



PROJECT COMPLETION REPORT



**PROVISION OF PERMANENT SHELTERS
TO EARTHQUAKE VICTIMS AT
BERMONG – RAWALAKOT**

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PROJECT AT GLANCE

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| Title of the Project | Provision of Permanent shelters to the 145 Earthquake Victims Families |
| Period of the Project | 18 January – 18 April 2006 |
| Donor Agencies | One Body One Spirit Movement (OBOS) Korea |
| Implementing Organization | Pakistan Council for Social Welfare & Human Rights |
| Target Area | Village Bermong Sub Division Rawalakot AJK - Pakistan |
| Beneficiaries | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 145 Families of Village Bermong • School going age children of village Bermong |
| Purpose of the Project | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To empower the effected families for their rehabilitation through the process of advocacy, social mobilization. • To save the earthquake families from the effects of the weather. • To provide the permanent shelter to the victims of earthquake on rapid basis. • To uplift the victims families after the earthquake effects. • To bring the victims families in mainstream after the earthquake effects. • To come out the children of the selected families from the traumatize situation through the provision of recreation facilities for the children of village Bermong. |
| Impact of the Project | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The provision of permanent shelters constructed on shook –proof basis for 145 families secure and with out fear for reoccurring of such kind of worst disaster in future. • Govt. and other organizations now are also replicating the same specification built by PCSW&HR and OBOS • These families are now gazing at the future in constructive and optimist manner and have started their routine life. • All 145 families especially infants are now safe from weather affects like cold season, snowfall and torrential rains etc. • A village based volunteer group has been formed in village Bermong to identify and also solve the civic problems in their areas. • After the establishment of Mini Parks for children at village Bermong children have the recreation facilities to shun away with 8th October tragedy and concentrate on their studies smoothly |

BACKGROUND OF THE PROJECT

PCSW&HR did the various relief activities for the earthquake victims at AJK and immediately after this PCSW&HR focused on the rehabilitation of earthquake victims and established 7 tent villages at various parts of the much-affected district Rawalakot and Muzafarabad with the collaboration of One Body one Spirit Movement OBOS-Korea.

After this worst earthquake 1st priority was to rescue the people and provide them basic relief goods and then after provide immediate shelters to those families who have completely lost their homes/properties and became shelterless. So shelters were the basic need of earthquake victims. Different donors throughout the world including OBOS Korea stepped forward and provided tents to the earthquake victims so that shelter may be provided to people whose houses had been completely destroyed. Pakistan Council for Social Welfare & Human Rights has been realized from the very beginning although it is a good step and need of the hour that different agencies are providing the tents to homeless families for shelter, but it is not a permanent solution because these tents will not be able to protect the people of AJK from very heavy snowfall and cold winter which will start from mid-December, and the same happened when very heavy snowfall started and also during the rain these shelters could not protect the people from cold and people were forced to go back to their damaged & cracked houses to protect themselves from very severe cold, rain and snowfall and these tents became useless due to weather effects. Pakistan Council for Social Welfare & Human Rights has urged the different donor agencies and also Govt. officials like President and Prime Minister of AJK Govt. during the meetings that they should think for the provision of permanent shelter to the victims of 8th October earthquake. Pakistan Council for Social Welfare and Human Rights also took initiative at the end of November 05 and presented a model for the provision of permanent shelter to the 58 families of village Kari Kotli Sub-Division Dheer Kot District Bagh of AJK with the financial assistance of local philanthropists/NGO members and Jewelers Association Sialkot. For this purpose we provided the CGI sheets, tool kits, technical assistance, and grocery for 10 days to each family so that they can rebuild their destroyed houses on a self-help basis utilizing their available resources remaining saved during earthquake like wood, bricks/blocks, sheets for side wall, doors, window etc. Strategy of this model is purely based on social mobilization process. The community, NGO's consultants, local govt. representatives mutually developed this project and community participation was ensured at all levels. Supervision, monitoring, identification of the needy people was the primary responsibility of the local Govt. representatives and community influencers. Provision of the above-mentioned material, technical assistance and broad-based social mobilization were the key responsibilities of NGO staff. The government appreciated this model at public levels due to its sustainability and capacity to save the people from the weather effects and snowfall and these shelters also proved to be self-earthquake proof. The sustainability of the shelter was also examined during the heavy snowfall, rains and heavy cold season in the months of December & January. This model was also much cost-effective and all material used during this project is easily available in the local market.

During the month of December 2005 a high profile delegation of One Body One Spirit Movement headed by Mr. Francis Kim visited Pakistan to observe their tent villages established with the collaboration of Pakistan Council for Social Welfare & Human Rights at 7 locations of AJK. During their visit to earthquake affected area they also visited the village Kari Kotli and physically examined the permanent shelters built by community on self-help basis with the financial assistance of Pakistan Council for Social Welfare & Human Rights.

