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Severe Flooding in Pakistan

What is a monsoon?

- A monsoon is a strong change in the winds in a **region** which cause a change in rainfall.
- During the summer monsoon in South Asia, the monsoon causes a season of heavy rainfall. Then, the reverse happens from Autumn causing a dry season with little rainfall.

People from around the world are sending help to Pakistan after it has been affected by **severe flooding**.

The floods are thought to have covered a third of the country - an area about the size of the UK.

This has come after the heaviest rains that the country has experienced in over ten years.

Heavy rains are not unusual in Pakistan as they come during the monsoon season. The rains can even be helpful for things such as replenishing water for drinking as well as growing crops.

However, as there was so much rain this year, it caused parts of two large rivers, the Indus and Kabul, to burst their **banks**.

The flooding has affected over 33 million people. It has destroyed crops, washed away roads and destroyed people's houses.

It is not just the initial flooding that is a problem either. Even when the water goes down, there will be food shortages in the coming weeks and months.

The government of Pakistan are using army helicopters to rescue people. They are

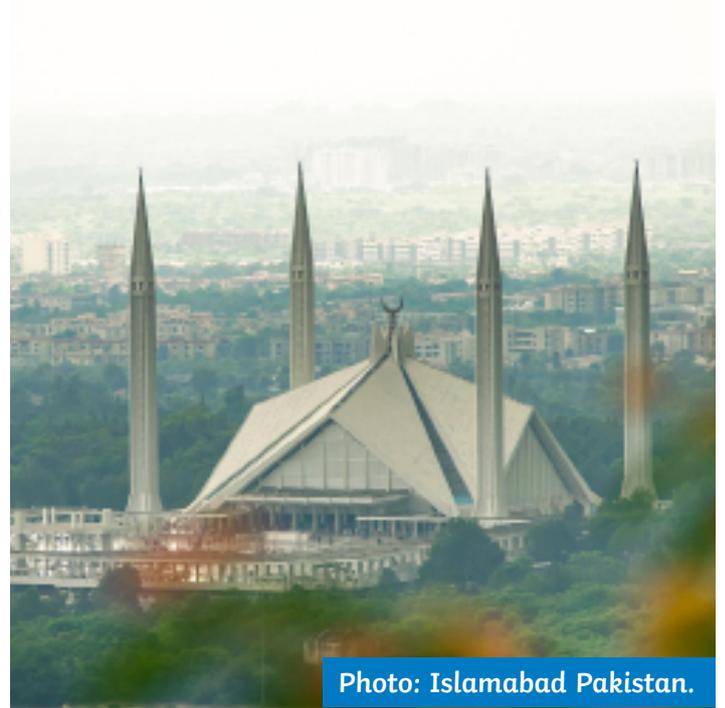


Photo: Islamabad Pakistan.

also using the army to send aid to those who need it most.

Around the world, countries are sending aid as well. The United Nations has set up a \$160 million plan to help people affected. With this appeal, they hope to help by delivering food, clean water and shelter.

Glossary

- region** An area, usually part of a country.
- severe** Bad or intense.
- banks** The land along the side of a river.

Questions

1. What has caused the flooding in Pakistan?

2. Tick each of these statements to show whether they are true or false.

	True	False
The UN are sending aid to Pakistan.		
Monsoons are rare in Pakistan.		
The floods have flooded around a third of Pakistan.		
Millions of people have been affected by the floods.		

3. Find and copy one way that people are helping those in need.

4. Summarise the key information in the article in 20 words or fewer.
