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Pakistan needs “an army of humanitarian workers” to rebuild lives

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Chairman of the Muslim Charities Forum (MCF), Dr. Hany El-Banna, believes that only an army of humanitarian workers will be able to pull Pakistan out of their biggest natural disaster in half a century.

On his return from an eight day trip on behalf of Islamic Relief and the Humanitarian Forum, where he saw the reality of the devastation caused by the floods, he called on all humanitarian aid agencies to commit their full resources to help Pakistanis who have lost their livelihoods.

“The region of Sind is under three metres of water and the current humanitarian effort is in no way near to being able to restore the lives of those who live there. They require more aid and resources to shelter, feed and clothe the men, women, and children who have lost everything.”

At the latest count the Disasters Emergency Committee (DEC) has raised £47 million for the Pakistan floods, with the British Government giving just under £50 million towards the relief effort. This is alongside the funds and resources raised by a number of Muslim charities including all MCF members.

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Notes for Editors

The Muslim Charities Forum is a body offering support and advocacy to UK based Muslim-led aid agencies.

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