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Young Islamic Relief beneficiary in Muzaffarabad.

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ISLAMIC RELIEF RESPONDS WITHIN HOURS OF THE DISASTER

"This is a huge, huge disaster...perhaps the higgest ever that we have seen. It is a race against time to save the lives of these people."

- Kofi Annan, United Nations Secretary General

"The world is not doing enough. We thought the tsunami was bad, this is worse."

- Jan Egeland, United Nations Under-Secretary General for Humanitarian Affairs and Emergency Relief

he largest earthquake to hit South Asia in a century devastated the region on the morning of Saturday, October 8. The 7.6 magnitude earthquake affected Pakistan, India, and Afghanistan, destroying entire towns and villages.

Thus far, over 79,000 people are reported dead, and an additional 3 million have been left homeless. Over 5 million people in all have been affected by this disaster. The earthquake's epicenter was close to Muzaffarabad, the capital of Pakistan-administered Kashmir.

Islamic Relief's Response

Islamic Relief has been working in Pakistan since 1992, and has three full-time offices near the earthquake-affected areas in Islamabad, Neelum Valley, and Muzaffarabad, and has 100 staff on the ground throughout Pakistan. In addition, Islamic Relief's emergency response team was able to reach the affected area within one hour after the earthquake hit. This team was set up to respond to the earth-

quakes in Pakistan (2002) and Iran (2003).

Islamic Relief has emergency programs previously set up in the area due to the ongoing conflict in the region. This includes evacuation plans, an emergency response unit, first aid and bunkers constructed to protect citizens.

Islamic Relief staff were on the ground within hours of the disaster, and immediately conducted a needs-assessment. Islamic Relief Pakistan's healthcare center in Neelum Valley began receiving and treating the injured soon after the earthquake. Over 2,000 people were treated at the Neelum Valley center on Sunday, October 9, the second day after the earthquake.

With hundreds of thousands still exposed to the elements, Islamic Relief's staff in Pakistan are working tirelessly to provide shelter that can withstand the harsh winter temperatures. Snowfalls of up to 10 feet and temperatures of minus 68 degrees Fahrenheit are expected this winter season. Experts fear that if necessary shelter is not provided for the victims, exposure to the elements could kill as many people as have already died in the quake itself. Children are especially vulnerable.

Islamic Relief has implemented several emergency aid projects to help the victims of the earthquake, including emergency shelter (winterized tents, winter blankets, and mattresses), food packs, and emergency healthcare. •





IR-USA STAFF RETURN FROM EARTHQUAKE-AFFECTED AREAS IN PAKISTAN AND KASHMIR

Islamic Relief representative Misbah Shahid shares his thoughts on his recent trip to the earthquake-affected areas of Pakistan and Kashmir.

n mid-November, one month after the South Asia earthquake, three Islamic Relief USA staff members visited the affected areas of Pakistan and Kashmir. The delegation included Anwar Khan from Dallas, TX, Abdul Ghafoor Mahboob from Los Angeles, CA, and myself, from Detroit,

The entire trip was an eye-opening experience. Throughout our five day tour, we visited Islamic Relief offices and projects in Muzaffarabad, Bagh, and Rawalakot as well as several villages within these areas.

When we arrived in Muzaffarabad, what we saw was shocking. Keeping in mind that we were visiting one month after the disaster struck, the amount of debris and rubble still in the city was overwhelming. Everywhere we looked, buildings were halfway lying on their sides, roofs were hanging sideways and the stench of rotting flesh and bodies was pungent in the air. People told us "the earth moved left, then moved right, then it went up."

Nearly 90 percent of the city of Muzaffarabad was either completely destroyed or uninhabitable due to cracks in the foundation of the buildings. The villages also have similar amounts of destruction. The mountains surrounding the villages were literally cracked and broken in half.

An eerie and unusual experience on the trip would occur when we would stand atop a pile of rubble and someone would tell us that there were still dead bodies trapped underneath. The whole city of Muzaffarabad was a tomb. The smell of death was everywhere. A month later, they were still pulling out dead bodies.

We met many Islamic Relief beneficiaries who were thankful and supportive of our work. Each family, however, also had a heart-wrenching story of loss due to the earthquake. Many families still had not found the bodies of missing family members and others only found parts of the deceased's body.

