



CLIMATE JUSTICE FOR PAKISTAN

Our thoughts and solidarity are with the people of Pakistan as they suffer the impacts of catastrophic climate change: a record heatwave with temperatures reaching above 50C in June followed by extremely severe flooding in August/September. Thirty-three million people have been affected by the floods which have killed more than a thousand people and destroyed the homes of over two hundred thousand more.

Our hearts are with our partners and friends who are working tirelessly for a just energy transition in Pakistan to tackle the worsening climate crisis. Pakistan produces less than 1% of global carbon emissions and yet it is extremely vulnerable to climate change caused by the exploitation of fossil fuels by rich nations.

Said Hussain Jarwar of Indus Consortium, Pakistan: *“This is a case of climate injustice where the poor and an emerging economy are suffering the most from climate-induced disasters”*

Pakistan now confronts massive climate-related loss and damage: displacement on a huge scale, severe hunger with 80% of livestock wiped out, and the spread of water-borne diseases. Early estimates by Pakistan’s planning minister claim the country will require \$10 billion to support reconstruction and rebuilding. Yet Pakistan is trapped in a deepening debt crisis - \$12.5 billion in repayments are due this year alone. Now the country faces having to pay for the costs of a climate catastrophe it did not cause.

Recourse demands climate justice for the people of Pakistan.



We call on the World Bank and IMF to provide climate finance in the form of grants and not loans, to enable reconstruction for the loss and damage caused by climate change.



We demand debt cancellation for Pakistan, so that the country can invest in reconstruction instead of servicing loans to the World Bank and IMF, as well as bilateral and private debt.



We call on the World Bank Group to urgently support a just energy transition in Pakistan. It must support the country to foster energy security based on local sources of sustainable renewable energy instead of accelerating dependency on prohibitively expensive imported fossil gas in the form of LNG.

Recourse works in solidarity with civil society groups including Indus Consortium in Pakistan to demand a just energy transition. Indus Consortium is an umbrella group of 60 organisations that are engaging in rescue, providing cooked food, rations, drinking water facilities and tents. Please support their emergency response by messaging them via the [Indus Consortium Facebook page](#).