Report on Presidential Award to Pakistan Council for Social Welfare & Human Rights to Acknowledge its Splendid Efforts for Immediate Relief and Rehabilitation Activities for 8<sup>th</sup> October 2005 Earthquake Victims at AJK – Pakistan

As on 8<sup>th</sup> October 2005 the massive *earthquake* disaster of Pakistani history destroyed the beauty of Azad Jammu & Kashmir, which is called paradise on the Earth. Thousands of buildings collapsed in the worst affected districts of Muzafarabad, Bagh, Neelam valley and Rawalakot. Independent observers claimed about the loss of more than 80 thousand human lives and injured ten thousands others besides the expensive damages of the property in AJK and NWFP. At that crucial time like others several National and International organizations, PCSW&HR also took initiative and performed so many activities for the relief and rehabilitation of Earthquake victims with the financial assistance of different National and International donors as per detail given below.

#### PCSW&HR's Activities for Immediate Relief

## <u>16-10-2005</u>

On 16th October PCSW&HR distributed 03 trucks of relief goods among the earthquake victims at rural area Ghari Dopatta of District Muzafarabad with the collaboration of local youth groups and philanthropists for 1000 families for the worth of Rs. 0.8 million. Relief goods consisting on food items (Grocery) for the period of 2 week, Blankets, General Medicines, Children's toys and clothes etc.

# 24-10-2005

On 24th October PCSW&HR distributed the relief goods among the earthquake victims at Jalalabad (Muzafarabad) for 277 families for the worth of Rs. 0.4 million with the coordination of Prime Minister Office of AJK. Relief goods consisting on food items (Grocery) for the period of 2 week, Blankets, Children's toys and clothes etc.



Mr. Muhammad Ijaz Noori Chairman and others officials of PCSW&HR distributing the Relief goods among the earthquake victims

On 29th October PCSW&HR distributed the relief goods among the earthquake victims at Village Dheer Kot District Bagh with the collaboration of Cathedral School System for 200 families for the worth of Rs. 0.4 million with the coordination of AJK Muslim Conference. Relief goods consisting on food items (Grocery) for the period of 2 weeks, Blankets, Children's toys, small drinking water tanks and clothes etc.

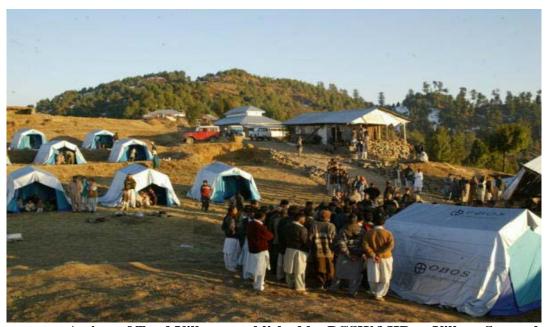
#### 07-11-2005

On 7th November 2005 PCSW&HR distributed the relief goods among the earthquake victims at Village Ghazi Abad District Bagh with the collaboration of local NGOs for 200 families for the worth of Rs. 0.4 million with the coordination of AJK Muslim Conference and Idra Khidmat-ie-Insanee (IKI) Relief goods consisting on food items (Grocery) for the period of 2 weeks, Blankets, small drinking water tanks and clothes etc.

### **Tent Villages**

Pakistan council for Social Welfare & Human Rights also established 7 Tent villages at following locations of AJK for those families have lost their houses during the 8<sup>th</sup> October Earthquake. The purpose of these tent villages was to provide immediate temporary shelters to earthquake effected families so that these families may be protected from weather effect like severe cold, snow fall and rains etc.

