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200 more shelters constructed

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**Children play at their home constructed by
Islamic Relief Pakistan**

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IR US funded project benefits residents of Zara Miana, district Nowshera



“200 permanent shelters, 200 latrines, 20 hand pumps, 21 solid waste collection points, 1575 RFT drainage system, one girls school, 112 hygiene promotion sessions, cleanliness campaigns, 220 goats 30 commercial vegetable raising plots, cash for work programme are the major activities of NIVRP Project funded by IR USA in village Zara Miana, district Nowshera”

Islamabad: An inauguration ceremony was arranged in village Zara Miana, district Nowshera to hand over 200 permanent shelters built for flood-hit families. A large number of people from all walks of life, especially the community attended the ceremony.

Under the Nowshera Integrated Village Rehabilitation Programme (NIVRP) funded by Islamic Relief USA was implemented in village Zara Miana benefitting the flood-affected community. Islamic Relief has constructed 200 permanent shelters, 200 pour flush latrines, 20 hand pumps, 21 solid waste collection points, and 1575 RFT drainage system have been constructed in the village. One school was also rehabilitated which help the girls continue their education. Moreover, 112 hygiene promotion sessions, school cleanliness campaigns and awareness sessions were conducted for the communities. Under Nowshera Integrated Village Rehabilitation Programme (NIVRP), Islamic Relief started activities through participatory development approach, formation of COs and sub-COs (livelihood, shelter & WASH) and regular meetings were conducted with community members to ensure transparency in the implementation of the project. Besides rebuilding the village infrastructure, Islamic Relief had distributed maize seed to 220 farmers, 220 goats to 110 families for their livelihood restoration commercial vegetable raising plots to 30 farmers and 180 female from community have assisted through kitchen gardening trainings for domestic purpose. Whereas 145 man days under cash for work programme, unskilled labors engagement for village cleaning and debris removal, 4200 RFT irrigation channel construction was completed, six small enterprise business was restored. Regular primary health service including (ANC/PNC) and PHC services have provided to the local community of Zara Miana in Misri Banda BHU was provided.

Zara Miana was one of the most flood-affected villages of district Nowshera with as population of 6800. Due to extreme vulnerable condition of the community, Islamic Relief selected the village to rebuild the perished infrastructure, said Programme Coordinator Farooq Shah.

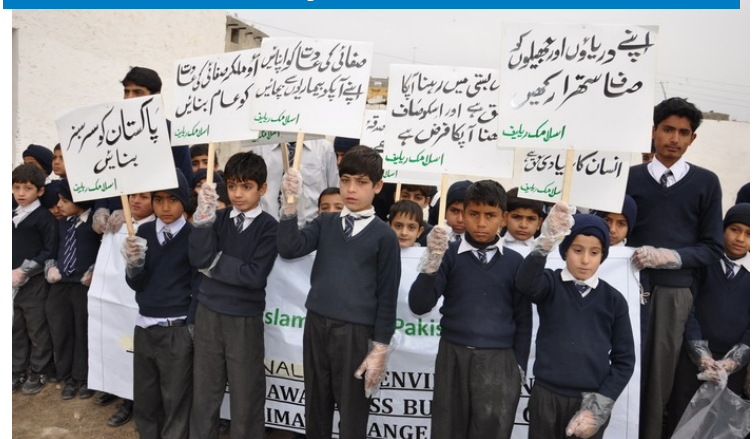
“Scottish Government and Islamic Relief UK have provided valuable support for the activities”

Islamabad: To educate the communities on environmental degradation and climate change, Islamic Relief Pakistan (IRP) has run awareness campaign in Rawalpindi, said Programme Manager Jasim Sheikh. While explaining about the campaign he said that these interventions are segment of the Small Scale Business Development (SSBD) project for which the Scottish Government and Islamic Relief UK have provided valuable support. Based on a thorough knowledge, aptitude and practices (KAP) survey, the activities had targeted the dwellers of urban slums in Rawalpindi, Punjab. Like most other urban areas of Pakistan, Rawalpindi suffers from rising pollution and health & hygiene issues, he said. The Microfinance Programme (MFP) delivered these environmental services in Naseerabad, Bangish Colony and Dhok Ratta.

