



Rehabilitation of 10-girls' schools in flood affected areas
Khyber Pakhtoonkhwa Province

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BACKGROUND

Torrential floods in Pakistan have affected more than 20 million people (more than 10 per cent of the total population). The nightmare has devastation worsen than tsunami and is recorded as the most intensive floods in the region. To date, more than 9-million children left affected in education sector, whereas more than 1500-people are killed and more than 1-million houses, schools and other infrastructure are badly deteriorated. The massive flood calamity that struck Pakistan destroyed and distorted associated infrastructure activities of all sorts on a gigantic scale. The disaster and its aftermath are a direct threat on Pakistan's prospects of achieving the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs), particularly with regards to education.

PROJECT JUSTIFICATION

Education, the already suffering sector in the country experienced a huge loss, threatening to darken the lives of millions of children-especially girls- with illiteracy across the country.

Even before the crisis, girl's school attendance in many areas of Khyber Pakhtoonkhwa was low with enrolment ratio in KPK just 12% which is now even lesser.

The Government reports that more than 400 schools are damaged due to flash floods in Khyber Pakhtoonkhwa, of which a major number of girls' schools are destroyed. Most of the remaining schools were used as collective centres during earliest stages of floods which has also shattered the infrastructure. Basic health and hygiene problems are resulting in Cholera, Diarrhoea, skin infections, eye infections and other water-borne diseases. Similarly, the schools are badly affected and are incapable to be used for school-purposes and walls, classrooms and offices are damaged resulting in accommodating more than one class in a single room.

PROJECT COMPONENTS

1) Essential Classroom Elements like Tables, Chairs, Benches, Blackboards, dusters, markers, white-chalks, registers and floor mats. Likewise, floods have swept away home-essentialities, thus by providing uniform, bags, notebooks, geometry box, pencils, pens and much more will result in restoration from psychological stress and increase in enrolment.

2) WASH facilities: By providing water coolers, hand pumps, Water storage tanks and safe latrine facilities will result in avoiding preventive diseases.

3) Minor reconstruction like white wash, doors reinstatement, and child-friendly spaces' improvement will result in a better environment for studies.

4) Support a Child: As most of the children belong to low-income families so it's harder for their parents to bear their pocket money and conveyance expenses. A student can cost up to Rs.600 (7 US\$) a month where basic pocket money and conveyance expenses be met providing that the children has complete attendance.

PROJECT IMPACT

The project enhances the psycho-social conditions after being severe catastrophe, affected a major loss. Similarly, through providing recreational and library facilities, the project enables sufficient access to learning facilities. In a long run, the project has lasting impact on more than 2000-children of primary age while supporting at least 10-schools.

INTRODUCTION

North West region of Pakistan is known as origin of Gandhara civilization and it prevailed and flourished over 1000 years from 2nd century BC to 1000 A.D. Geographic location of this region provides gateway for central Asia and sub continent and it remained under occupation by many invaders from different parts of the world. At present this region is known as Khyber Pakhtoonkhwa of Pakistan with a population of 22 million and spread over 74,521 sq km.

For the last few decades, Khyber Pakhtoonkhwa (KPK) is the centre of catastrophes including devastating effects of Russian invasion of Afghanistan, Afghan civil war, war on terrorism, and natural calamities including earthquake in 2005. These conflicts and calamities caused enormous socio economic & livelihood challenges and devastation of Gandhara heritage.

From many years, GDS founders have been volunteering to cash support for livelihood, donating clothes, distributing food packs & hygiene items and providing basic health facilities including medical camps & medicines for Children, widows, students, senior citizens and all age groups being oppressed & affected in trouble areas of KPK.

Taking a step forward from volunteer activities now GDS aim is to provide a sustainable platform for the relief, development and heritage preservation. With the recent heavy floods, Gandhara Development Society has proven itself through providing urgent relief in shape of medical camps, relief-commodities distribution, rubble removal and much more.

The group of volunteers who was engaged in serving affected people on need- base setup a permanent platform and now GDS is providing services to the underprivileged communities in larger amount.

MISSION

Establish and maintain sustainable platform for relief, rehabilitation, culture promotion and heritage preservation through greater involvement of GOP, donors, NGOs and private sector organizations.

AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

The Aims Objectives of GDS are:

1. To serve oppressed & affected people through organizing relief activities particularly health, shelter and education in trouble areas.
2. To work for education improvement through providing education facilities to the deprived communities particularly female, orphans, poor and needy.
3. To organize capacity building programs through arranging technical, vocational & computer trainings and resource centers for all walks of life and particularly for females.
4. To arrange primary health care through health awareness activities and organizing free medical camps with provision of diagnostic, advisory & medication facilities.
5. To work for general betterment of livelihood through focusing poverty elevation, narcotics control, environmental issues, peace and development.
6. **To promote & preserve heritage and culture of Gandhara civilization** through awareness and collaboration among concern stakeholders.
7. To support & collaborate GOP, donors, NGOs and private sector organizations in the field of relief, development and heritage preservation activities.

RECENT PROJECTS COMPLETED

- Pakistan Libraries Program
- Medical Camps
- Food and Non-food Items' distribution
- Educational Items provision
- Culture Promotion Exhibition
- Capacity Building Programmes
- NFI Distribution
- Teachers' Training

GDS POLICIES MANUAL

Gandhara Development Society has a strong stand on the principle policies and every member of GDS is bound to follow these rules and regulations. Some of the core policies are:

- Conflict of Interest and Fund Raising
- Gender
- Grievance Settlement
- Performance Evaluation
- Personnel
- Procurement
- Financial transparency
- Recruitment
- Social Welfare