We visited a school where many young students had died when the roof collapsed. This was the most difficult place we visited. Young school girls' shoes and name tags were strewn about, books and chairs sticking out of the rubble, and the smell of death here and in other places made me want to vomit. The principal of the school who survived told us how he watched his wife get struck by a beam and die right in front of him but he continued to help the children. This was something that was amazing to realize - people had lost everything and watched their family die, yet they continued to help others.

Due to the fact that Islamic Relief has worked in some of these areas for several years, our beneficiaries have a very close personal relationship to Islamic Relief and think of themselves as partners and members of the organization. This phenomenon is the case especially in the mountain areas.

The dedication of our staff was also something inspiring to witness. Many local staff lost immediate family members as well as tens and even up to 50 or 60 extended family members. However, even after walking several hours to get to their family to bury their dead, they returned to work a few days later and have since been working 14 hours a day or more to help earthquake victims.

The people are in need and will continue to be for several years to come. Whatever little they had is completely lost. Their spirit is still high and they have not lost hope. We must continue to to help them, especially in these winter months, when their plight will be increasingly difficult. •





ISLAMIC RELIEF PARTNERS WITH AMERICARES, THE LDS CHURCH, AND OPERATION USA FOR AIRLIFTS TO PAKISTAN

n October 11, 2004, just days after the devastating earthquake in Pakistan, Islamic Relief partnered with Stamford, Connecticut-based organization AmeriCares to send over \$1.5 million in emergency medical aid to the affected areas. The plane, which left from Amsterdam, carried disaster relief supplies including antibiotics, analgesics, and basic first aid sup-

"The situation in Pakistan is of such a magnitude that it merits our utmost effort," said John Connell, AmeriCares director of emergency response. "Working with partner Islamic Relief enables us to leverage their expertise to deliver this aid where it is most needed."

Islamic Relief had previously partnered with AmeriCares to send emergency aid for victims of the food crisis in Niger.

Another committed Islamic Relief partner, the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, also responded to the needs of the earthquake victims by sending an airlift from Salt Lake City, Utah on October 17. The Islamic Medical Association of North America (IMANA) also assisted in the effort. The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints provided the contents of the shipment from its welfare and humanitarian storehouses, IMANA helped cover a

part of the transportation costs, and Islamic Relief distributed the aid items through its staff in the affected areas in Pakistan.

The contents of this shipment included: tents, medical disposable modules, shovels, hygiene kits, first aid modules, warm jackets, blankets, wheelchairs, walkers, crutches, Atmit powdered milk, and dialysis machines.

On November 13, Islamic Relief partnered with Operation USA to send a third airlift for earthquake victims in Pakistan.

The use of the cargo plane was donated by Polar Air/Atlas Air Cargo, and fuel costs were donated by the Disaster Resource Network.

Several organizations came together to help provide the contents of the shipment, including Wheels for Humanity, Sleeping Bags for Pakistan, from Austin, TX, Children of Abraham, Inc. from Chicago, IL, and the Islamic Center of Everett and the Pakistani Association of Greater Seattle, from Seattle, WA.

Islamic Relief USA staff member Mohammed Daud, who is originally from the earthquake-affected areas in Pakistan, accompanied the shipment in the cargo plane. •





Young beneficiaries in Muzaffarabad.

ISLAMIC RELIEF AWARDED \$500,000 GRANT BY HILTON FOUNDATION FOR EARTHQUAKE SHELTER PROJECTS

HAAS FOUNDATION, FORD MOTOR COMPANY, AND JOHNSON AND JOHNSON ALSO SUPPORT ISLAMIC RELIEF'S EFFORTS TO HELP PAKISTAN EARTHQUAKE VICTIMS

he Conrad N. Hilton Foundation awarded a \$500,000 grant to Islamic Relief to help Pakistan earthquake victims with short-term and long-term shelter.

The shelter projects sponsored by the Hilton Foundation will be in the district of Bagh, where 90% of houses were either destroyed or uninhabitable. Approximately 1,500 families (more than 7,500 people) will benefit from semipermanent structures, bed mats, blankets, kitchen sets, and jerry cans. The houses will be built in the victims' villages, not in "tent cities" that will require relocation.

