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O God! What did he find who lost You? And what did he lose who found You?

Imam Husayn (AS)



Salaamun Alaykum,

Compassion, humanity and generosity - these are the key fundamentals of our community worldwide. In the human body, when a part of the body is injured, the rest of the body works harder to overcome the pain and recover the body to its original state. Our community is just like this: when one of us is in need, the rest fulfil that need and we prosper as one complete organism.

So when such a fatal and tremendous calamity such as the flooding in Pakistan transpires, our community is triggered into action. In this edition of Insight, The International Relief and Development team report on the developments and work that has gone into recovering from this disaster and the situations in some of the worst hit areas across Pakistan.

Propagation and education have been a key focus for the Islamic Education and Qum Office. Amongst other projects, they have been striving to perform Tableegh outside our community in areas of Bosnia, Sindh – Pakistan and Mumbai – India. The desire to strengthen and educate our community is always fundamental and the Islamic Education's report on the Community Engagement programmes, CPD courses and youth mentoring courses have been evident of this.

The Health Department also report in this edition on the variety of projects undertaken throughout the world to provide healthcare and education to our communities and assisting with the relief efforts in disaster struck areas.

The Insight publication is in transition, gathering ideas and suggestions from its readers to further develop and improve its content and delivery. Therefore due to economic and environmental reasons we are looking at launching an electronic format for all those who want to receive this publication in this manner. To add your details to the electronic database, just visit www.world-federation.org and follow the links.

We have also been listening to your feedback and are currently in the process of making the publication more accessible and user friendly by working on producing multilingual editions.

If you wish to contribute to future issues of Insight, have any suggestions or comments or if you know of someone who would like to receive the Insight publication, but currently does not, please let us know by emailing us at communications@world-federation.org

Hasnain Ramji
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International Relief & Development



'Your assistance of the weak is one of the best forms of charity.' (Imam al-Kazim, AS)

Through various campaigns and appeals, International Relief and Development aims to raise global awareness of the struggles faced by countless Shia Muslims living in different parts of the world and address their humanitarian needs in an effort to alleviate their hardships.

PAKISTAN FLOOD RELIEF: A SLOW MOTION CATASTROPHE

On 28 July 2010, Pakistan witnessed the worst monsoon rains in 80 years. The downpour, which began over the upper reaches of the Indus River basin, has caused catastrophic floods nationwide, displacing about 20 million people. With the disaster building over time, these floods have left a path of destruction of more than 1,000 km long from Northern Pakistan into the southern province of Sindh. Communication and the nation's infrastructure have been severely damaged. Homes, businesses, livestock, farmland and crops have been washed away.



The United Nations has rated this disaster as the greatest humanitarian crisis that the UN has ever faced – 'worse than the 2004 India Ocean tsunami, 2005 Pakistan earthquake and the 2010 Haiti earthquake.'

It is a battle against time to save lives as well as plan for rehabilitation of the affected population. The World Federation of KSMC has been working closely with Hussaini Foundation and the Khoja

(Pirhai) Shia Isna Asheri Jamaat to bring aid and relief to the flood victims. With the generous support of our global communities, we are bringing comfort to so many distressed families.

THE WORLD FEDERATION VISIT TO PAKISTAN

From 14 to 23 September 2010, The World Federation of KSMC President - Dr. Asgar Moledina, accompanied by the Vice President of The Council of European Jamaats - Al-Haj Gulamhusein Sumar, as well as Gulambhai Virjee and Al-Haj Sibtainbhai Moledina visited the flood affected regions of Pakistan.

One of the goals of this trip was to assess the needs and requirements of the flood victims. The team visited different villages and met with the local people to understand their plights.



THE PAKISTAN FLOOD RELIEF FUND

On 4 August 2010, The World Federation of KSMC launched the Pakistan Flood Relief Fund to raise funds needed to provide essential goods including food, clean water, shelter and medicines to the affected families. At least 25,000 Shia Muslim families were identified as needing urgent aid.

Around the globe, our Regional Bodies, Jamaats and community members responded immediately to the sufferings and hardships of the affected flood victims by donating generously.



By the Grace of the Almighty, The World Federation has raised about one million dollars (USD) in total to date. After having reviewed various reports from volunteers on the ground, over 1 million dollars (USD) is required to assist these families.



(photo: Imam Hasan Centre (Sydney, Australia): fundraising luncheon to help the flood victims of Pakistan)

Donations received are being spent on both the immediate relief and re-construction efforts for the short, medium and long term. The World Federation will continue to ensure that every pound and every dollar raised will go to help the flood victims.

