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Emergency fundraiser for Pakistan flood victims planned on September 6, 2010

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The Pakistani American Association of Western New York has planned an emergency fundraiser for the flood victims of Pakistan on Monday, September 6th. The flooding, which began nearly a month ago, has caused countless deaths and according to U.N. estimates, has affected over 17 million people, including millions displaced who have lost their homes, livelihoods, and any possessions they had.

Floodwaters, food shortages and displaced people living in cramped conditions have raised concerns about the outbreaks of diseases, including diarrhea, cholera, and malaria.

The United Nations says it has raised only about 70 percent of what is needed for the immediate, temporary, emergency appeal for Pakistan, where the devastation has been spreading as floodwaters move down the Indus River valley. The U.N. has said that the disastrous nature of the flood is worse than the 2004 Indian Ocean tsunami, the 2005 Kashmir earthquake and the 2010 Haiti earthquake combined.

On September 6th, a fundraiser event, sponsored by PAAWNY and other community organizations, will take place in Buffalo at 6:00 P.M. at the Islamic Society of Niagara Frontier Banquet Hall located at 745 Heim Road. At the fundraiser, there will be a presentation made by an eyewitness who has just returned from Pakistan providing medical relief to the flood victims.

This event is open to the public, and PAAWNY encourages everybody to attend and contribute to this worthy cause.

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