



# RG News & Views

Special Supplement

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## National Disaster

**Objective of this supplement is to inform all donors, how their donations are being used for earthquake victims.**

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Dear All,

We are indeed grateful to our colleagues, employees, business partners, stakeholders, friends and principals, who donated above their potential for earthquake victims.

We also recognize and appreciate members of RG team, who devoted their valuable time and energy. They took risk while working in affected areas during continuous severe after shocks and worked day & night to share the suffering of those trapped in locality isolated by Mother Nature. Reaching those who really needed medical-aid, food & shelter was a challenging job. **May Almighty Allah bless them!**

We also request you to pray that God give us strength and courage to continue this service and spend every single penny prudently on the deserving people. ... Tariq

## Brief description of activities from Oct 9 – 20, 2005

### 8 Oct Qiamat Like Earthquake

- Immediately, formed **Relief Committee** which consists of the following:
  - Naveed Butt – Lahore,
  - Mian Tariq – Rawalpindi
  - Sohail Haider and team – Rawalpindi
  - Mohsin Mahmood – Rawalpindi
  - Tariq Haider – Karachi.

### 9 Oct -12 Oct

- Bank account for **Relief Fund** was opened with Rs. 300,000/- in Karachi and this information was circulated to all employees of RG Pharmaceutica, associate partners and friends. The fund rose to Rs. 2 million & expected to exceed three million. Naveed Butt collected donation from sales force and his acquaintances amounting to Rs. 525,000/-
- Conducted **TELECON** and finalized list of items for immediate relief for earthquake's victims. RG Rawalpindi team started purchasing food stuffs and other basic necessities such as warm clothes, blankets, tents, plates, glasses and medicines (*Pain Killers, Antipyretics, and Cannula etc*). Bandages, masks, and cotton were short in Rawalpindi and Abbotabad, so these items were arranged from Multan and transferred to Rawalpindi immediately. Naveed purchased medicine including pain killer, anti-allergic dexamethazone, pentazocine (centrally acting analgesic), medical tapes, blood bags and Tetanus vaccines of Rs. 100,000/ from Lahore.
- Shamco Traders (Lahore distributor) offered their delivery van. Lahore Field force collected donations, which includes clothes, blankets shoes, feeding mugs, feeders, and rice.
- 350 packets of rusks were purchased from Lahore, because these were short in Rawalpindi and Abbotabad market. Tents were not readily available throughout Pakistan. So, order for 50 tents was placed, which was promised to be delivered within 3-4 days. 400 blankets / quilts and 120 jackets were purchased from Peshawar through Faisal and shipped to Rawalpindi.
- **Base camp was established in Rawalpindi.**
- RG Rawalpindi team remained busy in packing the material till mid night for two days.

### Oct 13

- 1200 packets of milk, 2600 packets of biscuits, and antibiotics (including Cefradine, Cefotaxime 1 gm, and 250 mg) of Rs. 30,000/- were purchased through our distributor in Abbotabad.
- Naveed went to Abbotabad with one loaded van, visited Ayub Medical Complex & Jilani Hospital and handed over the medicines to the in-charges of these Hospitals. Provided grocery and blankets along with some cash to the affected families. Toys were also distributed to the children who moved to Abbotabad from the affected areas. Grocery items were quickly consumed, so purchased from the local market to fulfill the needs of affected families. He came back to Rawalpindi at 10 p.m. One person was assigned to identify families, those have shifted to Abbotabad from affected areas.
- Four moderate aftershock witnessed by Naveed.