- 1- Akurban Rawalakot
- 2- Chalhari Bagh
- 3- Salhyari Rawalakot
- 4- Singola Rawalakot
- 5- Bibake Rawalakot
- 6- Bermong Rawalakot
- 7- Pahal Muzafarabad



A view of Tend Village established by PCSW&HR at Village Sangoola

## Distribution of CGI Sheets at Village Nakker Tehsil Dheer Kot

Pakistan Council for Social Welfare & Human Rights distributed 500 CGI sheets at village Nakker Tehsil Dheer Kot among the 30 families to build their permanent shelters using their available material remained save during the 8<sup>th</sup> October 2005, with the Diocese of Gulf, Idra Khadmit-e-Insane (IKI).



A view of distribution of CGI Sheets by PCSW&HR at Village Nakker Tehsil Dheer Kot

#### Provision of 58 Permanent Shelters at Village Kari Kotli Teh Deerkot

After the provision of immediate relief to the earthquake victims at different parts of AJK, PCSW&HR initiated rehabilitation activities and provided 58 permanent shelters at village Kari Kotli with the financial assistance of different local philanthropists, so that earthquake victims saved from severe snowfall, rains and weather effects.

# Provision of 145 Permanent Shelters at Village Bermong Rawalakot AJK Pakistan

Pakistan Council for Social Welfare & Human Rights also provided 145 Permanent shelters having size 16 x 10 at village Bermong Rawalakot AJK.



A View of Permanent Shelters built by PCSW&HR at Village Bermong Rawalakot AJK

# **Provision of Permanent Kitchens, Latrines and Ceilings to 145 Permanent Shelters**

PCSW&HR also provided permanent kitchen, latrines and ceilings to those 145 shelters built at Village Bermong Rawalakot.



Provision of 80 Permanent Shelters at Village Akhorban Rawalakot AJK Pakistan

Recently PCSW&HR has completed another project Under this project 80 permanent shelters consisting 2 rooms size 12 x 12 feet, 1 kitchen size 11 x 7 feet with complete heating system, 1 bath room size 5 x 4 feet with all accessories and 1 veranda size 26 x 4 feet have been provided to theose families of Village Akhorban Rawalakot 100 % lost their houses during the 8<sup>th</sup> October 2005 earthquake.



A View of Permanent Shelters built by PCSW&HR at Village Akhorban Rawalakot AJK

## **Community Participation / Empowerment**

While implementing the all projects for the rehabilitation of earthquake victims' community participation has been ensured at all level by PCSW&HR and work on self-help basis also has been promoted. During the rehabilitation projects PCSW&HR also arranged several orientation workshops at various locations of AJK in earthquake hit areas for local community, youth groups, village based volunteers groups on conflict resolutions, problems analysis and their solutions, needs assessments, team building, work on self help basis, etc to build the capacity of community. PCSW&HR is also planning to launch others projects for community empowerment in which skill training for women, vocational trainings for men etc.

# <u>Children Parks</u>

PCSW&HR also established 2 mini children parks at Govt. Girls and Boys primary schools at village Bermong for children so that by providing these recreation facilities to the effected chidreln they me bring out traumatize situation.



A View of Children Park established by PCSW&HR with the collaboration at Govt. Girls Primary School Bermong Rawalakot

# <u>Public Park</u>

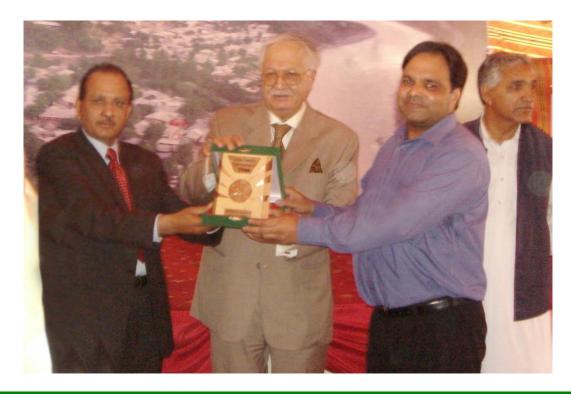
PCSW&HR is also going to establish a very big Public PARK at Neela Butt Tehsil Dheer Kot with the collaboration of Jewlers Association Sialkot and Govt. of AJK On 16the April 2007 the foundation stone of this park has been lead out by HE Sardar Attique Ahmed Khan Prime Minster of the Government of AJ&K at this occasion the PM AJ&K announced that Government will extend this park with extension of land area and the provision of the wild life and other necessities of an international standard park for this purpose Government will spend a large amount by the annual budget.