Over 200 community members were given sessions on the causes of environmental degradation and climate change with links to the daily life routines of these people. They were explained how their small actions, like driving a rickshaw emitting hazardous gases were leading to ecological hazards and affecting the climate of the region. The sessions also included advisory on how practices can be changed in order to reduce the negative impact on climate and environment, he maintained. Followed by sessions, awareness campaigns were also conducted to reach out to a larger number of people and create greater impact. For these campaigns various activities i.e. garbage collection campaign involving youth, awareness walks and tree plantation to instigate a habit for enhancing greenery was carried out. Around 30,000 dwellers of urban slums acquired awareness through these communication and advocacy tools, Jasim added.



Say no to filth



Project worth Rs 36.5m launched to address malnutrition in Sindh

Sindh: To address malnutrition in flood-affected areas of Sindh, Islamic Relief in partnership with UNICEF & WFP implementing a project worth of 36.5 million Rs. in 11 union councils of district Mirpurkhas. Islamic Relief staff is on board delivering to cater most prioritized needs of severe & moderately malnourished children & women, says Dr. Mazhar Abassi Team Leader Health. According to World Health Organisation (WHO), if Global Acute Malnutrition (GAM) is 15% in disaster affected community, scenario is labeled as RED. As per National Nutrition Survey 2010, GAM in flood-affected areas was 17.1% much above RED level. So to cater the needs, Islamic Relief has included nutrition training and screening activities in its emergency response.





IR to hand over Ophthalmology Unit at DHQ Hospital to Dist. Govt Noshki

“IR Netherland provided adequate funds to support PoB in Noshki”

Noshki: Eye healthcare is one of the many projects that Islamic Relief Pakistan has been carrying out in Balochistan since 2006. Following the comprehensive assessment, IRP identified District Noshki as a focal point for the establishment of an Eye care facility since the government didn't have adequate funds to support an ophthalmology unit at District Headquarter Hospital Noshki, said Area Manager Muhammad Shreef. Further development took place when Islamic Relief entered into partnership agreement with Pakistan Bait-ul-Mal, Ministry of Social Welfare and Special Education of the Govt. of Pakistan for the establishment of Eye Hospital in district Noshki, Balochistan back in July 2006. Under the agreement, Pakistan Bait-ul-Mal supported one time capital cost by donating clinical and surgical equipments; while Islamic Relief as partner and signatory to this joint venture, was solely responsible for operational sustainability of the hospital. PoB Hospital equipped with essential instruments and technical personnel encompasses comprehensive eye care including promotion of eye health, preventive, curative and rehabilitation services.

After four years of service provision in prevention of blindness, Islamic Relief Pakistan (IRP) planned to hand over its Prevention of Blindness (PoB) eye hospital to the principal healthcare provider (district government) for its continuation and sustainable exit, Area Manager concludes. The Ophthalmology Unit built within the premises of DHQ Noshki, consists of following facilities:

No.	Structural Layout	Number
1	Out Patient Department	1
2	Refraction Room	1
3	Operation theatre with an adjacent room for changing dress and sterilization for patient's preparation for surgery	1
4	5 bed wards (male & female)	2
5	Reception for patients	1
6	Patient waiting areas (male and female)	2
7	Pharmacy	1

23 water supply schemes completed in AJ&K

Muzaffarabad: Islamic Relief Pakistan has completed 23 drinking water supply schemes in Bagh, Dhirkot and Haveli Kahuta benefiting 5188 individuals from 738 households, said Area Manager Sajjad Khan.

He said that through community participatory approach, Islamic Relief is working in Bagh, Dhirkot and Haveli Kahuta under Community Livelihood Improvement Project (CLIP) funded by Islamic Relief USA. Water and Sanitation is one of the components of CLIP which includes interventions of drinking

water supply schemes and awareness rising for improved hygiene behavior. The basic purpose of construction of drinking water supply is to provide clean drinking water at the door step of targeted communities as female have to fetch water from distant places. The availability of pure water will save community from waterborne diseases and their hygienic condition will be improved, he added.