OBOS delegation also interviewed the owner of these shelters and learnt that at very highly mountains where average 8-10 feet snow falls these tents can never alternate of permanent shelters. Community participation at all level also inspired the delegation of OBOS and they showed their intention that their organization OBOS also planning to provided such kind of permanent shelters adopting the same strategies adopted by the Pakistan Council for Social Welfare & Human Rights in their project at village Kari Kotli Sub Division Dheer Kot and for this purpose with the mutually consultation Village BERMONG was selected for the provision of 145 permanent shelters with the participation of community. Pakistan Council for Social Welfare & Human Rights signed MOU with OBOS – Korea from 18th January 2006 and as per signed MOU Pakistan Council for Social Welfare & Human Rights will provide 145 permanent shelters to the selected families of village Bermong – District Poonch Rawalakot. All 145 selected families will construct their permanent shelters on self-help basis utilizing their available resources with the financial assistance of Pakistan Council for Social Human Rights. Now we highlight the all activities/strategies as per project plan done by Pakistan Council for Social Welfare & Human Rights to accomplish this “Provision of permanent shelters Project” to the 145 selected families



PCSW&HR chairman Muhammad Ijaz Noori briefing the OBOS delegation regarding the Kari Kotli project during the visit

Activities/Strategies

To accomplish this project following activities/strategies were adopted.

Meeting with Govt. Officials

On 24th January 2006 meeting with Govt. officials held in the office of the Additional Commissioner who is CEO of Poonch division. The purpose of this meeting was to brief the govt. officials regarding this project, its strategies and to finalize the role of each stakeholder during the project, so that this project may run smoothly and quality of work may also be ensured. Following persons participated in the meeting.



Meeting with Govt. Official is under progress

1. Mr. Sardar Khurshid Ahmed Additional Commissioner Poonch Division Govt. of AJK
2. Mr. Muhammad Ijaz Noori Chairman PCSW&HR
3. Mr. Sardar Abdul Khaliq Advocate - Coordinator
4. Mr. Arshad Mehmood Field Manger – PCSW&HR
5. Mr. Shakeel Younis General Secretary PCSW&HR
6. Mr. Naseer Ahmed Director – PCSW&HR

During the meeting 1st of all Mr. Muhammad Ijaz Noori gave the presentation regarding the project, including PCSW&HR & its partner One Body One Spirit Movement (OBOS) Korea introduction, background of the project, proposed strategies to be adopted to implement this project, role of Govt. community and implementing organization. Mr. Noori informed that to provide the 145 permanent shelters village Bermong Sub division Rawalakot has been mutually selected by the implementing & donor organization, because this village is badly affected due to earthquake and no of families of this village did not receive any kind of relief or assistance from any private or public sector and seeking assistance from govt. or Non Governmental organizations to re-construct their destroyed homes using their available resources on self help basis. As per proposed methodology Govt. community and implementing organization (PCSW&HR) will be the stakeholder of this project. The strategies of this project purely base on social mobilization and during this project community participation at all level will be ensured. Mr. Noori further briefed that as per strategies of this project Govt. officials will help and assist the PCSW&HR to identify the most deserving 145 families those intend to reconstruct their permanent shelters using their available resources with the assistance of PCSW&HR and OBOS. After the identification of 145 families Broad Based Community Meeting (BBCM) will be convened and during the BBCM with the mutual consultant of all stakeholders volunteers based group will be formed and capacity of this village based volunteer

group will be built through the orientation session so that this group not only has ability to look after this project but also has capacity to identify the civic problems of their village and also its solution. During the BBCM it will be ensured that at least 1 member from one house participate in the meeting and during the meeting participant will be informed about those families selected for the provision of permanent shelters by PCSW&HR and OBOS and criteria of selection will also be discussed after this we will collect the personal case history of each family on the prescribed format so that we may assess that how many material is available to each selected family and how much material will be required by PCSW&HR to provide the 145 families. After this PCSW&HR's purchase committee will purchase the material in the light of data collection and will provide the material (CGI Sheets, Tool Kits, Grocery for ten days, heating system) to 145 families to re-construct the permanent shelters. PCSW&HR will provide technical support to all 145 families during the construction of shelters at all steps. After the completion of all 145 shelters appreciation meeting will be arranged and all families those have constructed their permanent shelters on self-help basis will be appreciated so that others families may inspire to work on self-help basis.