Steven M. Hilton, President and CEO of the Hilton Foundation, said, "This grant is very much in keeping with our foundation's mission to alleviate human suffering. In addition, it aligns with our grantmaking strategy in that it provides funds for the immediate relief of earthquake victims while also supporting projects that will make a difference in the long-term. This is one of four grants that the Hilton Foundation has made to help the Pakistan earthquake victims, bringing its total commitment for the South Asia earthquake to \$1.2 million."

Islamic Relief is extremely thrilled by this generous contribution. This grant not only demonstrates the Hilton Foundation's commitment to humanitarian causes, but it also comes at a great time, since many have forgotten about the plight of the earthquake victims.

Based in Los Angeles, the Hilton Foundation was created in 1944 by the late hotel entrepreneur and business leader, Conrad N. Hilton, who left his fortune to the foundation with instructions to help the most disadvantaged and vulnerable throughout the world. Along with its related entities, the foundation has total assets of approximately \$2.5 billion and, since its inception, has provided more

than \$440 million to organizations throughout the United States and the world.

Haas Foundation, Ford Motor Company, and Johnson & Johnson Also Support Islamic Relief's Earthquake Efforts

Another large private foundation, the Evelyn & Walter Haas, Jr. Fund, as awarded a \$200,000 grant to Islamic Relief for its relief and rehabilitation projects for earthquake victims in Pakistan, as well as last year's tsunami in Indonesia.

In its efforts to assist the victims of the South Asia Earthquake, Johnson & Johnson encouraged its employees to donate to Islamic Relief and matched employee donations up to \$25,000. The Ford Motor Company also sent an email to its 250,000 employees to donate to Islamic Relief in order to help victims of the tragic earthquake.





The Ford Motor Company said: "Based on the recommendations of the Ford Middle Eastern Community and Ford Interfaith Network, we're asking Ford team members to contribute to Islamic Relief, a humanitarian organization that aims to alleviate suffering, hunger, illiteracy and diseases worldwide without regard to color, race or creed."

Islamic Relief is grateful for these companies and their employees for their efforts to assist earthquake victims. Other companies or employees wishing to help the needy in humanitarian causes can contact Islamic Relief. •





Hurricane Katrina victims seek shelter in a doorway in the French Quarter of New Orleans on Monday, August 29, 2005.

HURRICANE KATRINA DEVASTATES THE GULF COAST OF THE UNITED STATES

ne of the worst natural disasters in United States' history, Hurricane Katrina struck the Gulf Coast with a vengeance on August 29, 2005. The hurricane, which caused the most severe damage to Louisiana and Mississippi, caused over 1,300 deaths and left thousands more missing. Approximately 50,000 people were rescued immediately after the storm. Hurricane Katrina left a staggering over one million people displaced.

Hurricane Katrina is said to be the costliest storm in the country's history. The relief and recovery efforts from the storm are estimated to cost over \$100 billion. Over 363,000 jobs were lost due to Hurricanes Katrina and Rita (which struck a few weeks later. Hurricane Katrina also hit the first and second poorest states in the country, Mississippi and Louisiana, respectively. More than a million people lived in poverty in the hurricane affected areas prior to Katrina. In New Orleans, more than half of the poor households did not have a driving vehicle based on the last Census data.

Hurricane Katrina victims are left displaced around the country, and recovery and rebuilding will have to be a long, costly, and collective effort.

Islamic Relief's Response

Islamic Relief immediately responded to the needs of Hurricane Katrina vic-

tims. Islamic Relief committed \$2 million for Katrina relief projects, which include working in the affected states of Louisiana and Mississippi and assisting displaced citizens in Texas. Islamic Relief was also a founding member of the American Muslim Task Force for Disaster Relief, which was formed in the wake of Katrina and pledged \$10 million for relief efforts on behalf of U.S. Muslims.

In Louisiana, Islamic Relief assisted victims in Baton Rouge shelters and providing them a more permanent residence. Hurricane Katrina victims have been continuously assisted by Islamic Relief with distributions of food, water, hygiene kits, baby supplies, and other essential aid.