Poverty alleviation through Islamic Microfinance

Bagh: Islamic Microfinance and Enterprise Development (IMED) Programme funded by IR Netherlands is operational in district Bagh since January 2011. The purpose of IMED is to promote Islamic mode of financing on sustainable basis within programme area, by integrating IR efforts of poverty alleviation through “community capacity building” with the help of financial and technical support for improved livelihood. The project is supporting small scale enterprise development through Murabaha financing as well as social financing to the targeted community members. Till date, the project has supported 149 families through Murabaha and social financing in Bagh and Dhirkot, said district coordinator



Cumulative figures of Islamic Microfinance Beneficiaries across Pakistan

Cumulative Figures	No of Beneficiaries	Amount Disbursed
Female	1,740	Rs. 25.3 million
Male	1,037	Rs. 38.4 million
Total	2,777	Rs. 63.7 million

Programme for senior citizens

Mardan: Islamic Relief Pakistan has launched a programme for rehabilitation of old people to make them active members of the community and let them live with dignity, said Area Manager Farooq Shah. This programme emphasized on the rehabilitation of physically crippled individuals. The needs of the elderly are distinctive and mostly relate to their health, dignified & comfortable living, psychological & social wellbeing. IRP health teams identified the deserving beneficiaries through doctors in the catchment areas prior to the start of activity. A distribution ceremony was arranged in district Nowshera and district Charsadda. In district Charsadda under Lunda Integrated Rehabilitation Programme (LIRP), 20 wheel chairs, 14 walkers, 10 crutches, 32 sticks for elderly and 10 hearing aids were distributed. In district Nowshera under Ajab Bagh Integrated Rehabilitation Programme (ABIRP), 23 wheels chairs, 15 walkers, 12 crutches, 20 sticks for elderly and 10 hearing aids were distributed. Health education sessions were also conducted with senior citizens and they were trained on how to use the equipment/devices provided to them by Islamic Relief.



Boys Higher Secondary School Ghazi Ghatt rehabilitated

Multan: After rehabilitating a flood-affected Boys Higher Secondary School Ghazi Ghatt, district Muzaffargarh, Islamic Relief area office Punjab holds an inauguration ceremony in which teachers, students, parents and govt. officials participated, said project coordinator **M u h a m m a d A t t i q .**

He said that after floods, this school was badly affected, its boundary walls were 80 % damaged all around. All the facilities for students were cut off due to complete damage of laboratories, playground, rooms and furniture. Due to lack of facilities, students couldn't be able to continue their studies properly. Islamic Relief under its integrated village rehabilitation approach carried out training for school teachers, repaired school building, white wash and distempering, furniture for students and teachers, repairing of laboratory furniture, development of play ground by providing swings, plantation, sports items, teaching aids, school bags and stationary for students and wash rooms were provided. On the occasion of the inauguration of the school, a friendly cricket match was also played at this occasion for psycho-social support of the students. Headmaster, teachers, student and education department applauded the idea, team work and the efforts of Islamic Relief Pakistan..



NVLRP benefits 10,028 households

Neelum: As part of its flood emergency response 2010, Islamic Relief started Neelum Valley Livelihood Rehabilitation Project (NVLRP) to restore the damaged infrastructure i.e. link roads, water supply schemes, water mills, walking tracks and retaining walls for the protection of agriculture land, small business centers and house protection. During the period of 2011, Islamic Relief Pakistan (IRP) has successfully completed 95 per cent objectives covering 10,028 households with 70,196 individuals in targeted union councils, said project coordinator. Most of the livelihood and income generation resources which were devastated in 2010 floods now rehabilitated. The right-holders of our project are those affected people who were mainly from marginalized groups, living in comparatively inaccessible mountain areas with lower level of income. They are now empowered to regain their lost status, he said.



Memories stand alive ...



Islamic Relief staff from Multan poses for a group photo during their visit to Country Office, Islamabad.