

AidPakistan Flood Relief Deployment FAQs

- **What city shall I fly to for the mission?**
This will either be Lahore (LHE) or Karachi (KHI) depending upon the likely place of deployment for that week. We will let each volunteer know individually what city to book the flight for.
- **Do I need a visa to travel there?**
Yes, it is needed except for those possessing NICOP. IMANA will facilitate the visa application process.
- **Will IMANA arrange and/or pay for flights?**
Flight arrangements and cost will be volunteer responsibility. However, boarding & lodging in Pakistan and local transportation will be arranged by IMANA.
- **What are the arrival and return guidelines?**
We set our deployment timeframes to include travel days. Volunteers are required to arrive by Saturday and can book returns for the subsequent Saturday in the selected timeframe.
- **What are the local transport arrangements?**
IMANA will coordinate with our local partners for your airport pick-up and drop-off, as well as transport to the medical camp sites.
- **What kind of accommodation will be arranged?**
The layover/stay in Lahore/Karachi will be at a standard hotel. Stay during the days at the medical camp is at the nearest best facility. These are remote regions and accommodations may not be world class. That's the nature of facilities in disaster relief scenario.
- **Are there any specific inoculations/vaccinations needed prior to travel?**
No, just follow the CDC guidelines which are recommendatory in nature and not binding - <https://wwwnc.cdc.gov/travel/destinations/traveler/none/pakistan>
- **Where will the medical clinics/camps be located?**
The location for the clinics varies from week to week, however they are in the southern Punjab and upper Sindh regions.
- **What will be the focus of care?**
The focus will be primary care dealing with gastrointestinal diseases, malaria, waterborne illnesses, etc.
- **What about cellphone coverage?**
Please check with your cellphone provider for coverage in Pakistan. While you will have satisfactory coverage in Lahore/Karachi (WiFi equipped hotel), it may not be the case while deployed. Local SIMs are available, but may not be a quick thing to get it.
- **Can I stay across multiple deployment weeks?**
Yes, please indicate/select the intended weeks on the registration form. If you decide on this after submitting, please notify the IMANA team that you intend on staying across multiple weeks and we will arrange accordingly.