Pakistan floods bring life to a halt

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Since June, monsoon rains and devastating flash flooding have left more than one third of Pakistan completely submerged.

More than 6 million people are still in need of urgent assistance and millions are struggling to survive with little-to-no-food, shelter or drinking water.

“The situation is apocalyptic”, says Caroline, Humanity and Inclusion’s country director in Pakistan. “You see houses that have completely collapsed from the passage of water. Bridges are destroyed. There are lines of people on the side of the road who have built temporary shelters and are sleeping in tents – with nothing left but the clothes on their backs – not to mention the trauma that this represents for these people”.

Though the rains have finally stopped, the situation remains alarming, with many still living in temporary shelters.

Before the tragedy, much of the population was dealing with food insecurity which has now been worsened by the torrential rainfalls. Many crops, livestock and agricultural land have been destroyed, which will have a further detrimental effect on food production.

“In such a severe situation, where thousands of families are displaced by flooding, we are concerned that the most vulnerable people are at risk of being left behind. People with disabilities and older people find it almost impossible to reach humanitarian aid”, Caroline explains.

Teams working on the ground in Pakistan are providing vital emergency aid, including food supplies, hygiene and cooking kits, to vulnerable families who would otherwise be forgotten.