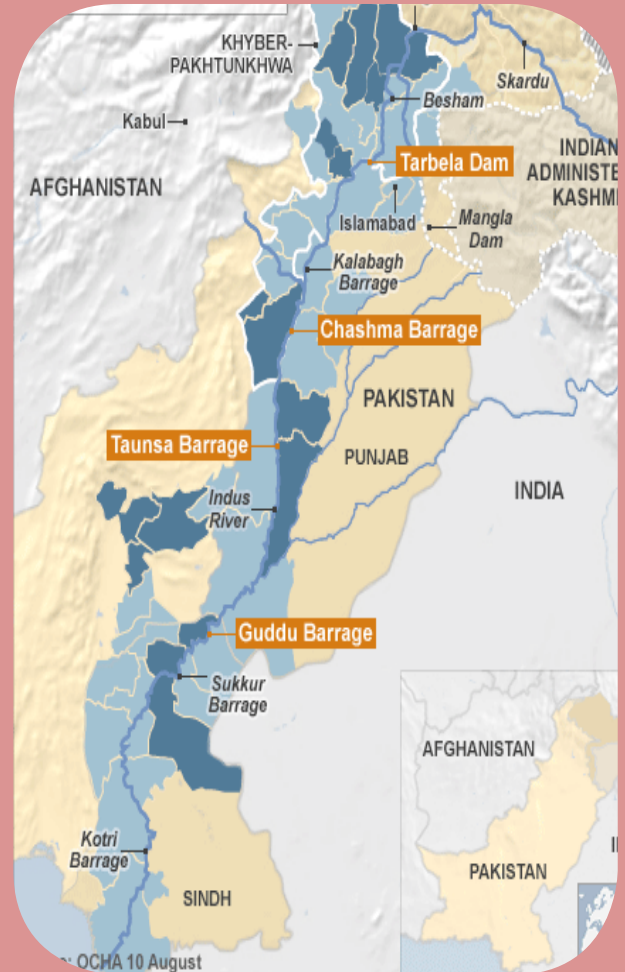
Contributions to Pakistan Flood Relief Fund allow us to help thousands of families in their hour of need. Thank you for your gracious and continued support.

FLOOD IMPACT: NORTH REGION

Punjab and Khyber Pakhtunkhwa (KP) - Vast areas of Punjab and KP are badly damaged. The infrastructure in some areas has either vanished or is severely crippled. Some areas were submerged in water as deep as 6 to 8 feet. With millions of displaced families, the vast majority of the people here need temporary shelters or tents until the flood waters have receded and the land is once again fit for building on. Currently, water in the low lying areas is receding at a very slow pace. As well, conditions in KP province are not improving as relief efforts face security problems here.

Azad Jammu and Kashmir (AJK) - Neelum Valley in AJK has been affected by landslides and all main land routes to this area have been cut-off. People are travelling to Muzaffarabad in search of safer grounds and food. Every effort is being made to reach these remote areas to bring aid to the people there.

Gilgit-Baltistan -The situation in Gilgit-Baltistan is still quite severe. Communication modes were severely damaged and access to the flood-affected areas was not possible by land routes. There is a dire shortage of gas and fuel, making it that much more difficult to reach isolated areas by motor transport.



FLOOD IMPACT: SOUTH REGION

Sindh - In the province of Sindh, the districts of Thatta, Makli and Sajawal were badly hit with the floods. Thousands of displaced people are seeking shelter on roadways and in government buildings. Looting and fighting are still ongoing. With mobs looting vehicles, delivering aid to the affected areas continues to be challenging.

In the upper Sindh areas of Kashmore and Sukkar, 1,250 families are registered as Internationally Displaced Persons (IDPs). Many of these flood victims were rescued via boats and brought to land; they were then taken by vehicles to relief camps where they were immediately served cooked meals and given dry food rations.

RELIEF EFFORTS

FOOD RATIONS – Over 20,000 Family Ration Packets (FRP) have been distributed to flood victim families in both the North and South regions. Each food package costs between \$20 to \$30 USD, is enough for a 5 to 10-person family and lasts for 15 to 30 days respectively. So far, a total of \$450,000 USD has been spent on this initiative alone and the project is ongoing. One FRP includes:

ITEM	AMOUNT
SUGAR	3kg
TEA	250gm
MILK POWDER	1kg
PULSES	4kg
SALT	1kg
CHILLY POWDER	250gm
COOKING OIL	2kg
RICE	10kg
PLASTIC SHEET	1



DRINKING WATER – Millions of children and adults alike are currently at risk of waterborne diseases such as cholera because of the lack of clean water across Pakistan. To date, 300,000 litres of clean water have been distributed in Makli, Sindh. Water is transported in tankers which have a holding capacity of 12,000 litres each. Up to now, \$6,000 USD has been spent on this project, costing \$177 per day. This initiative is ongoing.



