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Floods Relief Work – Report for 11 August 2010

Dear friends,

as salamu alaykum

We had a meeting with the Abdalian Association today as a part of our on-going joint efforts similar to what we did after the earthquake in 2005 and the Swat IDP relief last year. We intend to continue this joint effort for the relief and rehabilitation of the floods victims as well insha Allah.

We had a long discussion on what are the areas that we would like to participate in due to limitations of our financial and manpower resources. In order to be more effective, we have decided to focus on two or three specific projects. And if we can raise a lot more funds, then insha Allah we will take on even more.

Following are the few points that we agreed on:

1. There are many NGOs and individuals who are rushing to the affected areas to provide food and other relief items. This is a great effort which should continue. However, since so many others are doing it, we thought that it would be better to concentrate on rehabilitation activities as the floods waters start receding. People have lost their homes and belongings and they need rehabilitation badly.
2. We also decided not to join hands with any of the large NGOs who have very high overhead costs, and we are aware that only a relatively small fraction of money actually goes into relief and rehabilitation. We experienced this at both of the previous disasters, where the other NGOs spent between 20-60% of the funds only for their own overheads. As against that, the Petarian-Abdalian overheads were negligible and we were able to benefit the people directly with almost all of the funds. We do not have management salaries and perks and large SUVs, etc. We work directly with the affected people.
3. We will be selecting specific villages / towns for rehabilitation work, just like we did in the previous cases. We do not want to just go all over the place to dump relief goods. This will have a clear mandate.
4. Some of the Abdalians / Petarians have their own road making and construction machinery and companies. They will be using this machinery and manpower (free of cost) to build some roads and try to rebuild homes.
5. We are going to acquire some second hand machinery to build low cost building blocks. These are machines that produce high strength blocks and are interlocking type. The blocks produced will be given free of cost to those who lost their homes so that they may rebuild them. The affected people will use their own labour but the material will be provided by us.

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We are looking for more innovative ideas to go more for rehabilitation work to supplement the relief work being done by other organizations or individuals.

All of this work will be done in the name of the Petarians-Abdalians.

I have also spoken to Brig. Mukhtar, Vice-President of TPA in this regard so that we can have a joint effort on behalf of the Petarians as well. I have mentioned to him that we should have a joint effort in this regard, and we should have operations in KP, Punjab and Sindh. In this regard, we would expect that

- the Abdalians will take a lead in the work to be done in KP and Punjab
- the Petarians will take a lead in the work to be done in Sindh.

We will need

- Volunteers
- Funds
- Donations in kind - like machines, material, etc.

Brig Mukhtar will be discussing this in more detail with the MC of TPA and will revert to me on the modalities of how to go about the whole matter insha Allah.

I would like to appeal to all Petarians to come forward to join hands in this effort to participate in the alleviation of misery of those affected by this huge calamity.

Your participation can be in the following ways:

1. Funds - You can send your donations / zakat either to TPA or to the Petarian Foundation. If you are sending to the Petarian Foundation, please wire transfer the funds to the following bank account and send me an email with the details

Beneficiary: The Petarian Foundation, 12A, Street 29, F-7/1, Islamabad, PAKISTAN

Account no.: 452-4734549001

Bank/Branch: The Royal Bank of Scotland Limited, 78-W Roshan Centre, Blue Area Branch, Islamabad

SWIFT Code: ABNAPKKAISB

2. Volunteers - If you are able to volunteer your services or time, please contact Brig Mukhtar in Karachi or me. Please specify how you would like to participate. You can send me an email at 671@petaro.org or call me at 0332-671-6710.

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3. Donations in Kind - Please let us know what you would like to donate

Please remember that this is an effort where we intend to be on the ground ourselves rather than going through some other NGO which has high overheads. So please come forward and participate with funds, goods, or your services to the maximum degree.

May Allah reward you all for this.

With Best Regards,

Kazi Zulkader Siddiqui, 671/Latif

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