Islamic Relief's efforts in Mississippi included providing a much needed health facility to treat patients. In addition, Islamic Relief helped move families to permanent homes, distributed much-needed cleaning kits, provided tents and sleeping bags, and also distributed food and other items.

Housing over 205,000 evacuees, Texas was another area where hurricane victims needed urgent aid. Islamic Relief has been helping displaced citizens in Houston as soon as they arrived in the city within days of Hurricane Katrina. Islamic Relief provided hot meals to evacuees in Houston as part of its efforts. Working with several local organizations, Islamic Relief has been providing displaced citizens with emergency shelter, food, educational supplies, and more. •



Hurricane Katrina evacuees living in Houston, TX, (photo courtesy of Hassan Studio)

HELPING EVACUEES IN HOUSTON, DALLAS

ISLAMIC RELIEF PROJECTS IN TEXAS INCLUDE RESETTLEMENT AND FDUCATION

n the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina, over 200,000 evacuees had either temporarily, or permanently, sought refuge in the state of Texas. Islamic Relief had stationed staff and volunteers on a semi-permanent basis in Houston to oversee projects to help evacuees. Islamic Relief's office in Dallas also coordinated projects to help evacuees who had arrived there.

Houston

Islamic Relief began helping displaced citizens in Houston as soon as they arrived in the city within days after Hurricane Katrina. Working with several local organizations, including the Healing Hands Foundation, Interfaith Ministries of Greater Houston, the Second Baptist Church, United Way, the Islamic Society of Greater Houston, and many more, Islamic Relief provided displaced citizens with emergency shelter, food, educational supplies, and more.

Islamic Relief provided hot meals for displaced citizens who had taken shelter at the George R. Brown Convention Center. Over 2,000 volunteers from the Houston Muslim community served the displaced citizens.

In addition to providing meals during "Muslim Help Day," Islamic Relief worked with community organizations in Houston to help displaced citizens. Working in partnership with Houston-based organization "House of Charity," Islamic Relief helped displaced children begin the school year in their new city by providing them with much-needed educational supplies and equipment. Also, working in partnership with A.C.T.I.O.N. Community Development, Islamic Relief provided hot meals for displaced citizens at a Houston-area shelter.

Dallas

Islamic Relief's staff and volunteers in Dallas assisted Hurricane Katrina evacuees by working closely with local mosques and providing funds for their relief efforts. In addition, Islamic Relief funded a new office, which was set up by the Mayor of the City of Irving to provide services to evacuees in the surrounding area. In addition, Islamic Relief worked on several smaller projects around the area to provide relief for displaced citizens. •



Volunteers at 'Muslim Help Day' at the George R. Brown Convention Center in Houston, TX, where Muslim volunteers served Hurricane Katrina evacuees. (photo courtesy of Hassan Studio)





Coordination: Islamic Relief volunteer Ruman Badeges, arranging relief aid delivery with a distribution point coordinator operating in New Orleans. With the help of local partners and government agencies, Islamic Relief distributes thousands of pounds of relief aid weekly.

HELPING REBUILD LOUISIANA

ISLAMIC RELIEF IMPLEMENTS PROJECTS IN BATON ROUGE AND NEW ORLEANS TO HELP HURRICANE KATRINA VICTIMS

Baton Rouge

n Baton Rouge, Islamic Relief's efforts focused initially on assisting hurricane victims in two shelters as well as providing an elaborate system of goods distribution between the various distribution sites.

In Baton Rouge, Islamic Relief has provided evacuees with:

- Emergency shelter, food, and mental health services
- Basic assistance, such as groceries, clothing, temporary housing, medicines, transportation, etc.
- Assistance with school enrollment for students displaced from New Orleans

Islamic Relief also helped relocate families to apartments, covered the transportation costs to and from the apartments, provided a facility for showering, rented a storage space for supplies, and provided labor costs and materials for other needs.

Working with many local organizations, Islamic Relief has provided hurricane victims with food (dry, frozen, and canned), cleaning kits, personal hygiene supplies, baby supplies, kitchenware, clothing, bedding, and water. Islamic Relief is working closely with the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA).

