICEF will be supporting 2,000 schools benefiting approximately 300,000 children.

CHILD PROTECTION

- Unaccompanied, separated and traumatised children are among UNICEF's chief concerns.
- UNICEF plans to support the identification, of separated children, family tracing, verification and reunification of children with families, establishment of safe environments for children and women, including child-friendly spaces, sensitisation of communities on risks of exploitation and abuse as well as integrate psychosocial support in protection responses.

RELIEF ITEMS

- Non-food items such blankets, plastic buckets, mosquito nets, family kits and other relief supplies will be procured to support the affected population.