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leave the tent without her husband’s consent. She must stay until the returns, even it means risking her daughters’ lives. “I am waiting for my husband,” she says, still fanning flies from the sweating babies. “He is coming.”

The floodwaters that began swamping a section of Pakistan larger than Florida six weeks ago continue to inundate new areas, forcing even more people to flee. At least 18 million have already been affected, and nearly half of them are homeless. Many have been herded into crude, crowded camps or left to fend for themselves along roads.

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After two hours, he began showing signs of life. “Jamie occasionally gasped for air, which doctors said was a reflex action,” Mrs Ogg explained.

“Then I felt him move as if he was startled, then he started gasping more and more regularly. I gave Jamie some breast milk, on my finger, he took it and started regular breathing normally.

“I thought ‘Oh my God, what’s going on?’ A short time later he opened his eyes. It was a miracle.

“Then he held out his hand and grabbed my finger. He opened his eyes and moved his head from side to side. The doctor kept shaking his head saying: ‘I don’t believe it, I don’t believe it’,” It is thought that the warmth of Mrs Ogg’s body acted as an incubator to keep the baby warm and stimulated.

It adds weight to the theory of “Lungaro care”, named after the way marsupials care for their young in their pouches. Some experts believe a skin-to-skin approach is more beneficial than taking newborn babies into intensive care incubators. A baby is now a healthy five month old.

His father David said: “Luckily he’s got a very strong, very smart wife. She instinctively did what she did. If she hadn’t done that, Jamie probably wouldn’t be here.”

Researchers say the best teeth whiteners are fruit.