Islamic Relief's team in Baton Rouge has secured a desk at the FEMA headquarters in Baton Rouge and now has access to all of its resources, including use of their inter-agency warehouse.

New Orleans

Once New Orleans opened up slowly to residents and relief agencies, Islamic Relief began assisting residents of the devastated city. There will be increased needs for clean-up, transportation, and counseling services for evacuees in the long-term.

The Magnolia Farmers Market in the city has been established as an Islamic Relief distribution point. Over 2,500 displaced people and returning residents were served from this location with food and non-food items in a two week period.

Islamic Relief also allocated building supplies needed for a community center in the "9th Ward." Through its distribution warehouse and partnership with other groups, Islamic Relief has provided New Orleans residents with food and snacks, baby food and supplies, cleaning kits, personal hygiene supplies, water and juices. •





Islamic Relief volunteers gut out a Hurricane Katrina damaged home in Biloxi, Mississippi as the homeowner looks on

ISLAMIC RELIEF BRINGS HOPE TO THE FORGOTTEN VICTIMS OF MISSISSIPPI

slamic Relief's Katrina efforts in Mississippi focused mainly on the devastated city of Biloxi. Islamic Relief has been providing various types of aid to help in the recovery efforts in the state.

Biloxi

After seeing the main community health facility in East Biloxi destroyed in the hurricane, Islamic Relief decided to purchase a new mobile home structure and convert it into a primary healthcare facility and provide basic start-up equipment, such as examination tables. The facility will serve local residents in dire need of healthcare. The cost of buying and installing the mobile facility was over \$46,000.

In addition to opening the clinic, Islamic Relief has also supplied large-scale donations of medicines and medical supplements, including 35 medical exam tables for a local clinic, which was donated by Globus Relief.

One of the most important aspects of healthcare, especially after a major disaster, is mental health. Disaster victims often suffer shock and are left traumatized and with a feeling of helplessness. To fill this major gap in dealing with a humanitarian disaster, Islamic Relief is funding a \$42,200 project in partnership with the International Institute for Psychosocial Development (IIPD) and has initiated a 3-month initial project phase to address these important issues. Islamic Relief aims to empower survivors and victims with positive and

healthy coping skills for overcoming their tragic experiences and losses.

Additional Islamic Relief projects to assist Biloxi residents included the distribution of food, ice, hygiene packs, cleaning kits, tents, ponchos, sleeping bags, toys and clothes. Islamic Relief also awarded a \$15,000 grant to the Biloxi Islamic Center for the rebuilding efforts for the Mosque and for supporting community members affected by Katrina.

Islamic Relief staff and volunteers from five different states have also helped: establish the East Biloxi Coordination and Relief Center, where aid agencies base their relief efforts out of; attended planning meetings; cleaned the Mosque damaged by the hurricane; gutted out homes; distributed supplies to various distribution points; registered residents for assistance; swept sidewalks; and conducted research for relief donations and supplies.

Jackson

Islamic Relief, in partnership with the Muslim community in Jackson, MS is working with two local housing agencies - NEIGHBORS (Nation's Evacuees in Good Hand's with Benevolent Out-Reach Services) and the Jackson Metro Housing Partnership - to fix eight houses so that evacuees can move into them. Funds allocated for this project totaled \$20,000. Islamic Relief volunteers from the Jackson area Muslim community will help repair the homes. •





Volunteers distributing aid to beneficiaries in downtown Los Angeles' Humanitarian Day event.

ANNUAL 'HUMANITARIAN DAY' IN RAMADAN EXPANDS TO 5 CITIES NATIONWIDE

OVER 5,000 HOMELESS BENEFIT FROM DISTRIBUTION OF FOOD, BLANKETS, CLOTHING, AND HEALTH SCREENINGS

The Coalition to Preserve Human Dignity's (CPHD) fourth annual Humanitarian Day for the Homeless was held on the third Sunday of the Islamic holy month of *Ramadan* on October 23, 2005. In addition to downtown Los Angeles, this year's event took place in four new cities across the country - Detroit MI, Washington, DC, Las Vegas, NV, and Union City, NJ.

Islamic Relief has been an active member of the CPHD since its inception, and was instrumental in the nationwide expansion of Humanitarian Day.

