

Repatriation and Resettlement in Pakistan

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Shelter Repair

Returning IDPs Rebuild their Homes



Above: A man riding on the JEN tractor cart to his home with the shelter materials he received.

In 2009, Pakistan initiated operations against militants in Central Kurram Agency, resulting in the displacement of more than a million people from their homes and livelihood. Most of the IDPs were provided accommodation by host communities in several districts of the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa and Punjab provinces. However, others settled in emergency relief camps. The Pakistani government requested humanitarian agencies to assist the basic shelter needs of the IDPs. Now, many years later, the IDPs have begun to return to their villages, only to find their homes damaged or destroyed.

In response to this need, JEN provided 145 shelter repair kits for IDPs to repair their homes and temporary shelters. JEN also provided a tractor cart to carry the shelter materials to the IDPs homes in an attempt to make the process of rebuilding, even easier.

Case Study:

When JEN initially began to assist the IDP's shelter needs, they sought the advice of both the Assistant Political Agent (APA) of the area as well

as the village committees on who had the greatest need. Unanimously, both the APA and the village committee selected a fifty-seven year old widow with eight children as the first recipient of a shelter kit. The widow lived alone with her eight children in Central Kurram Agency until her village became unsafe. With her children and other family members, she fled to Sadda. During the disaster, the mud room given to her by her brother-in-law collapsed. She and her children were forced to live with her brother-in-law and his family all in a single small room.

After their consultation with the local leaders, JEN told the widow that they would provide her with a one-room shelter material kit. The woman became overjoyed and told the JEN field team that she could not believe that a group like JEN would come into her life and provide an appropriate living space for her family. She told the JEN team that the space is not just a room but that it means much more; this room will save her family from the rain, snow, sun, and now she will no longer be dependent on her brother-in-law and his family

She said her entire community has had a very rough time and she was happy that people were helping them repair their homes. As she told her story to the JEN field team, she wept with tears of joy at the news her family would soon have their own living space. She was very thankful to JEN and to the people of Japan for their valuable assistance to her family and community.



Above: A JEN staff member talking to the widow who received the first shelter kit.

Livelihood Recovery

Pilot Livelihood Recovery Project a Success!



Above: IDPs receiving a JEN goat.

In 2011, JEN implemented a livelihood recovery pilot project for IDPs in Dera Ismail Khan. Five hundred IDP households were provided with goats. Twenty livestock extension workers (LEW) were then provided with male goats and trained on goat management for ten days so they could assist the IDP households who had received goats. The livestock extension workers' task was to disseminate knowledge of goat management to IDP households. They also provided first aid services when needed, vaccinated, dewormed, provided male goats for breeding, and submitted reports to JEN regularly.

From the reports submitted, it was evident the pilot program was a success. The goats not only contributed towards the livelihood recovery of IDPs by producing both milk but also by producing baby goats. The IDPs in the pilot project used their goat's milk for nutrition and sold the excess in the market for extra income. More than 25% of the goats produced baby goats a second time as well. Some beneficiaries sold the baby goats to cover emergency needs such as hospitalization etc. Mostly beneficiaries raised these baby goats so they could benefit from the adult goat in the future.

Community Partnership

Coordination with Livestock Department

In 2010, the Pakistani government established a Livestock Department to regulate and monitor livestock in Union Council Band Korai in the Dera Ismail Khan District. JEN's livelihood recovery project for IDPs falls under this department's authority. Now, JEN will share its project activities and future planning with representatives of the Livestock Department.

Representatives of the Livestock Department regularly visit JEN's warehouse where the goats are quarantined, to share their technical expertise and help vaccinate the goats against endemic diseases. After the goats have been quarantined, the Livestock Department issues a, "Good Health Status Certificate" to JEN, which means that goats can now be distributed to their intended recipients

A representative of Livestock Department also regularly delivers a two day session to JEN's Livestock Extension Workers (LEW) in goat management training. He teaches about endemic goat diseases and their prevention with practical demonstrations. Representatives of the Livestock Department also expressed their appreciation for JEN's livelihood recovery project, the provision of goats, for IDPs.



Above: Representatives of Pakistan's Livestock Department inspecting quarantined goats in JEN's warehouse.

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For successful program implementation at minimum cost, we obtain all possible resources locally, both human and material. In this way the potential capabilities of an area can be developed effectively and economically. (Project Management Policy)

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