



IOM is assisting the most vulnerable of those affected particularly the female headed households © IOM 2012

Overview

IOM's Shelter and Non Food Item (NFI) distributions reached **8,700 flood affected families** in May. With support from implementing partners IOM distributed shawls, plastic sheets, blankets, solar lamps, water cooler, wheel barrows, tool kits, kitchen sets, sleeping mats, ropes, bamboos and hygiene kits. Details of distributions are summarized on page 2.

IOM's Humanitarian Communications team is identifying needs and sharing them with the humanitarian community regularly. The following problems were identified during May 2012:

- There are no facilities for clean water in Jacobabad and the use of contaminated water is leading to hepatitis in the local community.
- The Watan Card office in Khairpur does not have a proper waiting area or any shades outside the office and beneficiaries have to stand under the scorching sun.
- A fake NGO is demanding cash for recovery support from affected population; the matter was reported to local authorities for further action.

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IOM beneficiary in Sindh © IOM 2012

Early Recovery, residual emergency shelter and non food items issued for distribution in Sindh (May 2012)

Item	Quantity Distributed
Blankets	16,200
Plastic Sheets	28,400
Kitchen Sets	1,500
Ropes	28,400
Sleeping Mats	2,200
Bamboos	123,000
Solar Lamps	9,700
Water Coolers	4,500
Shawls	10,000
Tool Kits	8,200
Wheel Barrows	9,700
Hygiene Kits	3,100

Disaster Preparedness and Response Planning

The Shelter Cluster is working together with OCHA to finalize the Preparedness and Response Plan. Devised in anticipation of future emergencies particularly natural disasters, the Preparedness and Response Plan will be rolled out in June before the upcoming monsoon.

IOM’s Humanitarian Communications is supporting the district authorities in the contingency planning process. The team participated in the meetings held for this purpose in Punjab. The District Coordination Officer in Layyah held a briefing session about the contingency planning and highlighted the role of human network for future disasters. The District Coordination officer in Bhakkar also expressed interest in the utilization of the IOM’s human network and requested details.

Camp Coordination and Camp Management

Capacity building of government authorities working in emergency response is a key element of this plan and IOM will be conducting Camp Coordination and Camp Management (CCCM) trainings for the purpose.

CCCM trainings aim to strengthen the humanitarian and government service provision in camps and temporary settlements and build local capacity to deliver camp management trainings. A roster of CCCM trainees is also being put together to facilitate immediate deployment of trained staff in event of a disaster.

The Training of Trainers (ToT) conducted by IOM has played a critical role in the capacity building of local organizations and enabled them to conduct CCCM trainings independently. With support from IOM, the Sindh Rural Support Program (SRSP) conducted two CCCM trainings in Umerkot and Tharparkar on 17th and 18th May. 49 participants including NGO workers, volunteers, community members and social workers attended the one day-session and were introduced to the CCCM key concepts and practices. These workshops were delivered in Sindhi by NGO staff trained during CCCM ToT organized by IOM earlier this year.

Shelter Cluster

Shelter Cluster is facilitating coordination of early recovery activities amongst relevant stakeholders at provincial and district level to ensure maximum outreach and prevent duplication of activities.

The ACCCRA (Assessment of Community Coping Capacities in Return Areas) is being conducted in the areas severely affected by Sindh Floods 2011. This is a multi-sector assessment that will provide information on outstanding recovery needs and challenges faced by affected communities.



IOM beneficiaries in Sind © IOM 2012

IOM supports the Insecurity Affected

IOM will assist the voluntary return of 5,000 IDP families to their areas of origin. These families have been living with host communities in Lower and Central Kurram and will be provided transport and NFI assistance. IOM will arrange free transport at their present locations to facilitate returns; prior to departure every individual will be provided health screening and if needed will be escorted by medical personnel to places of origin.

7,800 returnee families will be provided tool kits containing necessary tools for debris removal, house repair and gardening. 4,000 tool kits have already been transported to Kurram for distribution; in total these tool kits will benefit 5,000 off camp and 2800 in-camp IDP families.

