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Coordinating Office

# Rapid Response

## Payment Request No. 26/2008

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**Funds Sent To:** Church World Service – Pakistan/Afghanistan (CWS-P/A) and Norwegian Church Aid (NCA)

**Amount Sent:** CWS P/A: US\$ 31,167  
NCA: US\$ 29,238

**Date:** 31 October 2008

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### Details of Response

**Emergency:** Balochistan Earthquake, Pakistan

**Date of Emergency:** 29 October 2008

**Implementing Member(s):** Church World Service Pakistan/Afghanistan  
Norwegian Church Aid

#### Implementing Partners:

**For CWS - Strengthening Participatory Organization (SPO)** recognised as a leading proponent of participatory development in Pakistan and is engaged in capacity building of community institutions throughout the country. SPO's presence at the grassroots, and its regular interaction and committed partnership with Community Based Organisations (CBOs) have, in turn, strengthened SPO's resolve to assist poor and disadvantaged sections of the communities to help achieve their goals for sustainable development under regular programming as well as at times of disasters. SPO works in five programmes:

**For NCA – Taraqee Foundation (TF)** - was established in 1994 to provide sanitation facilities to marginalized communities of Nawa Killi area in Quetta, Balochistan. It is one of the prominent non-profit organizations in Pakistan, providing need based service delivery to marginalized communities in eleven districts of Balochistan, three of Sindh and one of NWFP. TF's main programme sectors include: improving community physical infrastructure, relief and rehabilitation, micro finance and credit, basic health and education services, child protection and human and institutional development.

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**NOTE:** This RRF will likely be followed by a larger emergency appeal, once the extent of the earthquake damage is more fully known and once the rapid needs assessment has been carried out.

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The ACT Coordinating Office is based with the World Council of Churches (WCC) and The Lutheran World Federation (LWF) in Switzerland.

### **DETAILS OF THE EMERGENCY**

A powerful earthquake hit the south-western Balochistan province of Pakistan on October 29, 2008. The epicenter of the quake was in Chiltan Mountains.<sup>1</sup> The tremor struck 70km (45 miles) north of Quetta at 0409 (2309 GMT Tuesday) at a depth of 10 km (6.2 miles).

At least 160 people have been reported killed<sup>2</sup>, and thousands of homes of mud and timber have been reduced to rubble. The areas hit by the earthquake are Pishin, Ziarat, Qila Abdullah, Chaman, Loralai, Sibbi, and Mastung. The worst-hit area appears to be Ziarat, about 50km north of Quetta, where hundreds of mostly mud and timber houses had been destroyed in five villages. The quake injured scores of people and triggered landslides that destroyed about 1,500 houses and blocked roads. Rescuers were still trying to reach some remote places in the mountains above the Ziarat valley, where many people are believed to be buried.<sup>3</sup> Authorities were urgently trying to help about 12,000 homeless people and to bury the dead.

Many houses collapsed during the quake and some were destroyed in landslides that followed it. Stunned survivors spent the rest of the night in the open, with little more than the clothes in which they had been sleeping. The mountainous region is thinly populated and local infrastructure is poor, making it difficult to get a clear picture of the casualties.<sup>4</sup>

Hospitals in the nearby town of Kawas and Quetta were flooded with the dead and injured.

According to the latest government information, the following districts of Baluchistan province are severely affected by the earthquake: Ziarat, Quetta, Sibbi, Bolan, Chaman, Mastung, Qilla, Abdullah and Qalat

### **ACTIONS TO DATE & EMERGENCY NEEDS**

According to the National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA), 300 rescue workers had reached the affected areas. The Pakistan army said it was rushing medical teams on helicopters and had set up a field hospital in Quetta.

The Prime Minister of Pakistan has announced a monetary compensation of Rs. 300,000 for the survivors of each deceased family members person and Rs. 100,000 for the seriously injured. The NDMA was directed to carry out relief work expeditiously, monitor relief activities in all affected areas and ensure provision of proper free medical care to the injured as well as relief goods like tents, blankets and food items.

Government officials said they were distributing thousands of tents, blankets and food packages and sending in earth-moving equipment to dig mass graves for those killed.

NDMA is sending its first dispatch of emergency relief items and mobilizing a search and rescue team. 5,000 tents, 5,000 blankets, 15,000 plastic sheets, winter clothing, emergency food items have been dispatched. A 100-bed field hospital is being deployed in Quetta, possibly in Ziarat. Another field hospital is on standby in Rawalpindi and will be deployed on a needs basis. PDMA has further requested for 2,000 tents, 5,000 blankets, food covering 20,000 affected people and 4 New Emergency Health Kits (NEHKS). One kit is enough for a population of 10,000 for 3 months.

