

Emergency Response for IDPs of NWFP - Paksitan



Project Background

In the first week of May 2009, Government of Pakistan has launched of a full-scale military operation in Swat, Buner and Lower Dir, resulting in the massive displacement of population from the affected areas. In what is rapidly becoming the largest conflict related internal displacement of people in the history of modern Pakistan, approximately 2 million people have been uprooted from their homes and living in neighboring districts in North Western Frontier Province.

Project Principal Objective

The overall objective of the project is to provide water, sanitation and hygiene facilities to the IDPs and decrease the risk of outbreak of water borne diseases through hygiene promotion and behavioral change communication.

Specific Objectives

Oxfam GB aims to address the needs of IDPs in host communities, official camps, spontaneous camp, schools by ensuring the provision of water and sanitation facilities, providing household items and hygiene supplies, promoting public health and hygiene practices, and Advocating for the rights of the displaced in local, national and international level.

Distribution of Survival Kits



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Project Beneficiaries

A total of 725 men, women and children from 100 families living in Umeed camp in the Union Council of Asota from the District Swabi directly benefited from the water survival kits.

Beneficiary Targeting

Non-food items (NFIs) are vital to IDPs survival, health, well-being and dignity. Taking into consideration the camp settings, where the population is likely to have limited or no access to outside resources, Oxfam GB distributed water survival kits among the IDPS. In collaboration with Integrated Rural Support Program (IRSP), Oxfam carried out an assessment to identify and prioritize the most vulnerable families.

Each water survival kits contains kitchen utensils, sewing sets, galvanized wire, scissors, bandages, assorted PVC tape, coloring books, Cables ties, multipurpose cloth, Rain poncho, cotton wool, wire cutter, fabric plaster strip, Retractable knife, Note books, Rope, scissor, hummer, nail box, small shawl, Aqua box, conforming bandages, Match boxes, candles, Baggies, flash light, lame opener, spoon, water gallon, tea pot, plastic bowels, buckets, Cloths clips, black refuse sack, tea mug, Stainless knife, spoons, forks, tennis balls, toothpaste antibacterial wipes, and blue sheet.

As hygiene promotion is the priority of Oxfam GB response items like soaps, toothpaste and toothbrushes and sanitary cloth for women was also included.

Considering the need of the children living in the camps and are suffering from post traumatic stress disorder (PTSD), there is a provision of playing equipment, coloring books and markers were also included in the kit.

Bandages, cotton wool and antibacterial wipes are also provided. Supplies required for household operation and maintenance like hammer, nails, wires and ropes were given.

Demonstration Sessions

One of the goals of hygiene promotion is to encourage women, men and children to make the best use of distributed Items. In order to achieve the goal, extensive demonstration sessions were carried out on the usage of the NFIs being distributed as well as to ensure safe and hygienic practices. In order to achieve the desired impact separate sessions were organized for men and women of the camp. The most significant part of the water survival kit was the water purification and storage component. The community was provided in-depth information through practical demonstration about the use of filter.

Beneficiaries Feed Back

Right after the distribution, few beneficiaries were interviewed as a means to determine their reactions. The women participants were surprised to receive the NFIs that considered the need of them. They appreciated the effort, as this water survival box will help them to endure and adapt to the given circumstances.

Most children were happy to receive playing equipment and coloring books. Owais, 12 said that this is the first time the children received anything for game.

Ahmed Jan 42 was surprised to see the tool kit. He remarked that as he is a carpenter by profession this tool kit will not only help him at household level but he can now think for a small scale business of his own.

Registration



Hygiene session with women



Hygiene session with Men