RELIEF CAMPS - Relief camps have been set up by the Hussaini Foundation to provide shelter and support to families in KP, AJK, Punjab, Islamabad, Sindh and Karachi.

TENTS - With millions of people displaced, families are retreating to roadsides and making temporary shelters out of cardboard, branches and jute sacs. It is not uncommon to find humans sharing cover with livestock.

To date, 650 tents out of 10,000 have been handed out to families in Punjab where the distribution is as follows:

- 275 tents in Jampur
- 50 tents in Rojhan
- 100 tents in Rajanpur
- 75 tents in Muzaffargarh
- 150 tents in Kotadu





MEDICAL CAMPS – With every passing day, the lack of clean water, scattered animal carcasses and mosquitoes are creating serious health problems. The health issues that have surfaced from this disaster are far more severe than those caused by the great earthquake of October 2005.

Medical camps have been set up across 30 villages in Punjab in the areas of D.I. Khan, Rajanpur, Dera G. Khan, Bhakkar, Mianwali, Layyah and Kotaddu where about 2,000 patients were treated here to date.

In Sindh, mobile medical camps treated about 500 patients in Razzakabad and Hawks Bay. A medical camp has now been set up in the village of Tharo Shah in the district of Naushero Feroz. Here over 1,000 patients have received medical assistance. All of these medical initiatives are ongoing.

Two major problems that affected the health and well being of thousands of men, women and children Sindh was dehydration and diarrhea. To help treat these conditions, The World Federation of KSMC donated 40 cartons of medication for dehydration and diarrhea control to the President of the Khoja (Pirhai) Shia Isna Asheri Jamaat, Al-Haj Abul Hassanbhai Gokal for treating the flood victims.

INCREASING AID EFFORTS

The return of Internationally Displaced Persons to their homeland can take up to another 2 to 3 months; until then, these families will require food ration packets and warm blankets as winter approaches. Regional volunteers provided an update of their areas and the following decisions were made to increase relief efforts in Sindh:



TYPE OF AID	QUANTITY	COST PER UNIT	TOTAL COST
Food Ration Packets	30,000 for 3 months (Oct, Nov, Dec)	\$30 USD	\$900,000 USD
Warm Blankets	15,000 units	\$10 USD	\$150,000 USD
Hand Pump Repairs (for drinking water)	500 units	\$150 USD	\$75,000 USD
Transportation for return of IDPs to their homelands			\$10,000 USD

THE RECONSTRUCTION PHASE

In Pakistan, countless men, women and children are looking to us to help rebuild their lives. Like so many of our relief initiatives, The World Federation of KSMC is here for the long haul. Discussions have already taken place around what kind of help we can offer our brothers and sisters affected by the floods to regain control of their lives.



The World Federation is working in cooperation with Hussaini Foundation and the Khoja (Pirhai) Shia Isna Asheri Jamaat to establish the best possible plan to meet the long term needs of the flood victims.



(Photo: people and animals sharing make-shift shelters)

The reconstruction stage will include:

1. Microfinance programmes
2. Housing projects
3. Construction of Mosques and Madrasahs
4. Vaccinations programmes
5. Water supply initiatives (including water wells, irrigation systems, sanitation facilities)
6. A Blanket drive in winter

HOUSING PROJECT: PHASE 1

On 9 October 2010, Hussaini Foundation held a meeting to discuss phase 1 of the development of a housing project for Pakistan's southern region. The total allocation in phase 1 of houses for the southern region is 1,500 units. The construction of single room housing complexes is being planned where 3,500 units are allocated for the Northern Region. The size of each room would be minimum 12 feet by 14 feet. The cost of one housing unit is \$1,000 USD.

A list of the flood-affected families who need housing is being prepared. To date, data has been compiled for 90 villages in District Dadu and 40 villages in District Jacobabad. This data will be used to identify the neediest families who have lost their houses and their livestock for the agriculture projects that are being planned.

In Thatta District, the flood water is still present and is slowly receding; it may take another

month or two to flush out. As the water is receding from the villages the IDPs are returning to their homeland; the most immediate concern on their return will be food and water. 500 water pumps will be repaired in Sindh - out of which 100 are allocated to District Thatta. 20 hand pumps have been repaired and rest will be done as the flood water is cleared. The cost of one hand pump unit replacement is \$325 USD.

The most concerning issue for the villagers is the revival of their agriculture land which has been badly affected; if this concern is not addressed in time, farmers may face serious economic losses and social disorder. Thousands of poor farmers will need support for rehabilitation.