According to Inter-Services Public Relations (ISPR), Pakistan army contingents and three C-130 aircraft have been sent to Wachun, Kawas in Ziarat district and Toba Achakzai in Pishin district for rescue operations along with mobile medical teams.

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<sup>1</sup> Geological Survey of Pakistan

<sup>2</sup> Latest Government Statistics as of 19:00 – 29 October 2008

<sup>3</sup> Reuters News Agency

<sup>4</sup> www.bbc.co.uk

**COORDINATED IN-COUNTRY RESPONSE<sup>5</sup>**

- WHO is sending one New Emergency Health Kit, two Trauma Kits (part A and B) and Five Mini Emergency Health Kits which will reach Quetta by 31 October. A WHO team is also part of the joint UN Assessment Mission to Ziarat and Pishin districts.
- UNICEF is working with the government and other UN agencies to coordinate a response. It is also part of the joint UN rapid assessment mission to assess damage to the worst affected districts. UNICEF is ready to mobilize its contingency stocks as part of the relief operation.
- Oxfam, Save the Children and MSF-Holland have sent assessment and response teams to Ziarat and are ready to intervene in relief activities.
- CARE is preparing to ship 100 winterized family tents to the affected areas near Quetta and emergency supplies and dispatch a medical team to treat injured survivors.
- CWS-P/'s partner SPO has been immediately engaged in assessment, and CWS-P/A also mobilized emergency relief items from its warehouse to be sent to Balochistan. In addition, joint assessment by Pakistan Humanitarian Forum (PHF), a forum of INGOs in Pakistan in which CWS-P/A is a member of, is planned to be conducted very soon.

**CHURCH WORLD SERVICE, PAKISTAN/AFGHANISTAN EMERGENCY RESPONSE**

At the moment SPO, along with members of the Pakistan Humanitarian forum (PHF), local authorities and other local and international organizations are in the phase of assessing the needs:

**OBJECTIVE**

Support communities and families most affected by the earthquake by providing basic necessary items including food, winterized tents (including blankets), and hygiene kits.

**TARGET POPULATIONS**

In total, 4,000 families will be assisted. 100 food packages will be distributed to 100 of the most vulnerable families, 1,000 tents along with plastic sheet and blankets will be distributed to 1,000 families, and 4,000 hygiene kits will be distributed to 4,000 families among the affected population.

CWS-P/A, with the collaboration of its local partner SPO, will select the most vulnerable, affected families in the above districts. Vulnerability criteria will be used for selection of beneficiaries.

**PROPOSED ASSISTANCE**

CWS-P/A will implement the project with its local partner SPO. It is planned that the affected communities will be assisted in prioritizing their felt needs for coping with the current situation. A team comprising Project Coordinator, Social Mobilizers (1 male and 1 female) as well as a few volunteers will be deputed to carry out the emergency services under the overall guidance and support of the implementing partner.

The following activities will be carried out in the following sectors:

**Food:** The food packages will be distributed among 100 most affected families (average of 7 members per family). The field team will identify the vulnerable families and distribute the tokens and inform them about the time and the distribution point. The food package will be made as per SPHERE standards and the distribution will be done keeping in view the human respect and dignity. The food package comprises the following:

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<sup>5</sup> UN Resident Coordinator Office Report

S. No	250 Food Packages	
	Food Item	Quantity
1	Wheat Flour	80 Kg
2	Rice	40 Kg
3	Cooking Oil	10 Litres
4	Sugar	7 Kg
5	Tea Leaves	2 Kg
6	Milk	2 Kg
7	Salt	1 Kg
8	Match box	1 Box
9	Bath Soap	1 Box
10	Pulses	7 Kg

### **Shelter**

1,000 winterized tents will be distributed among the affected families. The size of the tent will be as per SPHERE standard i.e. 4 X 4 meter with iron polls and one plastic sheet for ground floor will be provided. Apart from tent, four (4) blankets will also be provided with each tent. Tents and blankets are being transported from CWS-P/A's warehouse in Mansehra, and will be treated as advance from ASPK-61.

### **Hygiene Kits**

Hygiene kits are also transported from CWS-P/A's Mansehra warehouse and will also be treated as advance from ASPK-61.

### **COORDINATION**

CWS-P/A has been actively sharing information with the Pakistan Humanitarian Forum (PHF), national and international organizations, local government as well as UN agencies. Through SPO as its local partner, CWS-P/A is confident that in the current emergency situation they will develop a strong network for providing emergency assistance to the earthquake affected communities. CWS-P/A will also coordinate with Sphere Project and Humanitarian Accountability Partnership (HAP) to ensure the implementation of quality and accountability in relief operations.

