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THOUGHT OF THE DAY

“In order to succeed, we must first believe that we can.”

Nikos Kazantzakis

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Emergency Shelter Assistance , Bannu

Pakistan Army started operation Zarb-e-Azb in 2014 in North Waziristan Agency against various militant groups that resulted in a temporary migration of a large number of people to the nearby districts, mainly Bannu and Bakha Khel. Some of these TDPs opted to live in camps where as others preferred to live with their relatives and host families. In both the cases, the TDPs needed various rehabilitation services.

MOJAZ Foundation initiated an “Emergency Shelter Assistance” project in August 2014 to provide emergency support to the TDPs in dis-



Beneficiaries of the Emergency Shelter Assistance Project in Bannu

trict Bannu, with the financial and technical support from RAPID Fund. Under this project 2340 TDPs in 5 Union Councils of Bannu were provided with tents. The project particularly benefitted the vulnerable, women, children and elderly persons.

Gender Equity Project, Sialkot

MF is implementing a project titled “**Promoting Improved Livelihoods for Informal Sector Workers**” with the Financial Support from USAID under its Gender Equity Program (GEP) hosted at Aurat Foundation. The project aims at enhancing the home based women’s existing work, skills and crafts to improve their income generation abili-

ties . District Sialkot, has been chosen for this project due to its popularity for industrial advancement and export of high quality hand made goods since many years. Under this project MF has identified 180 home based women workers in tehsil Sialkot and Pasroor. These are now being mobilized to form groups to receive further support.

Free Medical Camps in Narowal

This year also, the massive flooding once again hit many areas of Pakistan, particularly Gilgit-Balitistan, Azad Jammu & Kashmir and Punjab, affecting millions of households. Homes, livestock, crops and infrastructure of various major cities of Central Punjab drowned and many of the villages have been inundated across Punjab Province.

Based in Narowal, MOJAZ immediately arranged free medical camps in worst affected UCs namely Uncha Kalan, Jassar and Langah. A total of 632 patients were screened and free medicines and medical aid was provided to the affected people at their doorstep.



MF team screening the patients

Multi-Sector Initial Rapid Assessment of Punjab Floods

After the worst monsoon spell of 2014, that led to flood situation in Northern & Central regions of Pakistan, National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA) requested support from the humanitarian organizations to conduct a Rapid Assessment in Punjab, to analyze the flood impact and to get an overview of immediate situation. In accordance to it, in September 2014, MF participated in the data collection of this *Multi-sector Initial Rapid Assessment* which was conducted in five districts of Punjab that witnessed varying degree of flooding- Chiniot, Jhang, Multan, Hafizabad and Mandi Bahuddin.

Key findings of the assessment highlighted the need of community restora-



MF team engaged in data collection

tion, and reestablishment of facilities for education, nutrition, food security, health, protection, shelter and access to safe drinking water and hygienic conditions for the community living in the flood affected areas.

Street Theatres in Muzaffargarh

Education is the basic right of every child, henceforth, suggesting that it is an essential obligation of the state to encourage its citizens to get education. Article 25-A of the constitution of Pakistan obligates the State to provide free and compulsory quality education to children of the age group 5 to 16 years. However, Pakistan has the world's second highest number of children out of school and 2/3 of Pakistan's out of school children are girls.

MF realizes that it is important to spread awareness amongst the poor communities on such an important right to mobilize them to claim free and compulsory education for their children. In this backdrop, MF is implementing a project titled “Promoting Education: Every Child's Right” in District Muzaffargarh with the financial support from Open Society Foundations. The project aims to improve the access and quality of educa-



tion through promotion and protection of right to education.

MOJAZ is using street theatre tool to spread awareness amongst communities on the laws and policies related to Article 25-A of the Constitution of Pakistan and has successfully organized 10 street theatres in August and September 2014, with the help of School Management Committees. As a result, many parents have started sending their children to schools.



WASH Project, Bahawal Nagar

The WASH project is being implemented in 3 union councils of district Bahawalnagar in Punjab. The purpose of the project is to ensure access to improved sanitation by creating open defecation free surroundings for 70,000 people in target union councils, through community mobilization demand creation and hygiene promotion. It will enable the affected population to realize their right to improved sanitation and focus on reducing and preventing the incidence of WASH related disease. The project is a combination of utilizing both



hardware and software components necessary to create a healthy surrounding and to develop or support

safe hygiene practices.

Under this project, various trainings have been successfully organized for the capacity building of the project community. The “Masons Training” was designed to develop the understanding of Pakistan Approach to Sanitation (PATS), different types of latrine,

low cost option of latrine and sanitation program and to upgrade the knowledge of masons regarding international standard WASH facilities, and sanitation related diseases and their roles and responsibilities.

Community resources persons (CRPs) Batch-I training was organized on Sep 21 to Sep 23, 2014 in Gulistan Hotel, Chishtian, with the aim to enhance the capacity of CRPs regarding Community Led Total Sanitation triggering exercise, field visit for conducting Participatory Rural Appraisal and behavior change campaign. In this batch of training, 23 CRPs participated and were provided the experience of field visit to a selected village of Gayjani, thus increasing their knowledge regarding their role in community mobilization and campaigning.



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