Members of mosques, community organizations, and Muslim Student Associations took to the streets to serve the homeless population for the day. The event across the five cities was a resounding success. Approximately 2,000 beneficiaries were served in Los Angeles and Detroit each, 1,000 served in Washington, DC, and about 300 each in Las Vegas and Union City. Hundreds of dedicated volunteers from across the country gathered to help in the distribution of hygiene kits, hot meals, toys, new winter clothing, winter hats, gloves, socks, towels, ponchos and water and juice, among other items. Health services such as testing for cholesterol, HIV, hypertension, and blood pressure were also provided.

The expansion of Humanitarian Day to four new cities this year was led by local volunteers who helped coordinate the efforts. The coordinators in the new cities

had to start from scratch, managing all aspects of the event, including fundraising, site selection, product distribution, volunteer recruitment, and endorsements.

This is "really important work," said Islamic Relief's Program Manager, Clareen Menzies. "Our philosophy is not to serve the homeless - we are interested in eradicating homelessness. With this event, we hope to give people who are homeless at least one day of dignity and respect."

The Ilm Foundation's Naim Shah, a co-founder of the CPHD said, "Sincere assistance to those in need is in high demand. I regularly meet kids from families which have a legacy of not college or high school graduation, but homelessness. We have children ...being born in these conditions, having children themselves at 13, 14, 15 with very little chance for changing the outcome for their children." He added, "I feel sincere, institutionalized assistance must emerge and can turn the tide. I really feel we represent that type of institution."

Islamic Relief plans to expand this important project to other cities across the United States. Those interested to host a Humanitarian Day event in their locale can contact Islamic Relief's Program Manager Clareen Menzies at clareen@irw.org. •





Native Deen, a popular Islamic music group, perform at Islamic Relief's "Eid Entertainment" program in Fullerton, CA.

COMMUNITIES ACROSS THE NATION RALLY TO HELP SOUTH ASIA EARTHQUAKE VICTIMS

he year 2005 has been a challenging one for many across the world. In the past few months alone, the people of Mali and Niger in West Africa have been coping with a major food crisis, Hurricane Katrina hit the Gulf Coast of the United States, causing one of the greatest natural disasters in the country's history, and finally, the devastating earthquake in South Asia, which has left over 79,000 people dead, and millions more facing a harsh winter with inadequate shelter.

In these times of difficulty, Islamic Relief has been very fortunate to lend a hand to the victims of these crises. Although we continued to call upon our donors and partners time and again to assist with our projects, they always responded quickly, frequently and generously.

Community fund-raising has always been a staple of Islamic Relief's work here in the United States. We have always relied on building strong ties with the communities in which we work to fund our projects.

We would like to recognize Islamic Relief volunteers from the following communities who have spent their hard-earned time and money to organize community fund-raising events in their area. Jazakum Allahu khayran! (May God Almighty reward all of you with the best).

Akron, OH, Anaheim, CA, Baltimore, MD, Bordentown, NJ, Canton, MI, Chapel Hill, NC, Chicago, IL, Claremont, CA, College Park, MD, Dallas, TX, Detroit, MI, Garden Grove, CA, Herndon, VA, Houston, TX, Los Angeles, CA, Miami, FL, Minneapolis, MN, Sacramento, CA, San Fernando Valley, CA, San Francisco, CA, Santa Clara, CA, Seattle, WA, Silver Spring, MD, Totowa, NJ, and Washington, DC



Over \$440,000 was collected at Islamic Relief's fund-raising event for Pakistan earthquake victims in Anaheim, CA. Mosque collections brought the total to over \$750,000.



Udhiyah | Qurbani

Eid al-Adha Appeal

Eid al-Adha is a day of celebration and remembrance of God. Not all of us, however, are in a position to enjoy this day. Islamic Relief collects funds from donors, and performs Udhiyah/Qurbani on their behalf and distributes it to the needy so that we may all celebrate this joyous occasion together.

Donate your Udhiyah/Qurbani to victims of recent humanitarian crises.

- Pakistan, for victims of the devastating earthquake.
- Niger and Mali, for victims of the food crisis.
- Aceh, Indonesia, for victims of the tsunami.
- Darfur, Sudan, for victims of the refugee crisis.

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