PAKISTAN FLOOD

ABSTRACT

The 2010 Pakistan floods began in late July 2010 as a result of heavy monsoon rains in the provinces of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa (KPK), Sindh, Punjab and Balochistan and affected the Indus River basin. Pakistan has a total land area equal to 796,095 square kilometers (307,374 square miles). Approximately one-fifth of Pakistan's total land area was underwater during the 2010 floods. According to Pakistani government data the floods directly affected about 20 million people, mostly by destruction of property, livelihood and infrastructure, with a death toll of close to 2,000.

Until the recent creation of the Pakistan Bureau of Statistics (PBS) on 23 December 2011, the statistical offices in Pakistan were three sister organizations (Population Census Organization, Federal Bureau of Statistics and Agriculture Census Organization) fell under the Statistics Division and under the administrative control of Federal Minister for Finance, Economic Affairs and Statistics. This paper discusses the Pakistani statistical systems response to the 2010 and 2011 floods, and the work that is proceeding to prepare for future disasters.