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The Department of External Affairs announced today that the Government of Canada will make a contribution of \$50,000 to India and \$50,000 to Pakistan for relief assistance to those countries which have suffered distress from recent floods.

This relief assistance will take the form of drugs, medicinal supplies and other emergency materials. The responsibility for purchase, the consignment and distribution of these supplies will be undertaken by the Canadian Red Cross Society in co-operation with local Red Cross Agencies in the recipient countries.

Large areas of India and Pakistan were inundated as a result of recent torrential rains. Tens of thousands of acres have been flooded, numerous villages damaged and thousands of people made homeless. There is a fear of epidemics and this contribution will help to allay such danger.

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