

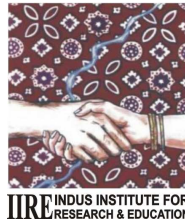
QUARTERLY REPORT
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**OUT REACH HEALTH CARE SERVICES FOR FLOOD
AFFECTED PEOPLE IN SINDH**



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Introduction:

Hayat-e-Nau Society for Human Development is a local, officially registered NGO with a strong grassroots base within the local communities of District Hyderabad (population: approximately 2 million) where it works. It commits itself to work for integral and sustainable human development and seeks to be in solidarity with the poor, marginalized and oppressed in their efforts for empowerment, development and the promotion of their dignity and human rights.

Hayat-e-Nau believes that *God's love extends to all humankind.*

The main focus of Hayat-e-Nau is to improve the quality of life of **Children & Youth with Disabilities** by providing rehabilitation services, daily life skills and primary education adapted to their ability as well as working for the **Empowerment of Women**, within local communities, through capacity building that addresses **Development Issues, Gender Equality, HIV & AIDS, T.B, Environmental Pollution** and **Rights Based Disability Awareness**. This is accomplished through the medium of Street Theatre and Interactive Dialogue Sessions.

Summary:

Devastating floods hit Pakistan throughout July/August/September, 2010 causing havoc to the land and displacing over 20 million people out of a total population of 160 million people.

Since the floods; **Hayat-e-Nau** has been engaged in providing medical relief to the flood victims in districts Hyderabad, Jamshoro, Matiari and Thatta. Hayat-e-Nau team dedicatedly participated during the medical relief work; we set up a mobile health clinics in-collaboration with our local NGOs Network – **Indus Institute for Research & Education (IIRE)** from 1st September – 6th October and then continued from 11th October, 2010 till to date with our parish **St. Elizabeth's**, Hyderabad, which is under the care of the **Franciscan Friars**.

From the beginning we targeted those communities and groups of people not being reached by the government, local authorities, political parties or other NGOs. This meant traveling long distances over bad roads which were washed away in parts and this was a real challenge to the expertise of our driver. We focused on the poorest and most in need in the districts Hyderabad, Jamshoro and Thatta of interior Sindh who were camped along the roadside or huddled in small groups for protection. Many of them belonged to minorities and tribal groups who were afraid to seek refuge in the officially set-up camps of the majority.

Through these mobile health clinics during the reporting period we have been able to reach and treat **7,828 people (Male 2,651 - Female 3,618 – Children 1,559)** mostly suffering from skin infections, fevers, diarrhea and waterborne diseases as well as mal-nutrition. At the same time, our doctor and health team are on the look out for children and people with disabilities to see how we can help them with food, better shelter and assistive devices which they had lost in the floods. As so far we identified **200** persons (children & adults) with disabilities in Jati and Sujawal – Thatta

We envisage continuing this work up until the end of March 2011, if needed. Already some families have been able to return to their home, while others continue to live in tents as their

fields and villages are still under water. The work of helping families to resettle and begin their lives anew is a daunting task facing the country and NGOs.

Awareness Campaign through Street Theatre:

Hayat-e-Nau Theatre Group has performed in Tent cities of Flood Affectees in District Khairpur from 3 – 5 November, 2010 to create awareness among general public in relief camps, highlighting the issues of health, education, early marriage of girls, gender discrimination with women and sexual abuse with disabled child. This activity was jointly organized by Indus Resource Centre, Khairpur and Aahung, Karachi. More than 2,000 people were present there.

Difficulties encountered during relief work:

- Non availability of a female doctor
- Some patients needed hospitalization
- Some patients needed treatment for psychosocial effects
- One visit to a affected areas is not a solution
- Hygiene: people do not have the means to keep themselves clean
- Illiteracy: leave it too late to take child/mother for medical treatment
- Cultural barriers of language, customs and attitudes
- Faced difficulty in reaching the villages/camps in interior Sindh due to damaged roads and bridges.

Urgent needs of flood affected people are as follows

1. Need food supplies for two meals a day
2. Clean drinking water, sanitation and Hygiene
3. Blankets, bedding & warm clothes – because the winter season has started
4. On-going health care services (Medical Assistance)
5. Awareness raising on basic health and hygiene
6. Protection (including psychosocial)
7. Adequate shelter

Acknowledgement:

The *Hayat-e-Nau* Society for Human Development, **IIRE** (Indus Institute for Research & Education) and *St. Elizabeth's Parish* Hyderabad would like to say thanks – to our generous partners, supporters and health team heroes – for making this a better world. This past year witnessed some of the most challenging natural disasters in modern history – especially this summer's severe flooding throughout Pakistan. This event, among others, presented heart wrenching tragedies, but also inspired a heartwarming response. Because of your help, we were able to provide life-saving medical relief to thousands of families in need.

Furthermore, thanks to the **AHD**, Hyderabad and **SRO**, Thatta for their cooperation and facilitating our health team in the floods affected areas of Jati and Sujawal – Thatta.

Thank you once again for your important and much needed support; it is your friendship and concern that makes our medical relief work possible. God bless you all.

PICTORIAL VIEW – Activities of Free Mobile Medical Camps for Flood Affectees

ACTIVITIES IN-COLLABORATION WITH IIRE

Dr. Gulzar Jumani examining patients



Dr. Amman Das examining patient



Representatives of ICCO, The Netherlands Ms. Fredericka Meijer, Regional Program Manager and Mr. Jethro Kleibeuker, finance officer (Nepal and Pakistan) visited medical camps on 26th September, 2010 for monitoring purpose.



Ms. Fredericka Meijer, Regional Program Manager (Nepal and Pakistan) interviewing women during her monitoring visit



ACTIVITIES IN-COLLABORATION WITH ST. ELIZABETH'S PARISH

Dr. Kashif Minhas (Coordinator Health Program) examining patients



Girl is happy to receives nutritious food (Cereal) for her sister



Malnourished child brought for medical care



Girl is happy with her medicines



Fr. Samson (Parish Priest), Fr. David and Javed Sadiq (Executive Director) during monitoring visit of medical camps



Javed Sadiq (Executive Director) examining Disabled child who has cerebral palsy



A child suffering from an eye infections



This dangerous bridge is the only way to visit Flood affected people of Deh Buddha & other villages in Jati.



A girl child suffering from an Badly skin

STREET THEATRE ACTIVITIES WITH IRC – KHAIRPUR & AAHUNG – KHL.

