

## **Relief Project in Flood affected areas of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa - Pakistan**

The heavy rains in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa (NWFP), in the last week have triggered both flash floods and riverside floods in several parts of the country resulting in loss of lives/property and widespread displacement.

Khyber Pakhtunkhwa (KPK) has been the worst affected province with more than 10 Districts directly affected. Thousands of people have lost their lives. Houses, cattle head and properties have been washed away with the flood. Crops have been destroyed and roads and bridges damaged. The left over flood water, mud and dead animals accumulated in the streets, houses and other locations have almost restricted the quick rehabilitation of the most critical infrastructure.

People are still living under open sky or in tents – which are not a good option in view of more upcoming monsoon rains. They need to quickly move towards their abodes by removing the rubble, making safety/precautionary arrangements and protecting their assets from further damages.

A homes reconstruction project has been devised a “Cash for Work” (CFW) program in coordination with other workers which will specifically benefit women and children by helping them to restore their critical infrastructures (house, streets and workplaces) on priority basis. This would also benefit women working to rebuild their houses.

The main concept is to identify the very poor who were living in mud houses and whose houses have been either washed away or badly damaged. They would be asked to build their own houses (a practice that is followed in most villages). They would be supported by daily wages for the no days and hands estimated to build a two rooms house and with some minimum housing material.

A needs assessment would be made in coordination with the ***KP Chamber of Commerce & Industry; a business and industrial group that first conceived the idea*** and are collecting sponsors for the Project. We would utilize their data and get facilitation from them but utilize our funds our self.

### **Work Implementation Process:**

- a. A suitable person would be hired to manage as manager of the relief work.
- b. An area or village will be selected for rebuilding.
- c. A needs assessment would be carried out of the homes destroyed.

- d. A data base of all able bodied workers would be made.
- e. All workers would be divided into smaller groups – depending on the nature of work to be done.
- f. Each group will have at least one person capable of supervising the group – in addition to his/her own assignment.
- g. All workers would be paid Rs. 250 per day – which is minimum wage set by the Government of Pakistan.
- h. All workers will have to be enrolled in a “muster-roll”. Muster-rolls will have to be submitted to us on bi-weekly basis by the manager.
- i. All workers would be paid wages in cash on daily basis by the manager.
- j. Work done would be supervised and endorsed by a group of volunteers involved in the work.

### **How to Recruit the Workers**

- a. All workers MUST be recruited from the same area
- b. All workers must be minimum 18 years in age (to be verified from NIC)
- c. Workers would be hired on daily basis/wages. Men and women would be given equal opportunities to work and earn from CFW activities.
- d. In the area or families where the numbers of persons to be hired are less than the total number of able persons available, we will have to be careful in developing a selection criterion and will ensure giving opportunities to more and more people either by rotation or any other means.

### **Reporting**

Reports would be prepared on-going basis. The report would contain the following details:-

- a. Brief note on current situation in the area where work is undertaken.
- b. Detail of work done.
- c. Total number of persons hired – with gender disintegration.
- d. Outputs achieved from activities.
- e. Pictures of the activities.
- f. Muster-rolls with signatures / thumb-impressions of workers.

### **Expected Outputs**

- a. Affected areas are cleared from left-over mud, debris and dead animals.
- b. The damaged infrastructure/houses/workplace is repaired.
- c. Families rehabilitated at the earliest.
- d. While the families are being rehabilitated through the daily wages they would be able to earn their livelihood at the same time to look after their food needs.
- e. Engagement of the effected communities in productive work and rehabilitation process would help in trauma reduction.

### **How can you help us?**

Rebuild of one house (2/3 rooms) would require 80 man-days (4 workers x 20 days) Labour costs of one house (80 man-day) would be Rs. 20,000/-. Cost of some building materials; pipes for drainage, taps, wires, roof beams, plastic etc would costs another Rs.30000/- **so the total cost per home would be roughly Rs. 50,000/- ( AUD 666/per home)**

Donors may support rebuilt of one or more home. Two or three donor may support one home.

The details regarding the localities, address, nature and multitude of damaged infrastructure and the names/pictures/CNIC/address/mobile nos where available of the family head would be provided to the donors for their satisfaction.