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## Report

by Yasmeen Lari, *SI, Chair & CE, Heritage Foundation, Chair, KaravanPakistan*

As the problems are mounting, so is the effort from different civil society groups to reach out to the displaced: Swiss Pakistan Society, Sheida Jaffer, Justice Nasira Iqbal group, Fahim Khan-Saima Hamid group, Kamal Hyder group and, Fauzia Minallah-Sarah Mahmood group, to name a few. Our prayers and good wishes are with all those who are involved in this challenging humanitarian task.

## CONSTRUCTION FOCUS

In the mean time KaravanPakistan is pursuing its agenda of creating 4 different teams of volunteers to take up work in a systematic manner. Our forward team, through building a tent platform and light roof cover, with little technical help, managed to complete the task in a couple of days and collected valuable information regarding availability of workforce and local building materials. Our thanks to Naheem Shah and Rehan Khan for their hardwork and to camp residents who participated in this activity. We now know that bamboo, kana matting, burnt bricks and sun dried bricks, along with clay soil for *leepai* (plaster) and mortar are easily available. We will now start work on construction of a mud brick (adobe) office for KaravanPakistan volunteers. Since mud-lime construction provides effective insulation, we are confident that our volunteers will be more productive if they do not have to battle the intense summer heat. We will also try out ideas put forward by Abid Shaban.

## VOLUNTEERS ARRANGEMENT

We have received expression of individual interest, but we still need volunteer teams from universities in Mardan and Peshawar. We are grateful to Zeshan Khan, Manager HR Excellence, ICI, who, in addition to other assistance, has agreed to help us with organizing teams of executives as volunteers. HF's Shanaz Ramzi will collaborate with him for defining executives (weekend volunteers) roles in working out SOPs and as master trainers of student teams for Construction/Environmental improvement, WASH, Womens and Childrens Focus. In the meantime HF's Afroza Bhamani and Shaha Jamshed are preparing power point presentations for trainers on identified themes.

## WASH FOCUS

Saad Khan and Sohail Mirza have worked hard and finalized the SPS strategy for IDPs, which will

be carried out jointly. The SPS WASH kit will consist of water disinfectant tablets, toothpaste and tooth brushes, disinfectant soaps, washing powder, Dettol, nail cutter, needle and thread, sanitary towels as well as instruction flyers for promotion of SODIS solar water disinfectant method. In response to an ERRA report, sent by Brig. Yasub Dogar (PRC, SPS and HF) informing that 99% of the water in IDP camps is undrinkable, Sohail Mirza suggests "until Chlorine tablets are not on site, a) boiling, b) using Potassium Permanganate - KMN04 (ca. 10 g per 1000 L) and c) in larger systems (tanks) adding Alum (about 10 g per 1000 L) and KMN04" should be used. This is critical to prevent large scale diarrhea among camp residents particularly children.

**The congestion in camps has resulted in non-compliance to minimum sphere and UNHCR standards, creating hazardous conditions for inmates.**

## WOMEN FOCUS

A gift of 6 sewing machines has been arranged by Justice Nasira Iqbal, to reach Mardan on Friday, 29<sup>th</sup> May. SPS intends to support women's activity with sewing machines and fabric cut pieces. With provision of cloth being arranged by SPS, this activity will soon be taken up by women to make their own clothes - paucity of garments and lack of personal hygiene being one of the major causes of scabies. We are also planning to build adobe kitchens for women to be shared by 6-10 households e.g. women making collective meals on a rotation basis, and possibly as an income generating activity.

## CHILDREN FOCUS

Mr. Vickram Chhetri of UNESCO responded to our earlier newsletters and pointed out the necessity of focusing on educational needs in camps, "from early childhood education to continuation of primary, middle and secondary levels, along with life skills related to safety inside the camp and outside - mines, snakes, HIV/AIDS, trafficking and environment education." He has agreed to arrange for teaching material in Urdu and English. Clearly adobe construction would be suitable for constructing katcha class rooms. We are also working with KPT's Manager Sports, S. Naeem Zafar to organize sports teams for boys and indoor board games for girls for healthy pastime.