

Urgent Appeal

Charsadda and Peshawar Relief Operation for Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs)

North Western Frontier Province (NWFP) - Pakistan

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Background

Pakistan military started massive operation against Taliban militants on May 7, 2009. The operation is being undertaken in Swat, Lower and Upper Dir, Buner, Malakund and other adjacent areas where Taliban had taken over in contravention with the agreement with the government of NWFP, to lay their arms down, accept the writ of the State and immediately stop heinous human-rights violations.

The operation has triggered the biggest displacement in the history of Pakistan. In this operation, heavy weapons are being used from both sides. The casualties are very high, of citizens mostly who are left behind and are hostage of Taliban. More than 1000 were reported as killed on May 12, 2009. Media and NGOs are not allowed to move in due to the volatile situation. According to the NWFP government and the independent sources, including UNHCR, **between 1 and 1.3 million people** have already moved from their homes and settled at Swabi, Charsadda, Peshawar, Mardan, etc. Mardan, Sawabi and Jalala, Talash and some parts of Timergra are so far safer places to live. The numbers of IDPs however are swelling day by day. Most of the people fled from the affected areas via Ambela-Sawabai Road, Dagar-Mardan Road, Jowar-Daragi Road (via Bazdara and Girarai). According to the local sources, 60% population of the affected areas has left villages. The remaining population is facing shortage of food, water and health facilities.

Government has announced a relief support program with rupees **one billion** odd, which is just insufficient. **The UN issued appeal of US \$ 159.9 million. Of the total, 47 % of the required funds are so far secured. The rest is therefore a challenge.** The response from the support community has been reported as slow. The Minister for Information NWFP, Mian Iftikhar Hussain, in his appeal on media, requested the local and international community to **raise at least ten billion rupees immediately** in order to meet the herculean challenge of relief at the moment. This does not include rehabilitation costs of course.

Insan Foundation Trust believes that this **relief operation is very crucial**. It is crucial because of the massive scale and adversity of the crisis. It is also very crucial because the operation is against Taliban for the first time to this level of seriousness. So in order **to create a wall between militants and IDPs and to save**

2 Our Target IDPs' Locations and Estimates of Influx

Charsadda and Peshawar are neighbour districts in North Western Province (NWFP) of Pakistan. NWFP is in hot waters due to Talibans' militancy and the counter offensive of Pakistan's military forces starting May 7, 2009.

Charsadda district is a home to 1,277,000 population. The latter inhabits 2,656,000 people. **Presently, Charsadda houses more than 10,000 IDPs, at Palosa and Deri Zardad. The Peshawar valley is hosting over one million IDPs.**

Out of the total, 18 % IDPs are living in 19 camps in five districts of the province. According to the UNHCR and NWFP Social Welfare Department, more than one million IDPs from Bajaur and Mohmand agencies and Swat district had been registered in the province, majority of whom had settled in Peshawar valley, including Peshawar, Nowshera, Mardan, Charsadda and Swabi districts.

The offensives in Dir Lower and Buner districts had led to displacement of more than 10,000 families or about 250,000 individuals. Some 100,000 IDPs were registered in camps assisted by the UNHCR and other donor agencies, while about 450,000 IDPs from Swat and Bajaur Agency were living outside the official camps, as on May 9, 2009. Charsadda is a home to the IDPs who are coming from **Dir and Bunner** districts and are living outside of the camps. According to the UNHCR and the ministry of information NWFP, there were **2760 families registered at Charsadda.**

3 Our Experience and Presence

Insan Foundation, which is a national NGO, working for gender equality and women's empowerment, democratic governance and negotiated peace, has been very **active in October 5, 2005 Earthquake's Relief and Rehabilitation Activities in Abbotabad, Pakistan. At that time, we mobilized a support of US \$ 214,000 in terms of relief items.**

Insan has strong linkages in Peshawar as well as Charsadda. We have our team members, working under "Act for Change Program" at Peshawar and team of about **180 volunteers** based at Charsadda and Peshawar. We have **experience of working in disaster situations and have linkages with the NWFP government, civil society and international relief organizations, including UNHCR.**

Our team and volunteers have made a rapid assessment through **visits and discussions on May 12, 2009, with IDPs and authorities at Charsadda.** The team has requested us to respond to the needs of the IDPs immediately

before the crisis gets doubled; relief operations get double expensive because of medical coverage, which can be avoided at this stage.

▼ Insan's Target Districts for Relief Operation



Assessment: Relief Package

Insan will go with 'packaged-assistance', keeping in view the needs of the families, especially women and children. This includes the following items and budget:

Relief Package		
Item	Unit x Cost	Total Pak Rupees
Flour Bag (20 kilo)	2500 x 600	1,500,000
5 Litre Oil/Ghee	2500 x 675	1,687,500
Biscuits	2500 x 500	1,250,000
Drinking Water	2500 x 500	1,250,000
Sugar 5 Kilo (pack, 2500 Packs)	2500 x 230	575,000
5 Kilo Pulses (pack, 2500 packs)	2500 x 400	1,000,000
5 Kilo Rice (pack, 2500 packs)	2500 x 500	1,250,000
Dry Milk/Baby Milk	3000 x 500	1,500,000
Cover Sheet	3000 x 150	450,000
Total		10,462,500
Management		
Purchase and Delivery from Rawalpindi and Peshawar		300,000
Communication		50,000
Stay (two nights) and Local Travel	30 x 400	120,000
Staff and Volunteers Maintenance Cost (at least 2 Days)	30 x 500	150,000
Total		620,000
Grand Total		11,082,500
US \$ (@ 78 Rupees = 1 US \$)		142,083
Relief Operation Cost		94 %
Administration Cost		06 %

Calculation as of May 12, 2009

4 Relief Management and Selection Criteria

The priority of relief operations will be:

1. Women-headed households
2. Families with younger children
3. Families which belong to religious minority communities

As far as the management is concerned, Insan will seek **quotations from the dealers** of the aforesaid products. The dealers will be finalized in view of **competence** in making **quality and affordable products** available within **agreed time and place**. In order to keep **transportation cost low**, purchases are proposed to be made from the **closest possible locations**, in order to **contribute in the local economy**.

The rations will be packaged according to the assessment. This activity will be accomplished at Charsadda, for the rapid delivery to the IDPs who are out of the camps so far.

Insan will create an **inventory system**. It will also create **IDPs databank**, essentially covering name of beneficiaries, number of family members, origin, date of the delivery of package and signatures of the beneficiary family.

4 Time

Insan will complete the **operation in 20 – 25 days, from release of funds. It involves all stages, from seeking quotations to undertaking purchase and distribution.**

5 Deliverables

- Inventory Lists (Copies, if required)
- Databank (Copies, if required)
- Photographs (if required)
- Video Shots (If required)
- Narrative and Financial Reports

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