Prime Minister AJK His Excellency Sardar Muhammad Attique Khan during the foundation stone laying ceremony , Advisor to PM Pakistan Raja Iftikhar Ayub and Mr. Muhammad Ijaz Noori are also seen in the picture.

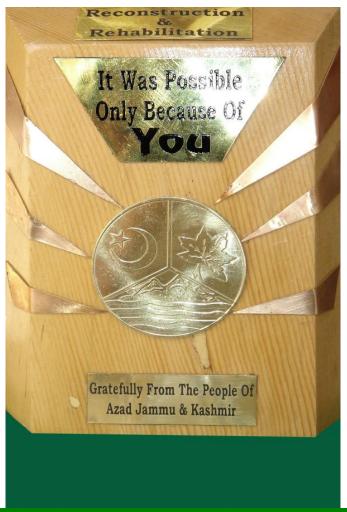
# Presidential Award to PCSW&HR for its Splendid Efforts

While keeping in view the above mentioned humble efforts/activities for the rehabilitation and reconstruction of earthquake victims in the different parts of Azad Jammu & Kashmir PCSW&HR has been awarded the Presidential Award by the Govt. of AJK during the Humanitarian Conference held on 7<sup>th</sup> May 2007. Mr. Muhammad Ijaz Noori Chairman Pakistan Council for Social Welfare & Human Rights received the Presidential Award on behalf of PCSW&HR. During this conference about 150 National, International Organizations, UN Departments, Pakistan Army's Generals, Prominent Media Persons and others who performed their services for the relief and rehabilitation of earthquake victims at earthquake hit areas were also awarded the Presidential Awards by the Govt. of AJK.



Mr. Muhammad Ijaz Noori Chairman Pakistan Council for Social Welfare & Human Rights receiving Presidential Award from His Excellency Raja Zulqarnain Khan during Humanitarian Conference Acknowledgement of PCSW&HR,s Extraordinary Efforts for the Rehabilitation of 8<sup>th</sup> October 2005 Kashmir Earthquake Victims

Humanitarian Conference held at Muzafarabad the Capital of Azad Jammu & Kashmir, Ambassadors from seventeen countries, representatives from 150 National and International NGOs, President Azad Jammu & Kashmir His Excellency Raja Zulqarnain Khan , Ex-President & Prime Minister of AJK His Excellency Sardar Muhammad Abdul Qayyum Khan, Acting Prime Minister AJK Malik Nawaz Khan, GOC Murree, Deputy Chairman Earthquake Reconstruction & Rehabilitation Authority Lt. Gen. Nadeem, Ministers, Members Legislative Assembly, Secretaries and head of different departments and others also participated in the Conference.



 $\overline{\text{View}}$  of the Award Presented by the Government of AJ&K

President AJK His Excellency Raja Zulqarnain, His Excellency Sardar Muhammad Abdul Qayyum Khan, Saudi Ambassador, Deputy Chairman ERRA Lt. Gen. Nadeem applauded the efforts and presented the salute to all organizations, departments for their splendid and extraordinary efforts for relief and rehabilitation of earthquake victims with out any kind of discrimination of religion, race and area, purely on humanitarian grounds. At the ocean of Humanitarian Conference National Flags of 25 countries were hosted by the Government of AJ&K, those have performed splendid efforts for the rehabilitation of earthquake victims and still exist for the rehabilitation of earthquake victims in earthquake hits areas of AJ&K to Officially acknowledge their services.



A view of Flags hosted by the Government of AJ&K of different prominent countries those actively worked in the rehabilitation and reconstruction process in AJ&K after earthquake 2005 during the humanitarian conference



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