The IDP return has been a slow process due to authorities taking necessary actions to clear the return areas. Since March 2012, approximately 500 families have returned voluntarily. However, over 15,000 families are still displaced and require assistance in returning to their places of origin once there is an improvement in security situation in those areas. The FATA Disaster Management Authority (FDMA) has de notified 33 villages in Central Kurram where the displaced families can return starting first week of June. IOM has made necessary arrangements to support returns and around 1,899 families including 274 in camp and 1,625 off camp families are expected to return in coming weeks.

IOM's Humanitarian Communications team is developing documents and messages highlighting various issues faced by population affected by the complex crisis. Frequently asked questions for the Kurram IDPs have been compiled. A team based in Jalozai Camp is conducting awareness raising sessions for camp population. The Humanitarian communications team has been requested to set up information desk at the Jalozai camps to facilitate registration process and grievance redressal. The team is working together with UNICEF to develop messages highlighting good hygiene practices and with World Food Program to develop banners regarding food blockages faced by IDPs.



Even six months after the floods many flood affected are still living under open sky © IOM 2012

IOM's Early Recovery Shelter Program for 7,500 Flood Affected Households

The Early Recovery Shelter (ERS) team is conducting community visits to verify the beneficiary lists and ensure that the most vulnerable affected families are selected for the ERS program in Sindh. IOM's network of implementing partners conduct needs assessment and identify beneficiaries; 70% of the project beneficiaries have been assessed so far. A stringent check is maintained on all partners' operations and the shelter team is currently involved in the post selection monitoring.

The ERS team is conducting social mobilization visits to explain program dynamics to the communities. These visits aim to enhance the understanding of beneficiaries regarding different stages of the program and the selection criteria. Another key purpose is to address any grievances as members of the community are encouraged to discuss their issues and problems with the IOM staff.



Early Recovery Shelter under construction in Sindh © IOM 2012

Humanitarian Communications

Watan Card Program: The Humanitarian Communications team continues to support the Citizens Damage Compensation Program (CDCP), commonly known as the Watan Card program. Field staff is regularly conducting awareness sessions to highlight different aspects of the program and address beneficiary queries. Awareness sessions are held in villages, at union council level and also at the CDCP centres.

The Humanitarian Communications team also conducted mass media campaigns, using radio and print media, to increase beneficiary knowledge of the program. Local radio channels are used to disseminate union council schedule of Watan Card in Khairpur (Sindh) and Dera Ismail Khan (Khyber Pakhtunkwa) whereas advertisements were printed in two newspapers (Magrib and Inqelab) in Kohat.



IOM's monitoring teams visit villages and interact with the beneficiaries © IOM 2012

IOM co-organizes HIV Prevention Capacity Building Workshop

The second workshop on Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV) prevention and control was held in Peshawar on 28th May. Organized as part of joint collaboration amongst national and international partners including IOM, PACP, UNAIDS, BEOE Government of Pakistan, this workshop focused on the prevention of HIV and other Sexually Transmitted Diseases (STDs) amongst migrant population. The workshop aimed to sensitize stakeholders about these diseases by sharing experiences of those affected and highlighting appropriate measures to mitigate related challenge.

Migration Management

Readmission project: IOM, in collaboration with the Ministry of Interior, conducted a series of capacity building workshops regarding the Readmission Agreement (RA) signed between the Government of Pakistan and the European Union. The aim of these events was to enhance understanding of relevant government stakeholders and apprise them of IOM's role in the process. Three orientation workshops on readmission agreement (RA) signed between Pakistan and the European Union were organized by IOM in Lahore (23 May), Islamabad (30 May) and Karachi (4 June). The workshops brought together provincial government officials including Federal Investigation Agency (FIA Immigration), ministries of Home Affairs, Social Welfare, Human Rights and Labour Department representatives. The discussion during these workshops involving government officials from all four provinces and Islamabad, revolved around the obligations under the RA, current procedures on return of migrants, as well as the support provided by IOM to the government as part of this project.

Trilateral Dialogue on Migration Management:

The second regional level technical meeting as part of the Trilateral Dialogue on Migration Management between Afghanistan, Iran and Pakistan is scheduled for 27-28 June in Islamabad. This will serve as a platform for reviewing a wide range of issues on migration management including policies and strategies on border management, curbing irregular migration and promotion of regular migration amongst the three neighboring countries. IOM's support to 'undocumented' Afghan migrants to facilitate voluntary returns and encourage sustainable reintegration solutions will also be discussed.



Capacity building workshop conducted by IOM in Lahore © IOM 2012