So we will be required the support and assistance from Govt. end to implement this project in effective manners. During the meeting Mr. Noori also gave the example of PCSW&HR's Kari Kotli project under this project 50 permanent shelters have been constructed by the families of village Kari Kotli Sub Division Dheer Kot using its available resources (wood, bricks, doors, windows, labor charges etc) PCSW&HR provided CGI sheets, Tool Kits, Grocery for ten days, and technical assistance during the construction of permanent shelters. The overall result of this project remained very fruitful and satisfactory. Additional Commissioner who is administrative chief of three districts Poonch – Rawalakot, Bagh and Sudhanoti appreciated the efforts of PCSW&HR and OBOS for the rehabilitation of earthquake victims and told that this project will be perhaps 1st project from any NGO for the rehabilitation of earthquake victims, in which work will be done in triangle shape and Govt. will be involved from its beginning to end and this will be the excellent example of private public cooperation. Although numbers of organizations are working at AJK since earthquake for relief and rehabilitation activities but they never bother to involve even contact or inform Govt. that they are working in these specific areas as well as they never ensure the community participation in their relief/rehabilitation activities, because Govt. has their own source of information and knows better that those areas/peoples actually do deserve for relief and rehabilitation activities. This is the reason in spite of having very heavy resources and funding their projects is not gaining the success. Additional commissioner also assured full cooperation from Govt. end. It was also decided the meeting that periodically meetings will be held between PCSW&HR and Govt. officials to implement this project smoothly.

Formation of Project Committee

During the meeting with Govt. officials on 24th January it was also decided that to implement this project a **PROJECT COMMITTEE (District Base)** will also be formed and this committee will monitor and facilitate the all phases of project to ensure the quality of work as per criteria. So under the chair of Additional Commissioner 10 members Project Committee was formed During the project period this project

committee has been met on weekly basis and members of this meeting have been shared the progress of work in their respective areas.

List of Project Committee

| S.# | Name | Designation | Profession |
|------------|---------------------------------|---------------------|--|
| 1 | Sardar Muhammad Khurshid | Chairman | Additional Commissioner PUNCH Govt. .of AJK |
| 2 | Sardar Abdul Khaliq Advocate | Coordinator | Lawyer/Social Worker |
| 3 | Mr. Ijaz Qamar | Member | Journalist |
| 4 | Mr. Muhammad Yasin | Member | Business |
| 5 | Mr. Muhammad Latif | Member Technical | Business |
| 6 | Mr. Mehmood | Member | Social Worker |
| 7 | Mr. Muhammad Amin | Member | Lawyer |
| 8 | Mr. Shakeel Younis | Member | Business |
| 9 | Mr. Mansoor Ahmed | Member | Business |
| 10 | Mr. Arshad Mehmood | Member | Business |

Identification of the most deserving families for support

After the formation of Project committee its 1st meeting held on 26th January 2006 under the chair of additional Commissioner chairman of project committee to identify the most deserving 145 families to construct their permanent shelters. During the meeting participants were asked that what kind of criteria we should fix for the selection of families to construct their shelters. Representatives from community told while expressing their view regarding selection of 145 families that almost all families of village Bermong deserve for assistance to reconstruct their permanent shelters, because all houses of this village have been destroyed during the 8th October Earthquake and all families of village Bermong have almost same status, therefore, it will be difficult for us to select 145 families out of 429 families. So during the meeting it was unanimously decided that to select the 145 families we will draw a circle from one side of village and those 145 families/house will come under this circle will be provided the assistance for the construction of their permanent shelters. In this way 145 families were selected for the construction of their permanent shelters.

Data Collection and Analysis of 145 Selected Families

After the selection of 145 families the PCSW&HR staff collected the personal case history/data of each family on the prescribed format with the assistance of local community representatives. The purpose of data collection to get information about

each family, detail of losses during the earthquake, number of family members, source of earning, available resources will utilize during the construction of permanent shelters etc. Each format was signed by the chairman project along with its recommendation for the provision of material.



A view of data collection by PCSW&HR team

Broad Based Community Meeting (BBCM)

On 2nd February 2006 Broad Based Community Meeting (BBCM) held at village Bermong. Project committee chairman Additional Commissioner has to preside this BBCM but due to sudden official commitment at Islamabad he could not preside this meeting. During the meeting almost 1 person from each family of village Bermong participated in the meeting

Purposes of this BBMC were

1. To express sympathies with the people of village Bermong over the irreversible loss of human lives during the 8th October earthquake
2. To inform the people of village Bermong regarding the Provision of assistance (CGI Sheet, tool kits, grocery, heating system etc) to 145 families of Village Bermong for the construction of permanent shelters on self help basis using their available resources.
3. To mobilize the community and seek their cooperation and support during the project.
4. Identification of volunteers for the formation of village based volunteer group

