

# **ABKT's Flood Relief Initiative in Pakistan**

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## **Introduction to the organization:**

Association for Behavior and Knowledge Transformation (ABKT) was formed by a group of courageous women activists in Dir district of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa in 1992 and registered with Social Welfare Department under Voluntary Social Welfare Agencies (Registration and Control) ordinance 1961 on 16<sup>th</sup> June 1994. ABKT was the first women led organization of Malakand division and is working for the rights, development and empowerment of marginalized segments of the society especially women, children and youth in the most conservative and culturally sensitive areas. ABKT worked in the ex-PATA and Khyber Pakhtunkhwa province through 6 field offices and a head office. ABKT implemented around 100 small- and large-scale projects in different thematic and programmatic areas in different parts of KP. ABKT has been passed through the organizational assessment process of Concern RAPID, USAID Citizens Voice Project, WHO, UNHCR, UNDP and WFP which strengthened the organizations' systems.

ABKT implemented emergency relief, early recovery and rehabilitation projects in the areas of coordination, assessment of IDP camps and sharing with UN OCHA, and restoration and rehabilitation of health system in militancy affected Swat. This includes rehabilitation/restoration and made functional 02 CDs and 03 BHUs in District Swat with the financial support of WHO and district health administration, rehabilitated 07 flood damaged suspension bridges and 5.5 KM irrigation channel with the financial support of UNDP and deputy commissioner, implemented reproductive health project (MNCH) in Lund Khwer Mardan in IDPs camp Lund Khwer and Sadat Baba Mardan with the help of IPDS and individual volunteer supporter, cash support to the IDPs in Lund Khwer with the help of individual supporters, implemented health and hygiene promotion project and distribution of Hygiene Kits and NFIs to the flood affected population in Upper and Lower Dir with the help of UNICEF and Abt. Associate/ USAID. ABKT also implemented 03 projects on peace restoration and development for militancy affected youth in lower Dir, Upper Dir and Swat with the help of UNDP and Tourism Corporation of govt of KP (TC-KP).

**ABKT Vision:** To form a democratic, prosperous and peaceful society that guarantees equal development opportunities for all.

**ABKT Mission:** To develop socially, economically and politically marginalized communities especially women, youth and children through mobilization, group formation, capacity building, economic empowerment and advocating for their rights and entitlements to ensure development for all

**Geographical Coverage:** ABKT implemented projects in Lower Dir, Upper Dir, Swat, Shangla and Malakand of Malakand division, in Abbottabad, Mansehra, Batagram and Haripur, of Hazara division and worked with IDPs in district Mardan, Peshawar and Swabi.

ABKT implemented projects in Lower Dir, Upper Dir and Malakand in the past 5 years, while some of the projects were on national level such as Women Voices Pakistan.

## **ABKT in Floods 2022:**

1. Immediately after the floods, ABKT gathered the data and assessment of flood affected areas especially Upper Dir, Lower Dir and Swat and shared that data and assessment in compiled report form with individuals, organizations, UN agencies and other stakeholder to

highlight the issues, challenges and specific needs of different segment of flood affected communities such as women and children.

2. ABKT has been raising funds through individual philanthropy and providing immediate support to the flood affected people. ABKT is also accepted in-kind support from organizations Feminist Friday Peshawar and Idara Taleem-o-Aghi (ITA) Islamabad and individuals (Journalist) and took them to the affected people (such as hygiene kits, dignity kits for women, NIFs, cloths, sheets, and other necessary items).
3. ABKT has launched a flash appeal at international level through crowd funding Global Giving and has raised some fund through that appeal. The fund will be used for the rehabilitation and restoration of livelihood of the flood affected people (women & children). ABKT is representing the people of the target areas at different national and international forums (UN cluster system, national and international networks, print and electronic media and social media).
4. ABKT is planning and designing a number of projects for the restoration and rehabilitation of flood affected people (community basic infrastructure, health, education and livelihood) in Upper Dir, Lower Dir and Swat.



**Pictures of BHUs rehabilitated by ABKT in Utror Upper Swat and MNCH in Gul Mera IDP Camp in 2010**





**Projects implemented/completed:**

ABKT implemented around 100 small and large-scale projects and programs so far in different thematic and programmatic areas in different parts of KPK Pakistan. Most of the projects were implemented in Lower Dir, Upper Dir, Swat, Malakand and Shangla districts of Malakand division



Figure 1 Suspension bridge Qolundai Upper Dir



Figure 2 IDPS camp Timergara Lower Dir



Figure 3 MNCH centre Gul Mera IDPS camp



Figure 6 Suspension bridge Qashqari Upper Dir



Figure 5 Water channel Chokyaton Upper Dir



Figure 4 Water Channerl Jabalook Upper Dir



Figure 7 Suspension Bridge Nangarkari Upper Dir



Figure 8 Main sign board of CBI project Upper Dir on GT road



Figure 9 Livelihood project Lower Dir harveting

## Experience in DRR and Humanitarian assistance:

ABKT implemented around 10 projects on emergency relief, humanitarian assistance, DRR, rehabilitation, early recovery, emergency health and food provision. Brief detail is as under:

ABKT applied the DRR approach and technology in the rehabilitation of flood damaged Community Basic Infrastructure schemes in Upper Dir district.

Apart from that ABKT constructed flood protection walls, water supply schemes, dug wells, playgrounds, soil conservation, check dams, water ponds and mini dunes to protect the land and communities from flood and increase water reservoirs under livelihood development project implemented for 5 years in Lower Dir with the support of IC-LPH.

ABKT planted forests on 2 communal lands (mountains) through local communities especially women (WOs) in Lower Dir. ABKT provided technical skills, logistic support, material and training to the local communities and they raised nurseries in their homes, then ABKT purchased those plants at a reasonable price and communities planted those plants on their communal land. ABKT paid wages to local women to support their livelihood and economic status.

Pictures of ABKT's project/schemes on Livelihood Development of Community Basic Infrastructure (IC-LPH)

