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Floods Relief Work – Report for 21 August 2010

Dear All,
as salamu alaykum

The past 3 days have been rather critical for our team members deployed in northern Sindh. Let me try to give you a quick run down on what has transpired.

Situation in Upper Sindh:

- We moved the boat fitted with 40Hp Yamaha engine to Jacobabad on 18th by truck. Along with this, another truck load of relief goods was sent and our teams accompanied this convoy in a separate 4-wheel drive vehicle (courtesy of Sigma Motors).
- The whole of 19th was taken up in trying to get the boat rigged up properly and mobilized into the waters. Thus, the real rescue operations started after Fajr on the 20th.
- We had taken expert boatmen from Karachi to try to manoeuvre the boat in the dangerous swirls of the flooded waters.
- For the past 2 days, the boat has been rescuing people and providing relief goods to those who are trapped.
- Yesterday, nearly 50 people were brought to safety from far flung areas. Saving even one life is like saving the entire humanity as the Qur'an says.
- At one of the flooded villages, the boat could not evacuate three pregnant ladies as it was not safe. So the boat had to go back and bring a female doctor to that home to give proper medical treatment.
- Relief goods that we took are being disbursed to the people as well.
- As I write this report, the situation at Jacobabad has become extremely precarious. The waters are rising fast and the last road access to Jacobabad is getting inundated with water as reported by our teams. The civil administration has disappeared, and all those people who could leave have left or are in the process of leaving the town.
- By the end of the day, Jacobabad may be completely cut off by land routes and those who may remain there will have access only by helicopters.
- The house where our teams were residing is now threatened with water as well, and they are in the process of withdrawing to Larkana. However, before they leave Jacobabad, they have gone on the boat to a close by village due to frantic calls from there for help. Pray that they come back safely and are able to move to Larkana to continue operations from there.

Relief work at Karachi:

- As already reported by Mashhood, the services being provided to IDPs at Sachal Goth are continuing and CHAEF and TPA volunteers are working hard at providing food for 400-500 people. Now the population there has

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risen to 1000 and the need is greater to have more funds for this purpose. An electric water cooler with filter has also been provided.

- More funds are required to keep servicing these IDPs.

South Punjab:

- Kawish Welfare Trust has been doing tremendous work in South Punjab and KP since the floods started. They have joined hands with us to increase awareness and to share in our work.
- KWT reports that:
 1. floods devastation in South Punjab has forced us to evaluate situation there. Conditions are really bad. Comparing North where NGO's are present, Islamabad is near, travel by Motor way is possible and few catastrophe (Earth Quake & IDP from Swat) made NGO's experienced, here in South Punjab is all things missing.
 2. So, we are not re-directing major resources there as relief activities need strengthening to save precious life. However, we will continue our efforts in North as well.
 3. Kot Addu & adjacent areas (120 km from Multan http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Kot_Adu) has been hit severely by Flood. Kot addu is located between River Indus & River Chenab (Both rivers distance 35 km). Water is spilling out from Indus river due to high flood and running towards Chenab covering a distance of 35 kms. The river has still not retreated to its normal course, with floodwaters still spreading over a vast area with nearly 800,000 cusecs of water flow damaging All crops and entered into Kot Addu city. Luckily, Kot Addu is bisected by a railway track which has divided the city to two equal portions. So, Half of the Kot Addu is drowned with water still flowing and rest of the Kot Addu is dry to certain extent.
 4. People have migrated to near places towards high / elevated ground levels. No shelter to safe guard them from rain & summer hot sun. Snakes are in abundance. No NGO exists. No political leader or Govt. people and found missing. Food supplies are short & price rocketing High. All crops namely Cotton, rice, fodder have been damaged. Next at least 03 crops are uncertain due to continues flowing waters & raised water conditions. Live stock have become liabilities with the absence of fodder. Vultures in shape of humans are surrounding families and buying live stock at through away rates. A donkey was sold @ rs. 200 (less than 2.5 USD. Real price at least 130 USD). Standing waters around fields & Posh colonies has given birth to Rotten smell which has made the environment hygienically very

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poor.... Non liveable. So, people have left their sweet homes (Which may collapse if water remains stuck for too long !!) and searching for shelters in panic situation hardly taking their precious belongings. No exception of rich or poor !!! All have become migrants in their own home towns and looking for help.

5. MM road (Multan Mianwali Road) connecting Bukkher / Mianwali / Dera Ismail Khan with Multan is under serious threat. Water is flowing over it reaching ultimately to Chenab river.
6. For immediate relief KWT Kot Addu Branch has been established in Maher Hospital near South railway crossing. There will be no office rent as it has been offered free of cost by Dr. Maher Khalil ur Rehman. Two persons (Store Keeper + Head dispatch & Registration) have been employed
7. Flood activity Latest Flash: Keeping in view of misery of the masses, with mutual consultation with site Teams, we have decided to delay construction of houses and provide water proof tents. We have immediately ordered 200 water proof Tents for Kot Addu (Punjab). Tent's cost are Rs. 6800 (13x10 ft) and we have been able to achieve price at least 25 % less for the market. Expected Delivery on Wednesday. Inshallah. Advance 25% balance on delivery.
8. Food Packets for One week consumption per family would cost **Rs. 2000**. It has been decided that following rashed item will be supplied to each deserving families on monthly basis

Our teams at Jacobabad have taken lots of pictures and movies, but could not transmit these to us due to Internet problems there. We hope that they will be able to upload these for us from Larkana once they move there tonight.

We would like to thank all friends and donors for coming forward by donating funds and relief goods. So far, we have received commitments / funds of over Rs. 50 lacs at the Petarian Foundation and over Rs. 8 lacs at TPA (as reported by Mashhood).

Please continue to support our work by giving as much as you can or asking your friends and relatives to donate. You can send your funds to Petarian Foundation, TPA, CHAEF or KWT.

We are very pleased to have the support and endorsement from ContactPakistan as well. We hope to have greater cooperation with them.

In order to send funds through Petarian Foundation, you can use either of the two methods:

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1. **Send through Western Union.** For this month, Western Union has ZERO charges and money is delivered the same day. If you use this method, then please send the funds in the name of Mr. Naveed Abbasi (who is Chief Accountant of Petarian Foundation), son of Muhammad Nazeer, Address: 12A, Street 29, F-7/1, Islamabad, Pakistan
2. **Send wire transfer or bank draft** to us. Our bank account details are as follows:
 - o **Beneficiary: The Petarian Foundation, 12A, Street 29, F-7/1, Islamabad, PAKISTAN**
Account no.: 452-4734549001
Bank/Branch: The Royal Bank of Scotland Limited, 78-W Roshan Centre, Blue Area Branch, Islamabad
SWIFT Code: ABNAPKKAISB

We look forward to your continued support.

With Best Regards,

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