Meeting started in the name of Almighty Allah. After this local influential Sardar Abdul Khaliq, Sardar Abdul Latif, Ijaz Qamar and others addressed the meeting and expressed their feelings in very emotional manners for the provision of assistance from PCSW&HR and OBOS and also thanked to PCSW&HR and OBOS as they selected the village Bermong to provide assistance for the construction of permanent shelters. They told although this assistance is being provided to 145 families out of 429 families and these 145 families will construct their permanent shelters utilizing their available resource but it will be inspiration for others families that they should also try to utilize their available resources and construct their shelters on self-help basis. While addressing the BBCM Mr. Muhammad Ijaz Noori expressed the sympathies on behalf of PCSW&HR and OBOS over the loss of human lives and prayers were offered for



During the Broad Based Community Meeting prayers are offering for those died during the 8th October 2005 earthquake

Those people died during the worst ever earthquake. Mr. Noori added that although it is irreversible loss but that calamity was from God and we can't do any thing before the will of God. Now we have to come out from calamity on self-help basis and start the normal routine life with the realization that calamity was from God and as human being this is our moral duty to face the problems bravely for the betterment of the future of families and Nation. Mr. Muhammad Ijaz Noori informed the participants about the project list of 145 families those have been selected for the provision of Assistance by PCSW&HR and OBOS (CGI sheet, tool kits, grocery for ten days, heating system to each family etc) Mr. Noori told the participants in clear-cut that PCSW&HR and OBOS will provide only above mentioned material along with technical support at all steps of construction of permanent shelters to all 145 selected families and these 145 families will construct their permanent shelters using their available material like wood, doors, windows, bricks, plane sheets for side walls and also will bear the labor charges on self help basis. Our technical expertise's will provide the technical support to all 145 families at every step. Mr. Noori also presented the summary of data of all 145 families collected by the PCSW&HR and also inquired whether they have any kind of objection over the selection of these 145 families. All participants unanimously told that they have not any kind of objection for the selection of 145 families because all families of village Bermong are affected due to worst ever earthquake and we hope



Mr. Noori briefing the participants during the Broad Based Community Meeting

that during the next phase PCSW&HR and OBOS will provide the such kind of assistance to remaining families to construct their permanent shelters utilizing their available resources. Mr. Noori told the participants that as per our proposal minimum size of shelter will be 10 x 10 feet, however if any one out of these 145 families enhance the size of his shelters utilizing their extra resource we will have no objection. Mr. Noori also offered the participants if they have any kind of queries or any kind of clarification please don't hesitate to ask we will clear you according to your satisfaction. Participants raised different questions regarding this project and Mr. Noori answered their questions.

One participant name Mr. Khalil Ahmed raised the question although after the earthquake numbers of organizations are working for the rehabilitation of earthquake victims but since the earthquake happened but no body has mobilized us to work on self help basis and perhaps it would be 1st example that any organization is starting work in such manner. He also added that as you have surely observed that during the distribution of relief good by different Philanthropists or donors they have been thrown the goods from their trucks and our children have been run behind these trucks and we are panic that suck kind of act has caused very severe and bad affect on child psyche and bagging habit may develop among the affected children. In this regard he asked that PCSW&HR and OBOS have any kind of plan to provide some opportunities to the children of village Bermong to come out them such kind of psyche and also traumatize situation. Mr. Noori informed the participants that he is feeling great pleasure to inform you that we are also going to provide the recreation opportunities to the children of village Bermong and we have planned that we will establish two MINI PARKS for children at village Bermong and with mutual consultation we will decide the places of these mini parks.

All influential on behalf of community assured the PCSW&HR that they would extend their full cooperation and support during the project. During the BBCM Village Based Volunteer Group was also formed comprising on following 13 members. All members took the responsibilities that they will help to construct the permanent shelters to those families have no men.

List of Village Based Volunteers Group

| S. # | Name | Age | Profession |
|-------------|----------------------|------------|-------------------|
| 1 | Mr. Maqbool Hussian | 42 | Labor |
| 2 | Mr. Shahmir Khan | 40 | Vendor |
| 3 | Mr. Naeem Ahmed | 35 | Shopkeeper |
| 4 | Mr. Ehsan Khan | 41 | Employee |
| 5 | Mr. Amir Afzal | 36 | Business |
| 6 | Mr. Muhammad Ifraz | 38 | Private job |
| 7 | Mr. Muhammad Iqbal | 44 | Vendor |
| 8 | Mr. Muhammad Hussian | 42 | Social Worker |
| 9 | Mr. Latif Ahmed | 47 | Contractor |
| 10 | Mr. Raheem Ahmed | 38 | Educationist |
| 11 | Mr. Ejaz Qamar | 31 | Generalist |
| 12 | Mr. Muhammad Abid | 27 | Business |
| 13 | Mr. Yasir Javid | 29 | Advocate |

Capacity building workshop of village based voluntary group

On 3rd January 2006 one-day capacity building workshop arranged for village based volunteers group (VBVG) at Bermong. During this workshop all 13 members of VBVG participated. Purpose of this workshop to build the capacity of volunteers so that they may have capability to monitor as well as facilitate during the project and also identify the civic problems and also seek out the solutions of problems at collective level in the deep interest of village.



