

Chairman
Muslim Aid UK
**Mr. Farooq Murad
visits Pakistan.**



Board of trustee members Mr. Farooq Murad Chairman Muslim Aid UK, Secretary General Board of Trustees Syed Tanzeem Wasti.

Dr. Sohaib and other members were present at the presentation given by Mr. Khobaib A Vahedy Country Director, in the Board of Trustee Pakistan meeting, about the ongoing and upcoming projects of Pakistan Field Office.

After the complete review important decisions were made in the meeting and policies were devised for development activities for next year.

Chairman and Secretary General also met with the newly appointed staff of Pakistan Field Office.



**SECRETARY GENERAL
BOARD OF TRUSTEE
VISITED EARTHQUAKE AREAS
ON COMPLETION OF
ONE YEAR**



Secretary General Board of Trustee Syed Tanzeem Wasti visited earthquake affected areas of Azad Kashmir and NWFP regions on completion of one year of earthquake of October 8th 2005. Muslim Aid Pakistan Team along with Country Director accompanied him during his two days visit of the areas. Mr. Wasti visited drinking water supply projects and took special interest in micro finance program of Muslim Aid in Bagh AJK. He also appreciated the pace of work in the regions and confirmed maximum support by Muslim Aid UK for the up coming development projects in meetings with community of the affected areas. Syed Tanzeem Wasti also met Raja Zafar ul Haq Convener OIC and General Secretary World Muslim League in Motmar - e - alam e Islami Pakistan Office during his stay in Federal Capital Islamabad. Country Director was also present on the occasion.



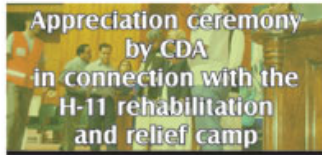
**PRESS CONFERENCE
BY THE CHAIRMAN
IN ISLAMABAD**

Press conference was held in Islamabad/Rawalpindi Press Club Camp office in Islamabad. Chairman Muslim Aid UK Mr. Farooq Murad briefed about Muslim Aid activities during last two decades with special focus on Emergency relief and disaster response activities around the globe. Prominent national print and electronic media representatives asked about the ongoing and upcoming programs of Muslim Aid in Pakistan and also demanded more contribution of organization on behalf of the civil society development partner. Chairman insisted on more focused partnership for development and eradication of poverty. He also demand more contribution of media to highlight the activities of credible social service organization to manifold the process of development. Mr. Tanzeem Wasti was also present at the conference, he briefed about the construction of 60-bed hospital in Manshera District NWFP. Mr. Wasti recently visited the site of the hospital during his visit to NWFP. Country Director Pakistan Mr. Khobaib Vahedy highlighted the Muslim Aid Pakistan Field Office post earthquake activities.

Secretary General Muslim Aid Syed Tanzeem Wasti also addressed the press conference in Karachi arranged by Muslim Aid Pakistan South Region Office at the end of his visit to Pakistan.



On the Roads of Islamabad: Under the theme of "Kal ki yaad - Aaj ka azam" the road show was organized by Pakistan Field Office in Federal Capital Islamabad on October 8th 2006. Started from Dua/prayer at Margalla Tower on 8:52 a.m PST the time of earthquake one year ago. Capital Development Authority (CDA) and Overseas Pakistani Foundation (OPF) were the partners in the mega activity. Volunteers of Muslim Aid Pakistan conducted the activity in Islamabad's prominent places whole day. Signature Wall was placed on the Road Show Float, which was signed by Minister of State for Information and Broadcasting Mr. Tariq Azeem, Federal Secretary Interior Mr. Syed Kamal Shah, Chairman CDA Mr. Kamran Lashari, Presidents and Head of Corporate Sectors, Islamabad and Federation of Chamber of Commerce and Industries (ICCI & FPCCI), social service organizations, Director CDA Malik Auwlia Khan, Principal OPF Girls College Dr. Shaheena and other representatives from prominent national and international institutions to show their affection to the earthquake affected people and the commitment to the cause of Serving Humanity



Capital Development Authority (CDA) conducted an activity in Jinnah Convention Center, Islamabad on October 8th 2006 to acknowledge the relief activities conducted by different organizations during the emergency phase. Federal Secretary Interior Syed Kamal Shah and Chairman CDA Mr. Kamran Lashari presented appreciation certificate and memento to the Country Director Mr. Khobaib A Vahedy on the outstanding cooperation with District Administration during 2005 earthquake. Mr. Vahedy ensured Pakistan government that Muslim Aid is determined to continue its journey and support from recovery to rehabilitation process.



Under the Ramadan program Muslim Aid Pakistan focused the affected areas of both earthquake and floods. Muslim Aid implemented the Ramadan food distribution program through its partners in all three regions i.e. North, South and Kashmir. Around 3000 families were supported under this program. Coupons were distributed among the needy families after thorough survey and verifications prior to the distribution. Food package include 10 kgs of wheat flour, gram flour, 4 different pulses, Rice, Edible oil, and other basic food items, which were sufficient for one family of 4-6 persons were distributed. Communities of all three region participated in the program and participatory spirit was observed.



