

Health risks of flooding in Pakistan

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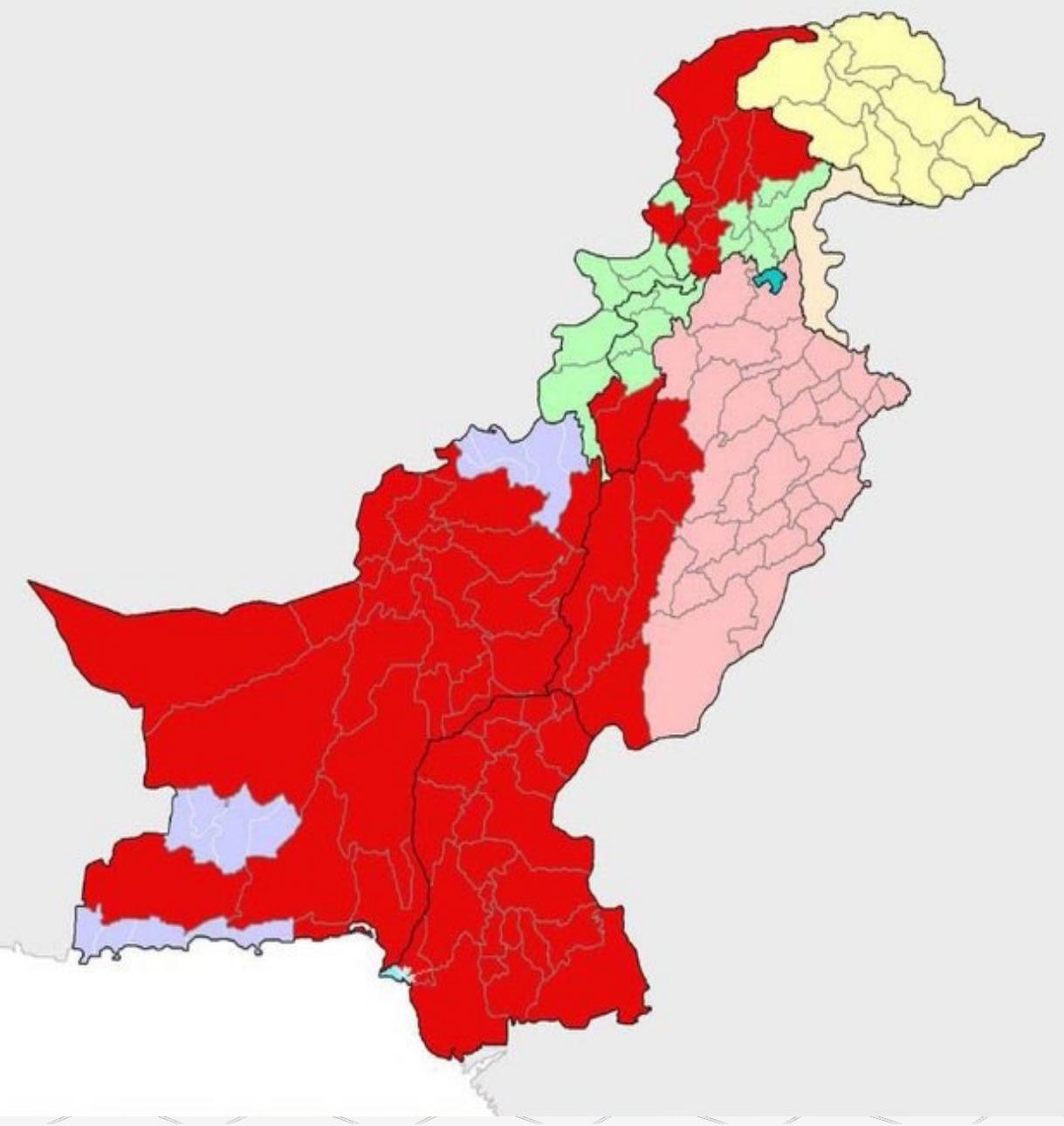
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Pakistan Floods

The past, present & future

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Pakistan Floods History

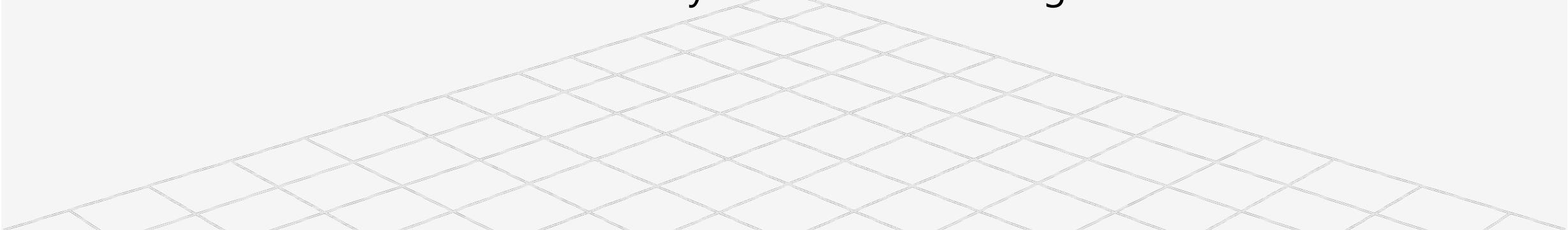
- Pakistan has witnessed 21, including the current major floods in 75 years if its inception (1).
- Floods in 1950, 1992 & 2010 has been the deadliest.
- The 2022 floods have surpassed all the previous flood disasters.



Image credit: Express Tribune Pakistan

UNSG remarked it is an “unimaginable’ damage. Humanity has been waging war on nature, and nature strikes back. But nature strikes back in **Sindh**, but it was not Sindh that has made the emissions of greenhouse gases that have accelerated climate change so dramatically. So, there is a very unfair situation, in relation to the level of destruction that we are seeing, here, in Sindh”.

“I’ve never seen anything like this. I’ve seen those lives were saved but I’ve also been speaking to people and thinking, if enough aid doesn’t come, they won’t be here in the next few weeks. They won’t make it.” Angelina Jolie



2022 Floods

- 33 million people affected by the floods - 1 in 7 of the population.
- More than 1,500 people have been killed & more than 13,000 injured.
- 1.7 million homes have been destroyed or badly damaged.
- 900 health facilities across the country have been damaged.
- 3.6 million acres of crops have been affected, and 900,000 livestock lost.



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The govt response

PKR 25,000 (£92) through BISP.

Rescue operation at selected places.

Tent cities

Medical camps

Pakistan is social and politically divided

Economic situation is worsening everyday

Restrictions for INGOs

Debt is mounting

Inequalities are growing

The government isn't doing enough for people affected by the floods.

What next?

- Pakistan need support from the world
- Fair & transparent distribution of relief funds and efforts
- Fair assessment of damage
- Controlling the outbreaks of waterborne and vector borne diseases
- Rehabilitation without any delay
- Pakistan needs to develop and advocate a strong case for climate justice.