### **COMMUNICATION**

CWS-P/A Disaster Response Program (DRP) is working closely with its communication office. All the information along with the pictures will be shared with communication office for up-dates on the earthquake affected areas. These up-dates will be shared with the donor communities as well as with UN clusters, Pakistan Humanitarian Forum, NDMA and rest of the international community. The Communication Office will accompany DRP staff at the time of the distribution, and then will release media briefs. The Communication Office will upload the information on CWS-P/A website. In addition, there will be a constant sharing of information with ACT communication office for transparency and accountability.

### **VISIBILITY**

CWS-P/A will ensure to have a logo on winterized tents, hygiene kits and will also introduce ACT and CWS-P/A in the community/ beneficiary meetings. Visibility actions will be taken whenever deemed possible.

### **PLANNED IMPLEMENTATION PERIOD:**

The project life cycle is of 2 months

**CWS BUDGET**

Description	Type	No.	Unit Cost	Budget	Unit Cost	Budget
	Unit	Units	PKR	PKR	USD	USD
<b>DIRECT ASSISTANCE</b>						
<b>Crisis Phase (if applicable)</b>						
<u>Food Relief Assistance</u>						
Wheat Flour (80 Kg)	Package	100	2,860	286,000	34	3,405
Rice (40 Kg)	Package	100	3,000	300,000	36	3,571
Pulses (7 Kg)	Package	100	420	42,000	5	500
Cooking Oil (10 Litres)	Package	100	1,760	176,000	21	2,095
Sugar (7 Kg)	Package	100	301	30,100	4	358
Tea Leaves (2 Kg)	Package	100	524	52,400	6	624
Iodized Salt (1Kg)	Package	100	17	1,700	0	20
Match Box (1Box)	Package	100	10	1,000	0	12
Bath Soap (1 Box)	Package	100	92	9,200	1	110
Dry Milk (2 Kg)	Package	100	736	73,600	9	876
Packaging and Handling	Lump sum			90,000		1,071
<b>Sub - Total</b>				<b>1,062,000</b>		<b>12,643</b>
<u>Temporary Shelter - taken from stocks in Mansehra</u>						
Winterized Tents	per tent	1,000		0	0	0
Blankets	per sheet	4,000		0	0	0
Hygiene Kits	Per kits	4,000		0	0	0
Transportation Cost				1,050,000		12,500
<b>Sub - Total</b>				<b>1,050,000</b>		<b>12,500</b>
<u>Direct Programme Related Costs</u>						
Salaries & benefits CWS staff	Per person	2	60,000	120,000	714	1,429
<u>Direct Programme Related Costs (Partner)</u>						
Admin & Finance (Partner Org)	per month	1	20,000	20,000	238	238
Coordinator (Partner Org)	per month	2	20,000	40,000	238	476
Volunteers (Partner Organ)	per month	2	5,000	10,000	60	119
<b>Sub Total</b>				<b>190,000</b>		<b>2,262</b>
<u>Operational Cost - Partner</u>						
Vehicle Fuel/Maintenance	per month	2	10,000	20,000	119	238
Transport & Transportation	per month	2	25,000	50,000	298	595
<b>Sub - Total</b>				<b>70,000</b>		<b>833</b>
<b>TOTAL DIRECT ASSISTANCE</b>				<b>2,372,000</b>		<b>28,238</b>
<b>IN-DIRECT ASSISTANCE</b>						
<u>Operational Costs CWS P/A</u>						
Communication	per month	2	10,000	20,000	119	238
Vehicle Fuel/Maintenance	per month	2	20,000	40,000	238	476
Meals & Incidentals	per month	2	10,000	20,000	119	238
Boarding Lodging	per month	2	8,000	16,000	95	190
Local Travel	per month	2	10,000	20,000	119	238
Transport items (Khi - Quetta)	per truck	2	55,000	110,000	655	1,310
<b>Sub - Total</b>				<b>226,000</b>		<b>2,690</b>
<u>MONITORING &amp; EVALUATION</u>						
Monitoring & Evaluation	Estimate			20,000		238
<b>Sub-Total</b>				<b>20,000</b>		<b>238</b>
<b>TOTAL IN-DIRECT ASSISTANCE</b>				<b>246,000</b>		<b>2,929</b>
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE</b>				<b>2,618,000</b>		<b>31,167</b>
Exchange Rate: 1 USD		84				

## **NORWEGIAN CHURCH AID PROPOSED EMERGENCY RESPONSE**

At the moment the Taragee Foundation, along with the local authorities and other local and international organisations are carrying out needs assessments.

### **OBJECTIVE(S)**

Reduce vulnerability and suffering of the most affected communities through provision of basic necessary relief items (winterized tents, quilts, plastic mats, and stoves) in earthquake affected areas.

