

Emergency grant authorised for Red Cross Pakistan Floods Appeal

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The Freemasons' Grand Charity has been one of the first organisations to issue an immediate £25,000 to the British Red Cross Pakistan Flood Appeal - one of the largest initial pledges the Red Cross received within the first 24 hours of opening the Appeal.

The President of The Freemasons' Grand Charity, Grahame Elliott, approved the emergency grant of £25,000 to the Red Cross following extreme flooding in Northern Pakistan.

Tens of thousands of people are stranded and cut off by flood waters and an estimated 1,500 people have been killed, although this number is set to rise. Aid Agencies working in the area report that entire villages have been washed away, leaving thousands of people homeless. At least 3 million people have been affected in the worst floods to hit the region for 80 years.

The decision was taken to fund the Red Cross due to their current presence and infrastructure in Pakistan, and their ability to provide immediate aid.

These funds will help to provide:

- Provision of hygiene kits and sanitation facilities to stem the spread of preventable diseases.
- Provision of safe drinking water to flood-affected families.

For further information about the work of the Red Cross in Pakistan please visit their website:

<http://www.redcross.org.uk/news.asp?id=104592>

This story is also running on the following sites:

<http://world-countries.net/archives/61457>

<http://www.alertnet.org/thenews/fromthefield/216872/e4ffa9afba914ea1e497a2d661e6a182.htm>

<http://www.theasiantoday.com/article.aspx?articleId=2106>

<http://www.communitynewswire.press.net/article.jsp?id=6974118>

