

## FROK FLOOD APPEAL: THANKS AND PROGRESS REPORT



*All photos taken by KK staff*

A big thank you from FROK to all who have donated, persuaded others to donate, or alerted friends on Facebook or in churches, shops or offices to the FROK Flood Appeal. So far we have raised over £6000, or around three quarters of the money that KK has had available for its immediate response. So how has this been used?

### **KK on the Ground**

At the start of the emergency, KK staff were already ‘on the ground’, as the floods covered their working areas. Using money from their own pockets, from FROK and from local supporters and other small donors, they started immediately on the tasks of identifying need, giving out food parcels and other necessities, organising mobile medical camps, building links with the Provincial Disaster Management Agency, and planning for the future.



The situation that faced the KK workers was appalling. The people were desperate (see photo) and one early distribution led to a near riot, endangering KK staff, as people fought for the food. A report noted:

Dead bodies and dead cattle lying on the roads ... People have no food to eat and no clean drinking water...They are using flood water to drink and diarrhoea is reported in many cases. They are living under the open sky and have no shelter. There is huge damage to bridges ... acute deficiency of food, health and water ...a need for immediate relief especially among women and children for:

1. Food items including biscuits, juices, sugar, milk, pulses and oil
2. Non food items including kitchen items, clothes, shoes, blankets etc.
3. Alternative shelter in rented houses or tents on priority basis
4. Health services including provision of medicines, oral rehydration salts
5. Clean drinking water, mosquito nets, disinfectant and hygiene kits
6. Counselling and psychosocial support to women and children.

## 7. Reconstruction of their houses and re-settlement in their villages.

KK learnt rapidly. KK staff now assess the villages first and get community leaders to count the houses and people involved and arrange a distribution point. They then take food, medicines and hygiene kits to the villages, often with police protection. While the 'tactics' are new, the principles are not. KK always works with local people and gives priority to women-headed households, who 'miss out' in the usual methods of aid distribution. (How many women have you seen on TV getting aid in the North West?)



### Longer Term Plans

The floods are now receding, making clear their long-term legacy of ruined houses, schools and lives. Once again, FROK money has provided "seed corn" to support activities which encourage international agencies to trust KK with large projects among people who would otherwise be overlooked. Proposals they have now submitted range from:

- A small project to support 20 villages in FR Bannu

To

- A very large proposal to support a population of 55,000 in 4 KhyberPakhtunKhwā areas and 1 Tribal Area with immediate relief supplies and medical centres; helping in the reconstruction of their homes and communities; developing strategies for future emergencies.

In submitting these proposals, KK emphasises that it will:

- Reach remote areas that are not close to the offices of the large aid agencies or Government Offices
- Give priority to women, who are the least visible victims of the floods
- Work with local people to plan immediate relief and long-term development
- Work with others to provide villages with a comprehensive package of aid covering varied needs, rather than just one particular sector such as education.

This work is crucial for the people of these areas and also for KK's long-term future. How would KK be seen if it did not do all it could to help those with whom it has been working and hopes to work in future? Your generosity enables KK to respond immediately and flexibly. It also underpins the planning and negotiation which should lead to further large-scale funding targeted at areas which otherwise would receive very little aid or none at all. Please pass on our thanks to all who have given, or pin up this letter of thanks if that's relevant. The disaster is far from over. The appeal continues.

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