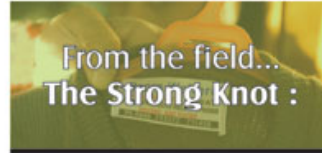
Fund raising Iftar dinners were arranged in Islamabad and Lahore respectively during Ramadan to support the community projects of Muslim Aid in earthquake affected areas of NWFP and Kashmir. First dinner was arranged in Islamabad Golf Club Hall and second dinner was arranged in Defense Club Lahore to include more partners in noble cause of serving humanity. To ensure maximum participation whole team worked with enthusiasm in very short time during Ramadan in both cities. Volunteers of Muslim Aid offered their services without time bounds. Although there were pilot fundraising events initiated by Muslim Aid but it gained public attention and participation. Chairman, Muslim Aid Pakistan, Dr. Sohaib presided the ceremonies. Country Director Mr. Khobaib A Vahedy and Resource Mobilization Manager Mr. Amjad Pervaiz took the pledges in a very effective way and persuaded the individual donors to support Muslim Aid to serve the



Community in a more effective manner. Country Director also thanked the sponsor of the Islamabad dinner Mr. Javed Mumtaz and Meezan Bank Pakistan. Special feature of the program was the participation of representatives from the affected areas of earthquake who shared their experiences during and after disaster. Most of these participants not lost their shelters but also their close family members.



torrential rains played havoc in the city, inundating more than 800 houses, taking along a large number of cattle heads and completely destroying standing crops up to 13 Kilometers on both sides of the river. Muslim Aid took active part in the relief activities, and Food Minister Mr. Fazal-e-Rabbi distributed relief goods, provided by Muslim Aid, among 500 families here in Mardan and 500 families of Charsada district the most affected districts of NWFP. He stated that Muslim Aid always provided relief to victims of natural disasters in the past as well like the October 2005 earthquake. He also appreciated the sincere efforts of Muslim Aid Country Office to assist the government to overcome the aftermaths of the disaster due to devastating flood by conducting medical relief camps. Mr. Khobaib A Vahedy, Country Director and Program Manager North Syed Moeez-ud-Din accompanied the Provincial Relief Commissioner during the distribution of relief goods. He said that there should be very close coordination among the NGOs and the government agencies especially at the time of such disasters. It is the prime responsibilities of the government to provide such platform and strengthen public private partnerships. Muslim Aid Pakistan Field Office had established Medical Relief Camps in Charsada City, Umerzai (Charsada Distt.), Turangzal (Charsada Distt.). Information gathered from different affected areas of the district shows that relief activities that are in progress are accelerated due to participation of relief organizations to overcome the crisis of clean drinking water, food, shelter and medical facilities of the disaster victims.



Salma Bibi aged 30 years a young widow among the trained students at Ranra Knitting Center expressed her feelings: "Its Allah's blessing on us and hope for her five orphan children because she was facing extreme problems after death of her husband. Her children had discontinued their studies due to non availability of basic necessities of life. But now she can live at her own and earn a respectable income of about PKR. 7,000/- per month". "Ranra" means light in local Pashto language, an organized knitting center run by local resident familiar with the name Ayesha Baji (Baji the elder sister) is self evidence of commitment and determination of a noble lady from beautiful valley Swat , NWFP , seven hours drive from Federal Capital Islamabad. Under the caring supervision of Baji , Muslim Aid funded, project is providing knitting training to 22 female students at a time. Out of first batch 16 trained students are now master trainers themselves. These trained students are now part of small knitting production unit of Ranra. Currently each trained student is knitting 3-4 sweaters on an average per day to fulfill the requirements of local private schools uniform and make their earnings. Other then sweaters they are equally capable of producing woolen knitted caps, neck scarves and other woolen items. 22 Knitting machines provided by Muslim Aid Pakistan are sufficient for small production unit. Baji aims to collaborate with Provincial Government and Education ministry to take bulk orders of winter school uniforms to make project sustainable. She is also planning to establish a modern set up with a presentable display center.



Disaster Response Hyderabad Mardan & Charsada Flood



South: Hyderabad Rains- Clean drinking water was distributed among affected citizens due to heavy rain and for medical relief camps were arranged by team in the under the supervision of Mr. Rizwan Baig Program Manager South Region.

A massive humanitarian catastrophe had taken place in the form of flood in earthquake affected areas of NWFP due to heavy rains. Some 16,000 mud-brick houses were destroyed or damaged by flooding in several districts, including 12,000 in the badly hit district of Mardan northeast of the provincial capital Peshawar. Most of the casualties had taken place in Mardan, Charsada. The gushing water that overshot the banks of Jeendi River, Charsada due to



In brief...

- One successful year completed by Muslim Aid Pakistan Field Office
- Donation of ambulances:
 - PMWO Plasma Phrases Speedy Unit
 - Falah Foundation Field Ambulance at Chakwal
 - Emergency Response Units Al-Khidmat Society Karachi
- Donation appeal campaign was launched in Ramadan in prominent national print media.
- MAP participated in partner organizations activities:
 - WISH
 - PMWO
 - Falah Foundation
 - Sukhi Development Foundation
 - HOPE Foundation
- Water Projects in AJK & NWFP completed
- Partner Organizations Training Workshops were held in Islamabad, Lahore and Karachi under the theme of "Better understanding- Better results"
- Micro Finance Projects were implemented through local partner Sukhi Development Foundation to two hundred families in AJK.

Upcoming ...

- Muslim Aid Pakistan, Kashmir Region office in Bagh will be operational by January 2007.
- Qurbani 1427 program: Pakistan Field Office focusing earthquake areas and in Lahore, Karachi & Peshawar to overcome the food needs, will be implemented.
- Micro finance supported Enterprise Development Centers (EDCs) will be established soon.
- Ufone facilitation in fundraising through SMS service.
- Young Professional program by Muslim Aid Pakistan for talented students.
- Chambers of Commerce and corporate sector involvement will be focused in year 2007 to encourage Public, Private and Civil Society Partnerships.
- Manshera NWFP 60 bed hospital will be the mega project in 2007.
- Housing Project will be launched in 2007, British architects team Architects for Aid (AAA) will design the seismic resistant houses.

Appeal For Donation

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