Capacity Building workshop for Village Based Volunteers Group is under progress at Village Bermong

Formation of Purchase Committee

During the executive body meeting of NGO it was decided that during the OBOS project a purchase committee should form to ensure the transparency as well to maintain the quality of all kind of material during the purchase. So a purchase committee consisting 1 chairman and 2 members and project manger formed. During

the meeting of purchase committee it was also decided before the purchase of material quotations will be called from relevant companies/firms and lowest quotation will be approved and chairman will approve the quotation. Project Manger will take in writing approval from chairman for the approval of quotation or payment to any companies/firms. All payments above 40 thousand will be made through cross cheque and account department will retain photocopies of all cheque. Purchase committee purchased the all-relevant material adopting the criteria.

Distribution of the Material

As per methodology of this project all required material had to distribute among the all-145 families in a ceremony, but during the project committee meeting while keeping in view shortage of time it was decided that initially tool kits will be provided to all 145 families and then each family will be requested to tie up the structure of their shelters using the wood and others related material from their own end and after this family who will complete the structure will inform the project committee. Coordinator and technical advisor will visit the structure and will issue the GCI sheets, Grocery and heating system. PCSW&HR started provision of Tool kits from 14th February 2006 to the 145 families and families those received tool kits started to tie up the structure of their shelters and then as per plan family who tied up the structure approached to project committee and has been informed that they have completed the structure of their shelters therefore, they may be issued CGI Sheet, Grocery and heating system so that they may build their permanent shelters as soon as possible. Project committee members (Coordinator and technical advisor) have been visited the each shelter which structure has tied up and then project committee issued the GCI Sheet, Grocery and heating system.

Monitoring of the construction process

During the all process of construction project committee members, Coordinator, Technical advisor, Field Manger, NGO executives and Village Based Volunteers have been visited continuously to all 145 shelters so that quality of work with in stipulated time may be ensured and if any family is facing any kind of difficulty then it may be solved mutually.

Construction process from its beginning to completion is highlighted through some of Snaps.



Step 1

Owner of the shelter is cleaning the scrap of damaged house



Step 2

Owner of shelter is digging the ground to tie up the structure of the shelter



Step 3

A view of wooden pillar structure of a shelter



Step 4

A view of complete wooden structure



Step 5

After the completion of structure CGI sheets are being used for Roofs



Step 6

After the completion of structure & roof shelter is ready for the construction of sidewall



Step 7

After the completion of roofs sidewalls are being prepared with blocks and plane sheets



Step 8

Shelter is complete after sidewalls and plane sheets



A view of heating system being used for cooking



Heating systems is exhausting the smoke from one of shelter

OBOS ' delegation Visit to Project

Two members delegation comprising Mr. Kim Francis Head of International Cooperation Dept/Resource development Dept and Ms. Dominica Choi Project Manger/Development Assistance Team Leader of International Cooperation Dept, One Body One Spirit Movement OBOS – Korea visited the project from 21st March to 25th March 2006 to monitor and assess the project. During their visit they people visited the all shelters physically and interviewed the owner of the shelters. During the visit Korean delegation had also chance to hold meetings with Govt. officials as well also to attend the project committee meeting held under the chair of project committee chairman Additional Commissioner Rawalakot and this meeting held in the newly built permanent shelter.



OBOS delegation visiting the shelters



OBOS delegation interviewing the owner of shelter



OBOS delegation visiting the shelter to meet with the owner of the shelter

One Body One Spirit Movement Delegation also held meeting with the patron in chief of Pakistan Council for Social Welfare & Human Rights Mr. Mehmud Ali Federal Minister R&S Cabinet Division Govt. of Pakistan. While talking with the delegation of One Body One Spirit Movement OBOS Korea at his residence in Islamabad Mr. Mehmud Ali Federal minister (R&S) Cabinet division Govt. of Pakistan said to make the policy of self-reliance a complete success, a socio-economic revolution has become the need of the hour. The delegation led by Mr. Kim Francis the head of International Cooperation and Resource Department OBOS – Korea, Ms. Dominica Choi project Manger - OBOS Korea, Mr. Muhammad Ijaz Noori Chairman Pakistan Council for Social Welfare & Human Rights, Mr. Arshad Ali Bhatti vice chairman Pakistan Council for Social Welfare & Human Rights, Mr. Shakeel Younis General Secretary Pakistan

Council for Social Welfare & Human Rights, Mr. Yasin Goher private secretary to Federal were present at the ocean. He said that under this circumstance the Government alone is not in a position to provide all basic amenities to the earthquake victims, so it was obligatory on NGOs at global level to come forward and cooperate with the Government in this gigantic task of providing amenities to the earthquake victims as Pakistan Council for Social Welfare & Human Rights and One Body One Spirit Movement OBOS Korea did for the rehabilitation of earthquake victims, by providing the permanent shelters at Bermong Kalan. He urged the both organizations that they should extend and continue such kind of projects in future for earthquake victims with the process of community mobilization and participation which is only way to completely rehabilitate the earthquake victim with in short time and with out hurt their ego and self importance.



