

Disaster in Pakistan – Glossary

aid noun [uncountable]

money, food, or other help that an organization or government gives to a country or area where people need it, for example because of a war or flood

affect verb [transitive]

to cause physical damage to something

breed verb [intransitive]

if animals breed, they become the parents of young animals

cancel verb [intransitive/transitive]

to say that something that has been arranged will not now happen

charity noun [countable]

an organization to which you give money so that it can give money and help to people who are poor or ill, or who need advice and support

crop noun [countable]

a plant grown for food, usually on a farm
That year, crop failure led to widespread famine.

diarrhoea noun [uncountable]

an illness in which you pass solid waste from your body too often and in a liquid form

empire noun [countable]

a number of countries ruled by one person or government

estimate noun [countable]

an amount that you guess or calculate using the information available

flood noun [countable/uncountable]

a large amount of water that covers an area that was dry before
After three weeks the flood waters finally receded.

huge adjective

extremely large in size

independence noun [uncountable]

freedom from control by another country or organization

mark verb [transitive]

to celebrate something

mood noun [countable/uncountable]

the way that a group of people are feeling

mosquito noun [countable]

a small flying insect that bites the skin of people and animals in order to feed on their blood. Some types of mosquito can spread a serious disease called malaria.

natural disaster noun [countable]

something that happens in nature and causes a lot of damage or kills a lot of people, for example a flood or an earthquake

relief noun [uncountable]

food, clothes, and money given to people who are in urgent need of help, for example because of a war or other bad situation
flood/disaster/earthquake relief

remote adjective

far away from other cities, towns, or people

ruin verb [transitive]

to destroy or severely damage something

shortage noun [countable/uncountable]

a lack of something that you need or want

spread

if a disease spreads, or if something spreads it, it affects more people as it is passed from one person to another

Cholera spread quickly through the refugee camp.

temporary adjective

existing, done, or used for only a limited period of time

the homeless phrase

people who are homeless

We need to provide more shelters for the homeless.

tsunami noun [countable]

a very large wave or series of waves caused when something such as an earthquake moves a large quantity of water in the sea

vast adjective

extremely large

victim noun [countable]

someone who has been affected by a bad situation such as an accident or an illness