

French contribution enables WFP to respond to nutrition crisis in Pakistan

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The United Nations World Food Programme (WFP) welcomes a contribution of EUR 3.5 million from the Government of France in support of the ongoing flood response in Pakistan, specifically targeting women and children facing life-threatening malnutrition.

The funding will play a vital role in enabling WFP to provide life-saving assistance to thousands of children under-five as well as pregnant and breastfeeding women and girls suffering from acute malnutrition with lifesaving support in Sindh and Balochistan.

Against the backdrop of high inflation, especially soaring food prices, millions of people are struggling to afford and access nutritious food. This dire situation has led to an increase in cases of severe acute malnutrition among women and children in the districts worst affected by the floods.

According to a rapid survey conducted across 15 flood-affected districts in Sindh, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa and Balochistan, nearly one-third of children between 6-23 months of age are suffering from moderate acute malnutrition, while 14 percent are affected by severe acute malnutrition.

In 2022, France contributed EUR 1 million to the Integrated Nutrition-Safety Net Project for flood-affected pregnant and breastfeeding women in Sindh. Additionally, last year, France provided EUR 2 million in support of WFP's flood response activities.

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