A view of meeting between Mr. Mehmud Ali Federal Minister Govt. of Pakistan and OBOS delegation in chief PCS

Inauguration of the Shelters

On 24th March 2006 Inauguration ceremony was held at Village Bermong to formally inaugurate these shelters build by the 145 families on self-help basis with the assistance of PCSW&HR and OBOS Korea. President of Azad Jammu & Kashmir Sardar Muhammad Anwer Khan and Sardar Muhammad Yaqoob Khan Deputy Speaker were called as chief guest to inaugurate these 145 shelters, but due to bad weather President Sardar Muhammad Anwer Khan did not attend this ceremony, as aviation authority did not allow his helicopter for landing. Sardar Muhammad Yaqoob Khan attended this ceremony as chief gust. Muhammad Ijaz Noori Chairman Pakistan Council for Social Welfare & Human Rights presided over the inauguration ceremony. OBOS delegation's members, PCSW&HR's executive members, Hundreds of people from village Bermong and its surrounding areas, high profile Govt. officials Additional Commissioner, and others attend this ceremony. Addressing as chief guest at village Bermong Rawalakot AJK during the inaugural ceremony of 145 permanent shelters built by community on self-help basis with the financial & technical assistance and motivation of Pakistan Council for Social Welfare & Human Rights and leading Korean

NGO One Body One Spirit Movement OBOS Sardar Muhammad Yaqoob Deputy Speaker National Assembly of Pakistan said that Earthquake Efectees should play their role for their rehabilitation while keeping in view their traditions, self-confidence and self reliance spirit, because only those Nations obtain wide progress in the world who don't depend on others. The inaugural ceremony was presided over by Chairman Pakistan Council for Social Welfare & Human Rights Muhammad Ijaz Noori whereas Ms. Dominica Choi Project Manger OBOS Korea, Mr. Abdul Khaliq Advocate local project coordinator PCSW&HR, political advisor to president of Azad Jammu & Kashmir Shukat Mehmood and others also addressed the ceremony. Deputy Speaker said that Government, NGOs or other agencies may not provide relief for whole life, because resources are diminishing day by day and again to stand on our foot we have to present the example of courage, and self-reliance with out losing our ego & self



Sardar Muhammad Yaqoob Deputy Speaker National Assembly of Pakistan, Muhammad Ijaz Noori, Dominica Choi, Sardar Abdul Khaliq addressing the Inaugural ceremony of 145 permanent shelters built by Pakistan Council for Social Welfare & Human Rights and OBOS Korea for the earthquake victims of village Bermong Rawalakot – AJK

importance, and we also have to play the role for the development of our nation with our continuous struggle and work. He further said that provision of permanent shelters at Bermong Kalan created solidarity among the followers of two religions Islam and Christianity, because the OBOS just joining this project on the humanitarian grounds and we welcome their efforts for the rehabilitations of suffering humanity. Such kind of activities by Muslim and Christian organizations will helpful to close the humanity on humanitarian grounds and this partnership could be resulted on the durable global peace and poverty alleviation at global level. He further added that Pakistan Council for Social Welfare & Human Rights done remarkable job by mobilizing the people to work on self help basis and he also appreciated the people of Bermong Kalan as they set example for the whole nation by doing work on self help basis. He also urged the other Efectees of earthquake that they should also work for their rehabilitation with same kind of zeal and courage showed by the people of Bermong Kalan. He also paid grief for the losses of human lives and said that unfortunately due to use of poor quality construction material in Govt. building they could not provide the protection and earthquake swallowed the using its all of resources for the rehabilitation of earthquake victims Addressing the ceremony Mr. Ijaz Noori chairman Pakistan Council for Social Welfare & Human Rights said that they thousands of people. Deputy Speaker also assured the people that Govt. of Pakistan

would never tolerate that Efectees of earthquake may bag and they must have to work for their own rehabilitation using their available local resources instead of to spread their hands before any one. He also appreciated the people of Bermong Kalan for their wonderful work on self-help basis with the great keenness and passion. Mr. Noori informed the participants that provision of 145 permanent shelters project has been completed before the stipulate time and all credit goes project committee as well beneficiaries of this project.

