

KK'S WORK WITH NWA IDPs

UPDATES

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Highlights to date

In another step forward to better coordinate and streamline activities involving relief and aid for IDPs, KK conceptualized and initiated the formation of the Gender Network for IDPs (GNI). The first meeting on August 29, 2014 (chaired by DDMO-Bannu) was held to share the idea of the proposed network that would coordinate the humanitarian activities among all the stakeholders in Bannu as a response to gender specific and strategic needs.



The 1st GNI meeting

Participants from disaster management agencies, govt line departments, INGO, NGOs, and KK discussed the question of "whether GNI should be established or not" at length to which all of them agreed that there is dire need for such a network since, at present, stakeholders lack coordination regarding gender issues while women-specific issues are mostly not raised and discussed. Hence GNI will fill this gap. A discussion further generated the Terms of References (TORs) of the GNI. Hence its objectives, membership, frequency of meetings, GNI chairpersonship, etc. were agreed on by the participants.

Actions to be taken and followed up:

- Policy Brief of CNIC registration (especially of women) will be prepared for second meeting of the GNI.
- NADRA and SRHR members will be taken onboard for GNI's next meeting.
- Information about current working organizations in Bannu will be provided to GNI members.
- Meeting minutes and TORs of GNI

Donations

Khwendo Kor continues to appeal to the general public (local and international) and receive donations in-kind and incash. As of Aug 31, 2014, cash donations have reached Rs7,109,203; this included Rs1,543,551/= from Jaffer Brothers Islamabad for IDPs. The cosmetic company "Body Shop" in Islamabad donated bags of food and non-food items.

Qurbani Appeal

In mid-September, Khwendo Kor launched a separate appeal for the IDPs so that they can share in the Holy Sacrifice of animals on Eid ul Azha. The appeal was published as flyers in Urdu and in English and distributed to main newspaper stands and inserted in Sunday newspapers.



Visits

To further elaborate information that was shared in our last update, Ms. Fauzia Minallah, peace educator, artist, cartoonist and film maker, sent a gift of Eid clothes for 300 IDP children. Ms. Samar Minallah, documentary film maker from Islamabad, made a day-long trip to visit the IDPs and donated cash among women IDPs in Bannu two days before Eid.

Ms. Tahira Abdullah. Islamabad-based human rights activist and development worker, along with the KK Head, Ms. Maryam Bibi and the relevant staff, spent the three days of Eid with the IDPs in FR Bannu, Bannu City and Karak (urban and rural); delivered to KK the donations received in cash and kind; and assessed the IDPs' problems and especially requirements those of children and Women-Headed Households (WHHs).

Abdullah Ms. also proposed and discussed with the KK staff and volunteers, a number of interventions, prioritizing the IDPs' pressing needs. The most important of these is the setting up of a mobile health service unit, to provide (a) MCH care and referral. (b) psycho-social trauma counselling and referral, and (c) IEC for women's awareness-raising on basic identification. documentation, and access to relief goods and services.

For this purpose, KK purchased a vehicle to be used as the Mobile Health Service Unit; to be furnished to accommodate a medical doctor and psychologist who will visit and extend medical aid and psycho-social counselling for isolated IDPs.

Linkages/Collaborations

ROZAN has initiated plans to enter into an agreement with International Medical Corp (IMC) and KK in rendering psychosocial counseling to IDPs. ROZAN will train relevant KK staff in psycho-social counseling techniques and methodologies.

Facilitation of Major Issues and Challenges of IDPs

The 3 facilitation desks have processed 257 cases

Technical Vocational College	Bannu	104
Sports Complex	Bannu	81
Mamash Khel	FR Bannu	72

Nature of Cases

No registration, no record with NADRA, family tree cases, loss of registration form, loss of token, token has been stolen, invalid CNICs, dual addresses, dual sims, cash block, no record with cash assistance providers, cash transaction issues, insufficient food and NFIs, shelter problems, wash, lack of assistance.



Focus Group Discussion with IDPs

For those who wish to file any issue regarding IDPs, call the DDMO Bannu. Mr Gul Faraz will attend calls.

Tell: 0928-9270223, 0928-9270224

Please continue to donate to KK's cause in helping IDPs from North Waziristan. Every Rupee makes a difference!