### **TARGET POPULATIONS:**

In total, 250 families will be assisted. 200 winterized tents, 250 quilts, and 200 plastic sheets, 200 plastic mats will be distributed to 250 most vulnerable, families among the affected population.

<b>Relief Items</b>	<b>Families</b>
Winterized Tents	200
Quilts (Razai)	250
Plastic Mats 9x12	200
Stoves	200

### **PROPOSED ASSISTANCE**

It is planned that the affected communities will be assisted in prioritizing their needs for coping with the current situation. **Taragee Foundation** staff as well as a few volunteers will be deputed to carry out the emergency services under the overall guidance and support of TF management.

### **Shelter**

200 winterized tents will be distributed among the affected families. The size of the tent will be as per SPHERE standard. Along with tent one plastic sheet/mat for ground floor will be provided.

### **Quilts:**

250 quilts will be provided to the most affected families.

### **Stoves**

200 stoves will be distributed to the most vulnerable affected families.

All relief materials will be procured from Quetta and transported to the affected areas by NCA partner Tarraqui Foundation.

### **CO-ORDINATION**

NCA Islamabad office is sharing information with CWS and its partner organization in Balochistan. While NCA partner TF is sharing information with other national and international organizations, local government as well as UN agencies involved in the relief work at the provincial level. TF has a strong network for providing emergency assistance to the earthquake affected communities. To maintain quality and accountability in relief operations, NCA will ensure that its partner TF closely follows the Sphere standards for provision of relief to the affected families.

### **COMMUNICATION:**

NCA is working closely with both CWS and its partner organization TF in Balochistan. TF will share all information along with the pictures with NCA office for preparation of updates on the earthquake affected areas. These up-dates will be shared with ACT, the donor communities as well as with other national and international organizations in collaboration with CWS. NCA staff will visit the project areas at the time of the distribution, and then will share required information with CWS for media briefs. NCA will also ask its head office to upload the information on NCA website. NCA HO in close contact with Norwegian Media. In

addition, there will be a constant sharing of information with ACT communication office for transparency and accountability.

**VISIBILITY:**

NCA will ensure that its partner TF have a logo on the relief materials and also introduce ACT and NCA in the community/ beneficiaries meetings. Visibility actions will be taken whenever deemed possible.

**PLANNED IMPLEMENTATION PERIOD:**

Implementation period is planned for two months.

**NCA BUDGET**

Description	Type	No.	Unit Cost	Budget	Budget
	Unit	Units	PKR	PKR	USD
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>					
<b>DIRECT ASSISTANCE</b>					
<b>Temporary Shelter</b>					
Winterized Tents	Tent	200	6,500	1,300,000	15,476
Razai Quilts	Sheet	250	1,000	250,000	2,976
Plastic Mats 9X12	Sheet	200	1,500	300,000	3,571
Stoves	Per Nos.	200	1,000	200,000	2,381
<b>Sub - Total</b>			<b>10,000</b>	<b>2,050,000</b>	<b>24,405</b>
<b>Direct Programme Related Costs (Partner)</b>					
Emergency coordinator	Person	1	35,000	35,000	417
Social Organizer 1 Male 1 Female	Person	2	25,000	50,000	595
<b>Sub - Total</b>			<b>60,000</b>	<b>85,000</b>	<b>1,012</b>
<b>Operational Cost (Partner)</b>					
Transportation Quetta to Ziarat	Per truck	4	25,000	100,000	1,190
Ware house rent	Month	1	10,000	10,000	119
Security Guards	Month	2	8,000	16,000	190
Vehicles (Shahzore) for transport of material with POL	Month	1	75,000	75,000	893
Loading unloading of materials	Per truck	4	10,000	40,000	476
<b>Sub - Total</b>			<b>128,000</b>	<b>241,000</b>	<b>2,869</b>
<b>TOTAL DIRECT ASSISTANCE</b>			<b>198,000</b>	<b>2,376,000</b>	<b>28,286</b>
<b>IN-DIRECT ASSISTANCE</b>					
<b>Operational Cost (Partner)</b>					
Communication	Month	1	20,000	20,000	238
Staff Travel, meals and boarding	Month	1	60,000	60,000	714
<b>TOTAL IN-DIRECT ASSISTANCE</b>			<b>80,000</b>	<b>80,000</b>	<b>952</b>
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE (A+B)</b>			<b>278,000</b>	<b>2,456,000</b>	<b>29,238</b>
Exchange Rate: 1 US\$	84				

***ACTION***

The ACT Co-ordinating Office has approved the use of US\$ 60,405 towards the budget from its Rapid Response Fund and would be grateful to receive contributions to wholly or partially replenish the fund. Should there be an appeal for this emergency, the RRF payment will be considered as an advance.

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