



Background

HUMAN RIGHTS are inherent, God-given rights to all mankind irrespective of sex, age, color religion and nationality. The promotion and protection of human rights are essential for freedom, justice, development and peace.

A severe earth quake of 7.6 intensity, struck the AJ&K and its surrounding areas on October 8; 2005, causing colossal losses to life, property and infrastructures, leaving nearly seventy five thousands dead, over hundred thousands seriously injured and several hundred thousands shelter less, without food and daily necessities. This natural calamity got immediate response from various domestic and international agencies, for the rescue and relief of the affected people. After the huge disaster, some changes have taken place to bring normality in the day to day life of ordinary people. However, there are still those people who have been struggling for better life.

Need Assessment

Beyond their immediate need for shelter, food and water, displaced women in Muzaffarabad face a host of complex problems and challenges. Lost of a protective environment and family members compounded by insecure environment, a lack of access to and low quality of education, and uncertainty about the future create a situation in which a range of gender issues are emerging.

In some folks, there were one and only supporter of family who bear the expenditures of whole family but unfortunately he had vanished from the world in the consequence of devastated earthquake, such types of families, where the burden of entire family has on the tender shoulders of women, are facing every day's challenges. Some women are skilled but they don't have resources to utilize their skill and get benefit from it. KCT has given them an opportunity with the resource to use their ability and get benefit.

KCT strongly believes in women empowerment that's why it has started a number of programs for the welfare of women.

Objectives

- To empower those widows who are the sole earners of their families.
- To evaluate the data and know correct figures of widows in this district.
- To enable these women to be self-sufficient.

Activity

The earthquake that hit South Asia on 8th October 2005 had profound and devastating effects on the lives of children and women living in this region. In AJK, an estimated 38,000 children and around about 48, 000 women lost their lives with a similar number injured and XXX, 000 left homeless with their families, the livelihoods were destroyed totally and people have become hand to mouth.

We set a high priority for women's rights because we believe that the eradication of poverty and injustice will simply not be possible without securing equality and rights for women. The women

are subjected to a dwindling status in key stream decision making process that affects their access to services. Beside their hard work in conditions of spending more time in household works, in taking care of children and even helping their men on the farms or in offices, the contribution of women efforts neither monetized nor appreciated. Women were perishing their talent because nobody was there to use their talent for beneficial purposes and nobody was there to encourage them.



KCT supports women to achieve income security, dignified working conditions and increased protection of the natural resources on which they depend. We support equal rights and status for women, ethnic and cultural minorities who are oppressed or marginalized. It has distributed worth 25 sewing machines including 5 zigzags and 4 electrics, in different villages in Muzaffarabad.

Methodology

Firstly, the team of KCT composed precise statistics of widows from the whole district of Muzaffarabad subsequently it was evaluated and pored over to formulate this procedure transparent with the intention that every it must be given to deserving. After analysis, the machines were distributed among the widows in order that for continue for the existence of their families.