Addressing the ceremony Ms. Dominica Choi project Manger - OBOS Korea laud the efforts of the community for their active participation in the Bermong shelter project with the great spirit of self reliance, she said that OBOS will continue will always support the community for their rehabilitation with different kind of activities. She further said that the OBOS would continue their efforts for the rehabilitation on the both ends mentally and physically. She said that OBOS feels that the humanity needs the joint efforts on humanitarian basis for the remedy of problems of earthquake victims and other calamities. She also introduced about the OBOS goals and objectives.

At the end of ceremony Chairman Pakistan Council for Social Welfare & Human Rights presented memorize shields to Sardar Yaqoob and representative to President AJK, whereas Mr. Deputy Speaker also presented shield to Mr. Mr. Kim Frances of OBOS Korea, Additional Commissioner Sardar Khurshid Chairman Project Committee, Sardar Abdul Khaliq project coordinator, Sardar Latif technical advisor and also awarded certificates to Ijaz Qamar, Abid Mehmood, Mehmood Khan, Muhammad Amin, Muhammad Yasin, Shah Mir Khan, Muhammad Saleem and Muhammad Saddique members project committee, Village Based Volunteers Group and Project team members of PCSW&HR & OBOS Korea for their excellent voluntarily efforts during this project.



Deputy Speaker National Assembly Sardar Muhammad Yaqoob Khan, Mr. Kim Francis and others are inaugurating permanent shelters one from the 145 shelters built by the

Interview with 145 Families

After the completion of shelters and shifting of all 145 families to these new permanent shelters all families were interview individually to know their views about the project as well as to know the impact of the project. Some of Interview form attached in this report.

Appreciation Meeting

Final appreciation meeting was held on 18th April 2006. During this meeting hundred of people including family heads of all 145 family those constructed permanent shelters participated. Purpose of this meeting to appreciate the all-145 families who built the permanent shelters utilizing their available resources with the assistance of PCSW&HR and OBOS – Korea and also inspired the others family of village that they should took initiate to construct their damaged shelters on self help basis. PCSW&HR executives, Govt. officials, project committee members, village based volunteers group etc also participated during the appreciation meeting.

Mini Parks for Children

On the demand of community, during this project 2 Mini Parks one at Govt. Middle school for boys and 1 at Govt. primary school for girls also have been established by the PCSW&HR. the main purpose for establishment of these parks is provide the recreation place to the people of village Bermong especially school going age children so that these children may shun away the worst disaster of 8th October 2005 and concentrate on their studies smoothly and play their role for the progress of Nation. One Mini Park has been dedicated to the veteran of Pakistan Movement Mr. Mehmud Ali Federal Minister Cabinet Division Govt. of Pakistan and other has been dedicated to Late Ms Noor Jahean mother of PCSW&HR Chairman.



Prayer is being offering after the inauguration of Mini Children park



A view of Mini Children Park established by PCSWHR and OBOS

Problems and Constraints

While implementing this project we did not face any severe problems or constraints, because during the all phases of this project participation of local community has been ensured and capacity of local volunteers has been built so that they may identify and also solve the any kind of civic or others related problems. So the local volunteers

as well as Govt. officials solved problems we faced during the project. Usually following problems did face during the project.

1. Shortage of technical labor
2. Very high rate of technical labor
3. Some families have only women and not able to find out the technical labor as well to Supervise the constriction process, however village based volunteers group performed these duties
4. Some shelters delayed because owner of these shelters would not able to purchase the material that they people used from their end due to shortage of material from local market like wood, blocks for sidewalls etc.
5. During the project period time to time rain also caused delay to some extent.

Present Status of the Project

Presently all 145 shelters have been completed and families have been shifted to these permanent shelters and living smoothly. All shelters roofs have been painted with blue color and look very prominent and attractive. 2 Mini Parks have been established at Govt. Boys and Girls School village Bermong and now peaceful and healthy atmosphere is available in shape of two mini parks to people of village especially for children of village Bermong.

Evaluation and Monitoring of the Project

As we mentioned earlier that project committee has been formed during the project and member from all three stakeholders PCSW&HR, Community and Govt. officials represent this committee. Project Committee has been continuously monitored the all phases of the project. Meetings of project committee have been held on weekly basis and during its meetings project committee has been review and evaluate the project. In project committee all members those represent the community were responsible to supervise the construction work in their allocated jurisdiction and these members have been presented the progress report of work during the project committee and

after the consolidation of progress reports of all members it has been submitted to PCSW&HR's head office and PCSW&HR' head office has been sent this report to OBOS Korea on their prescribed format.

The technical advisor hired by PCSW&HR during this project has been continuously monitored the construction process and also facilitate the technical labor, especially at the tie of the foundation of shelters he personally supervised the all 145 shelters and provided guidance and assistance on the spot. NGO Executives members and Engineers having very huge experience in the field of construction also have been monitored the construction process during the project. Therefore, construction work remained according to criteria both quality and quantity wise.

