

# ABKT's Flood Relief Initiative in Pakistan

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Training of Farmer Community affected by 2022 flood

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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's Relief Activities in February 2024 to June 2024.**

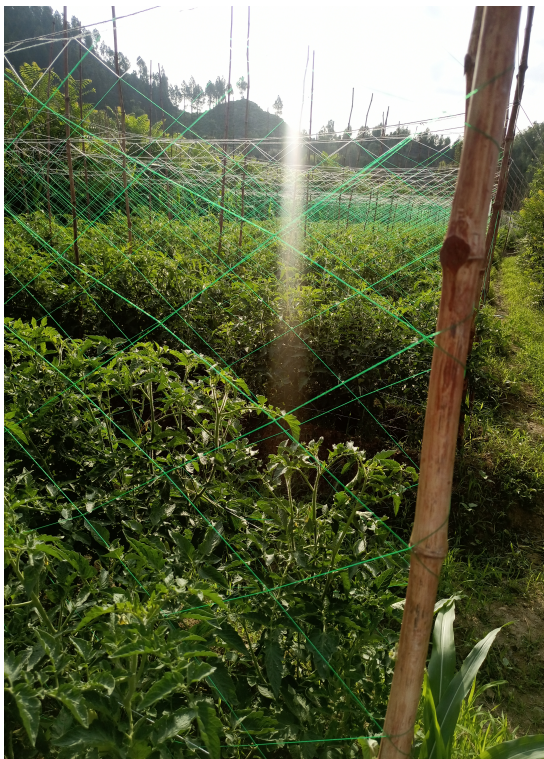
1. ABKT consistently updates data and conducts assessments of flood-affected areas, focusing on Upper Dir, Lower Dir, and Swat. The organization shares this compiled data and assessments in the form of reports with individuals, organizations, UN agencies, and other stakeholders. The objective is to bring attention to the issues, challenges, and specific needs of various segments within the flood-affected communities, particularly women and children.
2. ABKT actively represents the people of the target areas in different national and international forums. This includes engagement with the UN cluster system, participation in national and international networks, collaboration with print and electronic media, and utilizing social media platforms.
3. ABKT is successfully working on a project for the restoration and rehabilitation of flood-affected people in Upper Dir and have completed the Reconstruction of three suspension Bridges in Flood Affected Union Council Palam, Tehsil Ler Jam of Upper Dir Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, Pakistan.



*ABKT constructed a suspension bridge in village Batal, Upper Dir*



4. ABKT has initiated a project aimed at the restoration and rehabilitation of flood-affected individuals, focusing on community basic infrastructure, health, education, and livelihood in Upper Dir, Lower Dir, and Swat. Furthermore, the organization is working on resource mobilization to expand this project to cover the remaining flood-affected areas within the target districts. ABKT meticulously gathered and verified data concerning 200 farmers affected by the 2022 flood. Subsequently, the organization supplied them with toolkits, seeds, and fertilizers to support crop cultivation for the upcoming season. This intervention has not only addressed the immediate needs of these farmers but also contributed to the restoration of their agricultural activities, fostering resilience and sustainable recovery within the impacted community.
5. ABKT is regularly working with the local farming community, arranging various training sessions in collaboration with the district agriculture department to orient them on the cultivation of vertical tomatoes for the ongoing season. In this regard, ABKT organized a consultation for local farmers with agricultural experts, providing them with relevant knowledge to enhance tomato production this year.



*Vertical Tomato Farms of local farmers – cultivated with the help of ABKT*



The District Agriculture Officer was invited to brief the local farmers on tomato cultivation.

