

Disaster Mitigation and Preparedness

On June 23rd 2007, most of the southern coastal areas of Pakistan were hit by tropical cyclone, “Yemyin” accompanied by torrential rain which played havoc & devastated a huge area of Sindh and Balouchistan destroying thousands of mud-brick houses and standing crops, utility services disrupted & roads damaged, in fact the entire infrastructure was destroyed. Takhleeq Foundation in collaboration with CARE International in Pakistan responded quickly and effectively by establishing emergency relief support to flood affectees in district Qambar-Shahdadkot Sindh. These small interventions longer up to 2 years from relief support to rehabilitation where livelihood, health and winterization support was given to the community of three UCs.

A.) Emergency Relief for Flood Affected IDPs in Distt. Qamber

Takhleeq Foundation partnering with Care International in Pakistan immediately responded with Relief Support for Flood affected Families Taluka Quboo Saeed Khan in District Shahdadkot. Takhleeq Foundation supported 500 most vulnerable rain & flood affected families by providing the NFIs i.e., 500 Tent, 1000 Mosquito net, 100 Plastic Mate, 360 women Health Hygiene kits, 375 children Health Hygiene kits, 1000 Jeery can, 125 Kitchen Sets, soaps etc. etc. First of all assessment data was collected of 500 most vulnerable & displaced families and then developed distribution strategy with community participation. Takhleeq Foundation also addressed immediate need of drinking water by installation of 4 HP and also supplying clean drinking water tablets and also installed 100 temporary latrines around their camps. Takhleeq Foundation also facilitated recreational activities for normalization of displaced and innocent children of affected areas. Takhleeq Foundation also ensured participation of community at every level and formed Village Relief Committees and involved them in distribution process, psychosocial events, installation of hand pump and latrine, and also introduced complaint mechanism according to HAPI standards. Takhleeq Foundation also conducted awareness sessions on Health and Hygiene.

B.) Basic & Primary Health Care for Flood Affected IDPs

Takhleeq Foundation partnering with Care International in Pakistan immediately responded to basic health services particularly MCH, RH and family planning for Flood affected Families Taluka Quboo Saeed Khan in District Shahdadkot with the objectives to provide immediate basic health services to flood affectees at camp area, where REHNUMA (FPAP) conducted static health camps with out reach through TBAs and HH sessions. After rehabilitation process, community moves back to their villages and then Takhleeq Foundation facilitated health and hygiene support by improving access to Basic Healthcare & access to primary healthcare through reactivation of BHU & provide health care services through 140 medical camps. Takhleeq Foundation also conducted 140 HH sessions with community groups on public health, hygiene, preventative and mother and child healthcare for awareness raising and facilitated 10 competitions on cleanliness among village committees, for understanding on cleanliness and communities adopted prevention measures for maintain their hygiene. To extend outreach of

maternal health care through TBAs, Takhleeq Foundation selected 15 TBAs & give them orientation and training on referral mechanism & safe delivery and hygiene as prerequisites and provided them 150 Disposable Delivery Kits (10 kits per TBA) for safe delivery. Takhleeq Foundation also facilitated to renovate the dead structure up to fictionalization to sustainability.

C.) Livelihood Support & Poverty Reduction in Flood affected areas of Qamber Shahdaktot

Takhleeq Foundation with the support of Care International in Pakistan initiated a short term support for rehabilitation of flood affectees to enhance the well-being of Flood affected families and to return life to normalcy and facilitate livelihood support in three Union Councils i.e. Qubo Saeed Khan, Hazarwah & Bago Daro. For this purpose, 150 most vulnerable families facilitated with livelihood support of kitchen gardening, and poultry activities and rehabilitation of three damaged/non-functional water supply schemes and installation of 50 Shallow Hand Pumps.

For livelihood / rehabilitation towards normalcy, Takhleeq Foundation conducted 3 training sessions with women on kitchen gardening & poultry and provided them 150 kitchen gardening kit to women (seeds of vegetables and gardening implements). After attaining the training, women cultivated vegetables in their backyards, which helped for food chain system at domestic level for the flood affectees. For sustainable support of drinking water, Takhleeq Foundation also rehabilitated 5 water supply schemes and installed 26 shallow hand pumps. In addition to that Takhleeq Foundation also distributed WATSAN Kits to 150 families and organized 90 Health & Hygiene Sessions for better livelihood.

D.) Winterization Material Distribution (TOSA Foundation & OCHA)

As the seasonal change to winter, flood affectees need for winter cloths arises and to support the immediate requirement of most marginalized people in flood affected area in cold weather, Takhleeq Foundation and Care International in Pakistan ready to facilitate to protect children and women from the winter effects and distributed Winter Package (Plastic Sheets, Quilts, Shawls (For Women and Female) Woolen Sweaters, Woolen Caps, Socks, Shoes for women and children) to 700 families. Again this distribution made by the involvement of local community through assessment and prioritization of most vulnerable families. Distribution made through observing HAP-I Standards and also introduced complaint mechanism to the community.

E.) Psychosocial Support as a Tool for Women's Empowerment

Psychosocial condition and situation of flood affected community becomes morally down and looking for external support to rebuilt their livelihood as a priority. In order to respond quickly and effectively to disaster situation, Takhleeq Foundation and Care International in Pakistan initiated multidimensional approach through psychosocial support during Aug – Nov 2007 for the most vulnerable groups, so that they may able to return to normalcy, recovery & rehabilitation with community participation with following objectivity. In addition to that TF also constructed Safe Spaces for Women and Child Friendly Spaces & Play areas for Children with indoor and

outdoor games where community hold lectures on hygiene promotion, Counseling of mothers and children regarding their problems community for hygiene promotion, education, protection & security of children. TF also constructed transitional Schools and facilitated in rehabilitation of the existing schools Traditional events/games for youth and children and involved local community in designing & construction of transitional schools and for this purpose project team organized advocacy meetings (Nazim, DCO, EDO, ADEO) and invited them in inter schools competitions as a chief guest.