

Kashmir Charitable Trust-AK
Lower Plate near Four fields Mosque Muzaffarabad
Distribution of CGI Sheets in Jalalabad; MZD
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Introduction

Kashmir Charitable Trust-UK is a community based charity organization & is registered in UK with registration# 105317 in 1996. It is working for the backing of vulnerable and marginalized Kashmiri people at both sides of LOC. After the devastated earthquake of 2005, KCT started its work in Azad Kashmir to support their people in the time of distress & started various projects concerned with relief and rehabilitation. KCT-UK wanted to start sustainable projects so it promoted the strength of youth and developed the capacity of the local team up to the level that within one & half year, the local volunteer force of KCT was able to carry different projects by self-help. So in January 2007 the management of KCT-UK decided to register a new organization under the supervision of KCT-UK & gave it the name as KCT-AJK. It is registered in AJK with registered# 6230 under the society act of 1982.

Background

Kashmir and the parts of Pakistan frontier province were hit by the worst earthquake in the history of this region. The intensity of that quake was such that it cause mountain to crumbled and slide out into the river Jehlum and Neelum, taking hundreds of villages and many thousand of their inhabitants with them. Thousands of people become homeless and they tried to shift their families from one place to another.

After the huge disaster of 8th October 2005, KCT has launched many projects for the assistance of earthquakens of AJK. As tents are not the ideal shelter solution for displaced people, especially in cold climates, there are cases when political and practical reasons force the implementation of such a shelter solution.

Beyond survival, shelter is necessary to provide security and personal safety, protection from the elements and enhanced resistance to ill health and disease. Shelter is also important for human dignity and to sustain family and community life as far as possible in difficult circumstances. As replacement of heavy earthen roofs, the use of CGI sheets is the only option and KCT helped the families by providing CGI sheets worth 120 and 10 per family, thus the families are rehabilitated as.

Needs Assessment

After earthquake, there was no any alternate to spend lives for the people of this distressed region. All the houses were damaged badly, some were fallen absolutely where as many were cracked and smashed severely. There was no such a safe place for them to leave in and the intense rainy season was approaching near and near. In such situation there was really need of CGI sheets or shelter homes to combat such intense weather.

Objectives

- To sustain the people of Jalalabad and it's surrounding.
- To save this community from the intensity of severe warm weather.
- To provide them shelters to live in.
- To encourage them to combat with the horrible effects of earthquake.

Activity

As just after the disaster, the intensity of the weather was increased gradually and constantly. The people of the devastated region were home less as well as hope less, they didn't know how will they fight with such condition?



Same was the case with the people of Jalalabad. Most of the people were came stayed on the roads in the tents because their houses were broken or damaged totally and the were feared, some were living in Jalalabad Garden in tents, some have pinned their tents in the courtyard of their houses but these tents were insufficient to combat the intensively warm weather. In this critical situation, KCT took a radical step, analyzed the whole situation immediately and launched a project of distribution of CGI sheets for shelter homes eventually in July 2006. KCT distributed these CGI sheets with in two weeks, a very short time period.

Methodology

Before making any distribution, KCT sent its team immediately for accurate data collection to make the process transparent. After receiving correct information, KCT started distribution of CGI sheets. It distributed 120 CGI sheets in the area of Jalalabad and its surrounding as giving 10 CGI sheets to per family and before starting rains, the project was reached at its closing stages.



