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Yukon supports Canadian Red Cross relief efforts in Pakistan

WHITEHORSE – The Government of Yukon will donate \$25,000 to aid the Canadian Red Cross in its relief efforts in Pakistan.

"Monsoon rains continue to cause devastating flooding throughout Pakistan killing an estimated 1,600 people, affecting the lives of millions and causing widespread damage and suffering throughout the country," Premier Dennis Fentie said. "Our hearts go out to the people of Pakistan as they struggle to meet the challenges forced upon them by this catastrophe."

The Canadian Red Cross continues its work in Pakistan and will provide paramedic support to people with immediate health needs.

"Yukon is pleased to contribute to these international relief efforts," Fentie added. "On behalf of all Yukoners, I extend a deeply felt thank you to the Canadian Red Cross and other Canadian relief agencies for their continued dedication to the relief of human suffering."

Yukon also made donations to the Canadian Red Cross for relief efforts related to Haiti following the 2010 earthquake, the Asia Pacific region in 2009 after disasters struck the Philippines, Vietnam, Samoan Islands and Indonesia, the Myanmar Cyclone in 2008 and Hurricane Katrina in 2005.

Yukoners wishing to make a financial donation may go to www.redcross.ca or call 1-800-418-1111.

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