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Church World Service Hotline for the week of July 30, 2007--available in Spanish (*línea de noticias*) and in [podcasts](http://www.churchworldservice.org) in English and Spanish--at www.churchworldservice.org.

- Flood survivors struggle to recover in **Pakistan**
- CWS responds to flooding in Sulawesi, **Indonesia**
- CWS trains long-term recovery groups in flood-affected **Texas**
- Water and sanitary facilities for school in **Vietnam**

Pakistan--Hafeeza Bibi, 70, lived with her nephew before flooding caused their mud house in Balochistan Province to collapse. All of her belongings were ruined. Bibi, who is blind and suffers from diabetes, high blood pressure, and asthma, has no family of her own. Her husband left for work in Dubai in the 70s and never returned. "I have no children and no companionship; only God is my protector," she says.

"Before the disaster, our community was helping me," Bibi continues, "but the floods have had a devastating impact on everyone. People are barely able to look after their own families; how can they support me as well? Now I am living in a school building, which is vacant due to the summer break. But once the schools reopen, where will I go?"

Bibi's story, like many others in flood-affected parts of Pakistan, is one of loss and fear for the future. According to the UN, flooding caused by torrential late-June rains affected some 2.5 million people in Balochistan and Sindh provinces.

Church World Service is providing assistance to more than 20,000 households--vulnerable families, widows, children, and the elderly--in Sindh and Balochistan provinces. Assistance includes reconstruction materials for 1,300 of the families; health services for 33,750 people; hygiene kits and training for 2,000 families; training for 500 aid workers; and counseling and community services for selected families based on need. Church World Service has also provided a total of 1,250 food packages and 1,320 plastic sheets for families in Balochistan and Sindh provinces.

Monetary contributions for flood-related needs in Pakistan are urgently needed.

Indonesia--Heavy rain in central **Sulawesi** has caused landslides and flooding that has displaced some 20,000 people and killed at least 60. Others



Pakistan--Hafeeza Bibi lived with her nephew before their home was destroyed by flooding.
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remain missing. Bridges in the area have been damaged, disrupting transportation.

A Church World Service-Indonesia emergency team is assessing needs in the area. Church World Service is distributing 400 blankets and 400 Hygiene Kits and is working closely with other Action by Churches Together coalition members.

Texas--This week, Church World Service Emergency Response Specialists Heriberto Martinez and Lesli Remaly-Netter are providing training for leaders of emerging long-term recovery groups in flood-affected parts of Texas. Church World Service is appealing for support for the provision of material resources, additional training, project support,

and emergency grants for a response that covers flooding in Texas, Oklahoma, and Kansas.

Vietnam--Five-hundred fifty-eight students at the Quan Chu Junior Secondary School (grades 6 to 9), in mountainous northern Vietnam, are gaining access to clean drinking water, restroom and washing facilities, and hygiene education, with the help of Church World Service. About half of the students are ethnic minorities. The Quan Chu community consists of 19 villages, with a population of more than 3,500 people.

Teachers and school administrators at the school are training in construction design, project management, and monitoring. Parents, along with the students and teachers, are learning about health and hygiene through the project.

In the past year, Church World Service has also helped to construct classrooms; and provide teaching aids, a new water supply, toilet facilities, and health and hygiene promotion for the community's kindergarten and primary school.

With the new facilities and training, the students and families are improving their health and well-being.

Thank you for your prayers and support for the life-sustaining work of Church World Service. Contributions may be sent through your church or directly to Church World Service, P.O. Box 968, Elkhart, IN 46515. Credit card contributions may be made by calling 1-800-297-1516 or at www.churchworldservice.org. To SUBSCRIBE or UNSUBSCRIBE to the e-mail version of the Church World Service Hotline, reply to this message, or write to carlson@churchworldservice.org.