

Kashmir Charitable Trust-AK
Lower Plate near Four fields Mosque Muzaffarabad
Van's Report: A Charitable Donation of Burley for Kashmir



Introduction

KCT Stands for **Kashmir Charitable Trust** is an **UK** based volunteer **Organization** and its Registered Charity Number is **053171**. **KCT** is a voluntary organization striving to assist people of **Kashmir**. **KCT** was founded in **1995**. It has contributed funds to **Organizations** and individuals on all sides of the divide. In the recent months some changes have taken place to bring normality in the day to day of ordinary people. However, there are still those people who have been struggling for better life. People of **Jammu** and **Kashmir** are peace loving nation who have been affected by the decades old turmoil in control, which divides **Kashmir** have been going through some torrid time. There is no family in these areas that have not been affected by the decades old turmoil in the country. Members of **KCT** over the years have been endeavoring to assist as many ongoing projects as possible through other **Charitable Organizations**, working in **Jammu** and **Kashmir**. However, there is lot of more work that can be carried out with increased man-power and financial resources. People living in **UK**, particularly **Kashmiri** people have contributed well in making some of the projects successful. **KCT** is a non governmental volunteer organization. The registered office of the **Organization** is in the **United Kingdom**.

Background

On **8 October 2005** an Earthquake measuring **7.6** on the Richter scale struck **South Asia**, affecting **3.5 million** people: **73,000** people were killed, **79,000** were injured and disabled and **2.8 million** were left without shelter, assets and livelihoods. In **North-West Frontier** Province, the earthquake damaged **84 percent** of homes, hospitals, schools and other infrastructures; in **Pakistan Administered Kashmir** this figure was **40 percent**. More than **27, 00** villages were affected in an area of **30, 000 square km**. livestock and significant crop losses of between **40 percent** and **75 percent**. Aftershocks and landslides severed rural roads, forcing **250,000** people in to tented camps and stranding **745,000** people in mountainous terrain where they remained dependent on airlifts for food, shelter and medicine. The impact on health and education was devastating: **18,000** schoolchildren and **853** teachers lost their lives; **574** health facilities and **4,844** schools were destroyed. Over **955,000** school-age children had their education disrupted; **450,000** children aged **5-9** require immediate access to primary education. There was a significant destabilization of land and environmental damage. Landslides reduced tree cover; further slides and deforestation are expected from February to **July 2006** as a result of harsh weather and increased demand for fuel wood and reconstruction material. Between **50 percent** and **100 percent** of irrigation structures and community water systems were damaged or buried; natural springs dried up as a result of seismic shifts. Terraces and retaining walls require significant rehabilitation.

Activities

Upheaval of Oct; 8, 2005, with magnitude of 7.4 on Richter scale resulted in loss of thousands lives and properties to such an extent which shocked the Government and its institution. **KCT** immediately started helping the people. It toiled with the communities to attend to their instant relief needs and reached the people with relief services providing help to these marginalized communities. **KCT** has used van donated by **Burley for Kashmir** to provide a quick response to quake hitters.

Medical Assistance

Medical teams around the entire world reached in Muzaffarabad to care for the injured, wounded & diseased. KCT also took part in this Medical Expedition with other INGOs.

For an immediate medical support, A Surgical OPD is developed in Abbas Institute of Medical Sciences (AIMS) in Ambore for six months and minimum 60,000 patients were treated there.



In this OPD, quake hitters were provided with Urological services and medicines along with crutches, artificial limbs, walkers and wheel chairs.

The van provided by **Burley for Kashmir** is used to carry the injured and wounded people to the Medical Camp to provide them immediate medical aid. By using this active transport service many lives could be saved eventually.

Relief Distribution Operations

In the Post EQ operations, KCT has distributed relief in the form of foodstuff, medications, clothes, blankets and utensils, not only in Muzaffarabad



and it's around about but also in the other parts of Azad Kashmir. All these distributions are carried out in different places and approach to reach there is made easy by the Van provided by **Burley for Kashmir**. In addition, medicines and crutches were also distributed in different

villages and remote areas which were unapproachable, by using this generous donation of **Burley for Kashmir**.

Emergency

A fire broke out in a camp situated in Chehla Bandidue, KCT reached at the spot eventually before other rescue teams and took the serious patients to the hospitals immediately in the van gifted by **Burley for Kashmir**. Thus many lives are saved.



Needs Assessment Surveys

After the devastated EQ, 2005; KCT launched many projects for the rehabilitation of these marginalized communities. In this respect, many need assessment surveys were had to taken to analyze the situation of devastated area so that the best assistance was provided to deserving people.

These surveys were made possible due to the facility of van make available by **Burley for Kashmir**. These surveys were taken in far-off areas which had become a challenge without the utilization of van.

Accumulative surveys

Before and after starting the projects, many surveys were taken to analyze the situation and needs of the area as well as to monitor and evaluate the projects. The survey groups were carried to the recommended areas by using the van offered by **Burley for Kashmir**. just as in the water supply project of KCT in Upper Ambore Camp, a far- flung place from Muzaffarabad, the van is used as a resource for making these surveys possible and successful. More-over, monitoring and evaluation surveys are taken time by time to verify the progress of sewing centre; a long term project of KCT, in plate.

KCT's Blood Bank

AS KCT has its own blood bank in order that in any catastrophe, calamity or emergency, the immediate provision of blood could be made possible. For this purpose, KCT has many blood donors and volunteers which are always ready to serve the humanity. Whenever it is needed, the blood donor is taken to calamity spot, hospitals or in KCT's blood bank for giving blood. Therefore, a quick means of transportation is necessary and KCT uses the van gifted by **Burley for Kashmir** to achieve the eventual purpose.

KCT's Hum Awaz Forum



Asset of Women is considered as a key success of a country for its development. History is witnessed that those nations made rapid progress who's both men and women did joint labor. KCT has also realized this reality that for the development of Azad Kashmir, it is necessary to save this women power and gave them a plate form where they could utilize their talent. KCT has given these women a kind of voice in the shape of Hum Awaz Forum. KCT conducted regular meetings of this forum monthly in its regional office where these members of forum bring and discussed different social and economical problems of affected community and try to solve these problems individually and accumulatively. KCT has provided them pick and drop facility and the

van donated by **Burley for Kashmir** is used for this purpose.