(Photo: houses submerged in flood water)





RECONSTRUCTION OF MOSQUES & CENTERS

With the month of Muharram coming up, there is an immediate need in the southern region to prepare for the venues to hold Majalis and azadari programmes. To this end the Chief Coordinator of Hussaini Foundation has recommended a needs survey to identify areas of need. To kick-start this project, Rs. 2.5 million has been allocated for the Muharram programme.



(Photo: Religious centre destroyed by the flood waters)

FOOD PARCEL DONATIONS

In addition to cash gifts, The World Federation would like to thank The Council of European Jamaats (CoEJ), London - Stanmore Jamaat, Wessex Jamaat, and Milton Keynes Jamaat for donating desperately needed food parcels to the flood affected families in Pakistan. These food ration boxes were purchased, assembled and shipped to Pakistan for distribution.



(Photo: youth volunteers of Wessex Jamaat assembling food packages for flood victims)



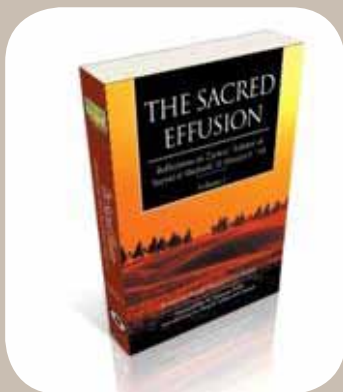
Islamic Education

Islamic Education has two main objectives: to promote the Shia Ithna Asheri faith and to educate members of the community. In its efforts to fulfil its objective, Islamic Education along with the Qum Office has been involved with various projects.

SUPPORT AND PARTNERSHIP IN TABLEEGH

The Ahlul Bayt Society of Aston University, Birmingham felt it necessary to propagate the message and teachings of the Ahlul Bayt in the mainly Sunni populated University and to introduce others to the historic events, theological arguments and contemporary issues based on the universal principles of the Ahlul Bayt. A variety of books and other literature were provided to aid the society's objective. A similar donation of literature was offered to the Bab Ul Ilm Library in Dar Es Salaam, Tanzania in order to expand their available resources.

PUBLICATIONS



The next book in the series **40 Ahadith, Zakat** has been published making 11 in the collection. Various other publications have also been released recently including: 'The Sacred Effusion' – a unique and original piece of

research by Shaykh Muhammed Khalfan on the sacred supplication of Ziyarat Ashura of Imam Husayn (as). A new manual on GCSE Religious Studies has been published – Islam for the unit 8 syllabus of the AQA GCSE Examinations in the UK.

ISLAMIC RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Islamic Education continues to hold Teacher Training days in order to support the Madrasah teachers in delivering and teaching the GCSE and AS Level AQA qualifications in Religious Studies –

Islam as per the examining boards' specifications. Events were held in Birmingham, Peterborough, North London and Watford - with further revision sessions held in Watford and Leicester.

CONTINUOUS PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT (CPD)

Islamic Education of The World Federation of KSIMC in partnership with CoEJ ran a variety of CPD courses, including one for upcoming Zakireen on the art of preparing and presenting a majlis in Milton Keynes. In addition, a public speaking seminar was held in Tanzania for a group of eleven mwalims who were coached and trained to further develop their skills and give them new ideas and methods to enhance their future majlises. The Family Ethics courses were offered in both Minnesota, USA and Arusha, Tanzania by Shaykh Mohammed Ali Ismail. These covered topics such as understanding the purpose of life and marriage, benefits of marriage, evaluation of family relationships and Islamic spirituality.

YOUTH COURSES AND YOUTH MENTORING

Bab al Ilm and Madinah al Ilm Summer Short Courses were held in Iran for youths from all regions including Africa, Europe, and North America. This was an opportunity to perform ziyarat, meet scholars and to study within the Madrasah in Qum with lessons from renowned teachers. The students were accompanied by youth mentors who were given the opportunity to develop their mentoring skills as well as participate within the course itself.





MULLA ASGHAR DIGITALISATION PROJECT

The various lectures, sermons and seminars recited by Mulla Asghar are currently being transformed into electronic format. With many CDs and DVDs of the collection already produced, this project is set to continue and be completed in the near future.

QUM OFFICE

The Qum Office has been involved in various different projects including supporting the Qum students by holding a Hajj Q&A session with Ayatullah Sistanis' representative, 'Dars-e-Akhlak' session designed to awaken the soul and instil spiritual values, and visiting numerous Maraje and scholars.