Sustainability of the Project

All the shelters have been built are permanent, earthquake proof and have capacity to protect the people from weather effect like snow fall, rain and harsh cold etc and life of these shelters are minimum for next 3 decades. During the final appreciation meeting the owner of all shelters promised that they will prolong these shelters at least for next 30 years and will not amend the shape of shelter, structure etc expect necessary maintenance with out disturb the basic design/structure etc and when Govt. will grant honoraria for the construction of their destroyed houses as Govt. announced, these permanent shelters will be the main portion of their extended new shelters. Moreover village based volunteers groups formed during the project and other influential will also monitor these shelters continuously and it will be ensured from their end that no family may change the structure of the shelter.

Impact of the Project

- The provision of permanent shelters constructed on shockproof basis for 145 families of village Bermong are feeling them secure and with out fear for reoccurring of such kind of disaster in future.
- Govt. and other organizations are also replicating the same specification built by PCSW&HR

- After the construction of shook-proof and permanent shelters these families are now gazing at the future in a constructive and optimistic manner and have started their routine life.
- Before the construction of permanent shelters these 145 families were forced to stay in their damaged/cracked houses because they had no alternate, but now after the construction of permanent shelters all families have been shifted to these new permanent shelters and have started their routine life.
- After the construction of permanent shelters all 145 families especially infant are now safe from weather affects like cold season, snowfall and torrential rains etc.
- The base of this project was purely based on social mobilization and through the strong motivation and mobilization not only those 145 families who built their permanent shelters on self help basis with the assistance of PCSW&HR and OBOS but almost all others families did realize that 8th October disaster was from the Heaven and no one can do anything before the will of Almighty God. Although losses of human lives is irreversible but losses of properties and belongings is reversible and we must stand on our foot again on self help basis by having a deep sense of Nation. Therefore, these 145 families utilized their maximum resources to construct their permanent shelters on self help basis and others families of village Bermong have also realized that no body will come to help them and they will have to stand themselves on self help basis, so most of the families have started the construction of their permanent shelters adopting the same structure of shelters promoted by PCSW&HR during this project.
- After the worst ever earthquake of 8th October 2005 severe aftershocks are still happening and due to non availability of secure shelters earning person were not able to concentrate their business/duties/jobs and now after the construction of permanent shelters family heads of all 145 families have started to concentrate their business or earning manners again and now will earn for their family smoothly.
- A village based volunteer group has been formed in village Bermong and also has capacity to identify and also solve the civic problems in their areas.
- After the establishment of Mini Parks for children at Govt. Boys and Girls School children of village Bermong children have the recreation facilities to shun away 8th October tragedy and concentrate on their studies smoothly.
- The provision of permanent shelters by the Korean NGO OBOS at Bermong Kalan created solidarity among the followers of two religions Islam and Christianity, because the OBOS just joined this project on the humanitarian grounds and such kind of activities by Muslim and Christian organizations will helpful to close the humanity on humanitarian grounds and this partnership could be resulted on the durable global peace and poverty alleviation at global level.

Lesson Learnt

- * This project remained very successful and people of village showed great enthusiasm and zeal during the construction of their permanent shelters

because their participation during the all steps have been ensured by the PCSW&HR and they have been mobilized and also realized that it is their own work and they have to live in these shelters and have to secure their future. PCSW&HR put forward the specimen of shelter which contains the minimum 10 x 10 feet size but community built all shelters minimum size 16 x 16 feet which showed their interest in this project as well as the popularity of the project among the community.

* With out the involvement of local community and Govt. end no project towards rehabilitation for earthquake victims can never succeed, because local community and Govt. ends actually know that what kind of assistance or activities are required to rehabilitate the earthquake victims and which areas are required priority for rehabilitation.

* Man is social animal and no body can live isolate and with out mutual help and fraternal we can't overcome suck kind of calamities happened due to natural disasters.

* After the assistance by OBOS Korea people of village Bermong are personally feeling that they are really part of Global village as people all over the world rushed towards them for their help with out prejudice or bias of religion, creed, nationality and this project is one of the sample.

* Even six months has been passed when worst ever earthquake hit the mostly areas of AJK and caused severe damage and yet the people have not bring them out the traumatize situation. Although most of the families have some of resources remained save during the earthquake but still they people are in shock. So we may boost them and through the social mobilization we may use their available resources for the construction of their own permanent shelters on self help basis and mainstream them as they were before 8th October 2005.

* Although community extended their shelter size from 10 x 10 feet to 16 x 16 feet but these shelters can't fulfill the residential needs of an average family because at AJK family norm is 7 to 8 persons of each family.