



# Petarian Foundation

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## Floods Relief Work – Report for 13 August 2010

Dear All,  
as salamu alaykum

Thank you for this public support for this great cause.

You will be happy to know that over the past 24 hours, we have already received commitments of over Rs. 10 lacs. Our target is for Rs. 50 lacs initially so that we can do substantial work.

We want to do the work in a planned manner. In this regard, our efforts will insha Allah be done using the following strategy:

- We will operate under the banner of "Petarians-Abdalians"
- The Abdalians have strength in the North and they will take a lead in 2-3 affected villages in the north. This will be done in the name of Abdalians-Petarians
- The Petarians have strength in the Sindh areas. We will also select 2-3 affected villages in Sindh. Again this will be done in the name of Petarians-Abdalians.
- Our team in the Sindh area will be lead by experienced hands who did tremendous work at the time of the earthquake. Mahmood Baweja, Major Aamir Syed, Aamir Mumtaz and Brig Mukhtar will be spearheading the work in the Sindh area.
- We need lots of volunteers who will be welcome to join hands.
- This morning, Major Aamir is taking 2 truck loads of goods that were donated for relief work. He is heading first towards Hyderabad and then will operate under the guidance of the Corps HQ there.
- There are lots of hurdles since the affected areas are not easily accessible. There is a big problem with snakes and scorpions that have also surfaced. And then there is mud and slush and water to deal with.
- We have been discussing how best to utilize the funds and resources that we have at our disposal.
- We will not rush into spending all the money we have. Rather, we first want to do a strategic planning exercise. In this regard, our teams will do the following
  - We will first survey the areas and select 2-3 villages that we want to support
  - We will set up base camp at these villages
  - We intend to provide building materials - cement, crush, sand, blocks, etc to those people who have lost their homes so that they may rebuild.
  - We will expect these people will use their own labour

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- We have access to building material manufacturers and insha Allah we hope to be able to buy the cement and blocks at subsidized rates and also get donations.
- We will collect all data and then move in a manner that our funds will insha Allah have a longer term impact on the people we support.

Under these circumstances, I would like to appeal to all Petarians as follows:

- Please come forward with your cash donations as much as possible. This is the holy month of Ramazan and Allah will reward you many times more.
- If you would like to donate in kind, we request you to give us bags of cement or other building materials. If you would like to give other things, we will distribute those as well.
- If you would like to come forward to volunteer your time, we will welcome this very much. But please remember that you will have to go to the field and do field work. You will be inconvenienced and you should be prepared for that.
- We will arrange for vehicles for transport and other basic necessities for the field work.

Brothers, this is our initial plan of action. We will have a clearer picture and a more detailed plan insha Allah within the next coming week. We can see that we are in for a long haul like we were in Kashmir. In Kashmir, we were able to sustain ourselves for more than 2 and a half years. I hope that we will have continued support and funds this time too to be able to do maximum work.

Many Petarians called me today from the USA, UK and the Middle East, and of course from Pakistan. They made their commitments for donations. And I am thankful to them that they are so caring.

Please also talk to your friends and family to also donate. I have already done this with my own family too.

I have also requested TPA to come forward to join hands to take the lead along with our teams in Sindh.

Insha Allah we will do what we can and seek Allah's forgiveness for our sins, and ask for His blessings.

With Best Regards,

Kazi Zulkader Siddiqui, 671/Latif