EXTERNAL TABLEEGH

External Tableegh was designed to propagate the Shia Ithnasheri faith outside the community. This was done by delivering publications and literature throughout the various countries in Africa, and by translating and donating literature in Sindh – Pakistan and Mumbai – India. Television programmes were aired on AhlulBayt TV featuring Mulla Asghars' lecture series and radio programmes were conducted in Bosnia. Tableegh work has also begun in Sri Lanka in alliance with the Az Zahra Association to promote Islamic Education within the various regions.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

The Assistant Secretary General of Islamic Education, Sayyid Aliraza Naqvi visited various local communities throughout the world in order to maintain and develop partnership for the success of future Tableegh projects. His visits included Dubai, East Africa, Mumbai and Qum.

The future aims of Islamic Education involve the completion of the Anecdotes and 180 Questions series of publications, to publish Sacred Effusion 2 and Message of the Holy Quran by Ayatullah Makarim Shirazi and to produce such publication in French. Islamic Education will continue to provide various beneficial courses, assist in Tableegh through resources and expertise and to support enhance and expand our current work whilst maintaining communication with the grassroots.

At the time of going to press we were informed of some of the latest Tableegh projects undertaken in Mumbai. For the latest information on all our projects please visit the Islamic Education section on www.world-federation.org

Health Department

The Health Department's main objective is to offer sustainable health solutions for the community and global society, serving people in areas where there is a lack of basic health services.

To meet this objective, the Health Department supports the Zainabiya Health Centres and Ainullah Eye Clinics in underprivileged areas of India and Pakistan. In addition, the health department also financially supports The World Federation Autistic Day Care Centre in Dar es Salaam.

The Health Department currently provides and/or supports the following:-

PRIMARY HEALTH CARE CENTRES

The World Federation established the Zainabiya Health Centres to provide basic health care to its inhabitants. In addition to this, health education is provided to teach the people fundamental preventative measures as well as the concepts of immunization, family planning and maternity care. ZHC provides healthcare to all at a subsidised rate and free of charge to those who cannot afford to even pay the minimum fee.



Medical camps are organised by Zainabiya Health Centres on a regular basis in towns nearby during which free medical examinations as well as medications are provided.

AEINULLAH EYE CLINICS

About 90% of the world's blind live in developing countries like Pakistan & India. However, if significant efforts are made in this direction then about 70% of blind people will regain their eyesight. About 60% of all blindness worldwide is caused by Cataract, Childhood Eye Disease, Trachoma and Onchocerciasis.

The Aeinullah Eye Clinic brings the gift of sight to thousands of people living in parts of India and Pakistan. The Clinics provide eye treatment to all who are in need, regardless of colour, cast or religion. The patients pay for treatment according to their financial ability, and care is free of charge for those who cannot afford to pay even a minimal fee.



A generous donation of USD 10,000.00 was received towards cataract surgeries of senior citizen of over 60. The funds were split into 2 and sent to Aeinullah Eye Clinics in Lucknow, India and Mianwali, Pakistan. The donors also furnished the department with USD 5,000.00 towards running costs of Zainabiya Poly Clinic.



THE WORLD FEDERATION AUTISTIC DAY CARE CENTRE

The Centre was opened in Dar-es-Salaam on 19 February 2006. The first of its kind in the whole of East Africa, this Centre provides structured support for children with autism and other disabling and chronic conditions. The Centre in Dar-es-Salaam was opened to provide a well structured, nurturing environment for children diagnosed with autism and other chronic conditions such as Down Syndrome, ADHD, ADD and other learning disabilities. The centre currently operates as a day education school, teaching life, and social, communication, and behaviour skills on top of the basic curriculum.

HAJJ MEDICAL MISSION IN PARTNERSHIP WITH IMAMIA MEDICS INTERNATIONAL

The Hajj Medical Mission caters towards fulfilling various tasks, including seminars, medical check ups, injections, distribution of literature, conducting satellite clinics. A report on the Hajj Medical Mission was created and a mail merge was sent to all health donors for the first time. The department, Inshallah, plans to keep our donors updated of all health activities.

ORGANISING MEDICAL AID IN DISASTER STRUCK AREAS

In response to the Pakistan Flood Crisis, boxes of medicine were donated to help the flood victims. These cartons were shipped via Pakistan International Airlines and were distributed in Pakistan by Hussaini Foundation.



The Health Department endeavours to have all its centres become self-funding. However due to the very

poor financial circumstances of the locals, the centre does not charge a large fee, but rather charges negligible fees. The World Federation is very thankful to our donors without whose continuous support, millions of destitute people needing medical support would die of treatable diseases, simply due to lack of funds.



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DESTROYED IN
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