

**Kashmir Charitable Trust-AK**  
**Lower Plate near Four fields Mosque Muzaffarabad**  
**Festivity of Memorandum Day**  
**Dated: October 8; 2006**



## Background

A severe earth quake measuring 7.6 on rector scale, struck the AJ&K and its surrounding areas on October 8; 2005, causing massive 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.

Kashmir and the some parts of Pakistan like Frontier Province were hit by the worst earthquake in the history of this region. The intensity of that quake was such that it caused 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.

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## Need Assessment

After passing an inclusive year to the devastated earthquake, the population of Kashmir was still in the trauma condition as they couldn't understand what happened with them and didn't know how they will survive. They were still in appalling condition; they could not even sleep at night because they were feared of the after shocks. Many people were migrating to other cities as some remorse was spread out that more shocks will shake the land of Kashmir. All the people were terrified; they were escaping their families from the cruel hands of death & trying to survive them in other cities. In this critical situation; KCT took a drastic step to eradicate the fear from the minds of common inhabitants of Kashmir by celebrating memorandum day.

## Objectives

- To reduce the trauma condition that holding the overwhelmed community.
- To bring forth the dynamic spirit among the distressed youth to strengthen their community in critical time.
- To encourage the youth to take step in the reorganization of nation.

## Activity

KCT organized a walk for its volunteers to make them active, energetic, dynamic, organized and devoted to work for humanity particularly for their own society. About 150 volunteers joined the walk at night holding candles and torches. The walk ended at Khursheed Stadium. More than 3000 people were presented at the ceremonial session included people from government sector. The ceremony started soon after the participants of the walk reached at the stadium, youth of Kashmir



participated in the event enthusiastically and more than 300 people only from Muzaffarabad city were present there. They clapped for the volunteers of KCT for completing this historic walk. When the convoy of walk reached there, a systematic program was started for this special event.



## Methodology

The ceremony was started with talawat & Naat, just after it, the honorable guests placed flowers on the memo of victims of earthquake one by one. After this, four cute and innocent girls holding a piece of cloth in their hands received flowers from all the participants of the ceremony and placed them on the memorandums.



Then some speeches were presented by the guests as well as the members of KCT; Chairman Municipal Corporation Mr. Zahid ameen admired KCT's work in his speech. Then the ministers for Social Welfare Mrs. Shamma Malik praised the work of the whole team of KCT in organizing this event. She also appreciated KCT's struggle for youth to drag them from depuration & sufferings of the time especially establishing Sports Volunteer Organization. The theme behind the enterprising of this organization was to keep the youth healthy and fresh minded & bring them back to normal routine life from distress because mostly young people had become hopeless due to demolition of livelihoods and be short of job opportunities. Mr. Aamir Khawaja, Coordinator of KCT-UK told the participants about the work of KCT and also threw the light on the social issues concerning with earthquake hitters.

