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Floods Relief Work – Report for 15 August 2010

Dear Friends,
as salamu alaykum

Funds are pouring in from all of you. We now have crossed commitments of over **Rs. 35 lacs** alhamdulillah which have been sent to Petarian Foundation.

As I had reported, we are taking a two-pronged approach to our relief and rehab activities led by the "Petarians / Abdalians". In this regard, the following actions have been taken:

In Khyber Pakhtunkhwa:

- A team of Abdalians led by the President of the Abdalian Association has visited some of the worst affected areas. After survey, they have decided to concentrate on one village for now.
- We are trying to obtain one block making machine to make blocks for rebuilding homes. We shall know the cost of the machine very soon insha Allah which we intend to procure. This will allow us to rebuild the entire village once again.
- Karcon (Pvt) Ltd and Shahzaman (Pvt) Ltd are two large construction companies owned by Abdalians. They are major road builders. They have their own road making machinery, which they will utilize free of cost to rebuild roads in that area.
- They also carried some relief goods that were distributed in that region.

In Sindh:

- Our team led by Major Aamir Syed, kit no. 7571/Iqbal and the sons of Mahmood Baweja proceeded towards Hyderabad 3 days back with 2 truck loads of relief goods. They got back to Karachi this morning with the following report:
- From Hyderabad, our team moved towards Dadu and then onwards to Moro and Nausheroferoz.
- At Nausheroferoz, they tied up with Dr. Manzoor Hussain Debar, kit no. 7521/Ayub, who is located at the local hospital there as Medical Officer.
- The situation at Nausheroferoz is extremely bad with the floods having engulfed many villages. The people have lost everything. Refugees are streaming all over the place and many people are still trapped on top of their rooftops with water all around.
- Our teams were able to get only as far at the edge of the water but could not go further as they didn't have boats.
- They could see the miserable condition of people as far as 2-3Km away, but they had no access to get to that point.

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- During these 3 days, they distributed food to over 500 families, with a ration for nearly 7-8 days.
- We still have food and ration left over for nearly 100 more families which has been left behind with Dr. Deepar who is giving this out. This may not last until tomorrow.
- We will need to send more food and relief supplies immediately.
- At the moment, we need to give more relief supplies, and we intend to get into rebuilding activities as the waters recede.
- The waters are still spreading in the Sindh area, and a major flood is expected to hit Kotri barrage within the few days.

What we need:

- Our teams realized that some of the things they took for distribution are unusable there. For example, the following items should not be taken:
 - Bottled water - the people there don't use bottled water, and are not accepting this. We took half a truck load of Nestle water, which had to be given to hospitals in the area.
 - Canned / pre-cooked food - the village people don't use this. Many of them just threw it away.
- What they need is basic ingredients like
 - Wheat Flour - atta
 - Daal
 - Rice
 - Cooking oil
 - Sugar
 - Tea
 - etc
- They prefer to prepare their own food according to their own way
- We need a boat with an engine to be able to access the flooded areas and to reach out to people who are stranded. We are exploring the cost of buying one to give to our teams.
- The Petarian Foundation already has a Shehzore truck which we are mobilizing for this work in the Sindh area. The truck will be on the road from tomorrow morning insha Allah.
- The Petarian Foundation has a whole lot of tents, blankets, etc which we are in our stores near Peshawar. We are using these for relief work in KP
- We need more and more funds. By the Grace of Allah and your support, we already have commitments of over 35 lacs and more funds are pouring in. We hope to get a lot more so that we can distribute more relief goods and can undertake the reconstruction work as well.

Joint Efforts

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- As reported earlier, we are already operating jointly as "Abdalians-Petarians" where the Abdalian Association is fully on board with the Petarian Foundation.
- Some of our **METU** friends have also joined hands and are providing both material support as well as volunteer services.
- Brig Mukhtar called me a while back and told me that there was a meeting of the Managing Committee of TPA this morning in which Naeemul Hassan, head of CHAEF (who is also a Petarian) participated. In this meeting, the following decisions were taken:
 - That we should have a combined front of TPA, Petarian Foundation and CHAEF under the banner of "Petarians".
 - TPA is mobilizing at a camp at Sachal Goth, Karachi where around 4,000 refugees have already been brought. Dr. Humayoon Sarwat had set up a medical camp there for a few hours already. It is the intention to get cooked food for around 400-500 persons every day at this camp which will be funded jointly by TPA and CHAEF. This food will be prepared by Ahad Shaikh at a subsidized cost of Rs. 2,000 per "daig".
 - There has been discussion to start up a camp near Sukkur with the help of Kamal Khan of 78 entry
 - Dr. Agha Taj, etc will be mobilizing medical camps near Hyderabad as well.
 - Dr. Mashhood Qazi has just sent an email outlining the details of this morning's meeting as well.
- Naeemul Hassan of CHAEF also called me after the meeting that we want to have a joint effort. CHAEF has already mobilized in KP and Sindh. Following are the camps of CHAEF.
 - near Nowshera / Charsadda area where they have set up 3 camps to provide food and medicines
 - at Sachal Goth near Karachi where over 4,000 IDPs have been housed. Combined with TPA volunteers, CHAEF will provide food and medicines.
 - Medical camp at Kashmore has been set up.
 - They have substantial funding from different corporate entities. So this will be a substantial work insha Allah.
 - Please note Naeem's mobile phone no. which is 0300 820-2828. He is doing great work mashallah.
- The Petarian Foundation will insha Allah provide maximum funds in coordination with the Abdalians, TPA and CHAEF for the joint efforts, and will also get its volunteers to work closely with all the Petarian and Abdalian volunteers.
- Our objective will be to operate on virtually negligible overhead costs like we did at Kashmir and for the Swat IDPs.

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I shall post photographs of our teams visit (led by Major Aamir) to Dadu - Nausheroferoze in separate emails so that you may all have an idea of the work being done by us.

Let us all be even more vigilant and pray to Allah to lessen the impact of this disaster, and may He forgive us our sins.

And please continue to support our activities through more donations and/or volunteer work. Let me write the account no. once again for your ease to transfer funds:

- **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

We shall jointly make it happen insha Allah.

With Best Regards,

Kazi Zulkader Siddiqui, 671/Latif