### Oct 14 -15

- Early morning, RG team Naveed, Sohail, Asim and Khurum went to Bagh with one loaded van, a mini truck and a car full of blankets, warm clothes grocery & life saving drugs. The road was jam with trucks and vans carrying relief goods. Five hours journey took nine hours. Our team observed that, although, a number of trucks were coming with food items, but distributing to the affectees, who were easily accessible. Therefore, they changed their plan after getting information from a policeman, who buried nine members of his family and no relief supply reached in his area. There were some other isolated villages, where people were still facing problems of basic necessities. These areas were at half an hour drive up the mountains, but the road was not safe for traveling. RG team decided to visit these areas. They reached there in two hours and distributed food stuff and blankets to the needy people. They also visited medical camp of NGO and provided blood bags, which were badly needed. Moreover, they provided some life saving drugs and tetanus Injections. RG team spent whole night in Bagh and slept in an ambulance at night.
  - They experienced three severe after-shocks.
  - Next day, the weather was very rough. Naveed met with some high authorities of NGO, they provided them a four wheel driven jeep. Thus they were able to go to Sodhan Gali on the mountain and distributed food, jackets, blankets and some pain killers to the victims. Our team was the first rescue team reached Sodhan Gali. Two severe jolts were also experienced.
  - RG team came back to Rawalpindi at 11.pm.
  - In Rawalpindi, the other members of RG team remained busy in buying basic necessities. They also visited PIMS and FG Hospital and provided some pocket money to the patients; these people came from affected areas without having a single penny in their pockets. They also met with some families migrated from other affected areas; and provide them some food, blankets and warm clothes.
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- In the morning, Naveed, Mohsin, Sohail and Adnan went to Holy Family Hospital and donated some medicines, which were badly needed there. Later, they visited children ward and identified individual needs of the patients and fulfilled it. Meanwhile, other team which included Khurum and Asim reached Abbotabad and identified the affected families, who came from Mazafarabad or BalaKot. Naveed and Sohail joined them in the afternoon and distributed grocery and blankets. They also met a two years young girl Larabe, who was recovered from the debris after four days. (picture is attached) Some tents were received from the vender.
  - RG team confronted with two severe after shocks



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## Oct 17

- Early morning, RG team was set to go to Mazafarabad with one loaded van and a mini truck carrying 25 tents. At Kohala Bridge, they came to know that at one hour drive, there is a village Sohawa, which has not yet received the relief goods because it is cut off from the main road. The group decided to go there and visited some small villages over the mountains. Once again ours was the first rescue team to reach in these villages after nine days. They provided tents, grocery blankets, warm clothes and some cash to the families living without shelter in miserable conditions. Thereafter, the team continued their journey towards the Mazafarabad. During their journey; where ever, they got information about unattended victims' families, they approached them immediately to do what was possible. The team spent whole day in the remote areas of Mazafarabad. In the evening, they visited the Abass Medical Centre, which was the only working hospital in the Mazafarabad, because CMH totally collapsed. Wards were also visited and required medicines were donated. Duty doctors were also consulted to meet the immediate need of the patients and promised to provide them additional necessities as early as possible. While leaving Mazafarabad at 8 pm, the team met around 150 persons including women and children, just arrived from the suburbs of Mazafarabad. Luckily two tents, some medicines and sufficient food were available in the van. Tents were immediately provided to women and children. Dry food, milk and water were given to these hungry people. Some victims were treated having minor medical problem and serious patients were shifted to the hospital in RG van. At midnight team left Mazafarabad and reached Rawalpindi at 4 am.
- Three moderate shocks were experienced.
- Received some more tents from the vender in Rawalpindi.

## Oct 18

- RG team remained busy in Rawalpindi/Islamabad Identifying affected patients and families. Supplied them with the required necessities.
- Got the news that a group of 35-40 people from Mazafarabad were sitting on the road corner. Mohsin was assigned to visit, and assess the ground facts. After confirmation from Mohsin this group was shifted in front of Capital Hospital, where some other refugees were settled under the supervision of a NGO.
- RG team discussed the settlement of these 40 refugees with organizer of this NGO. He said, "We don't have any objection", but can not provide tents and blankets. RG team promised to arrange all the necessities. Three tents were fixed as well as blankets and foods were provided. After finishing with this RG team observed that quite a few children and women were sitting in the open air. They checked each and every tent-house and found that in some tent-houses there was some capacity to accommodate more people. The victims living in these tents were requested to accommodate ladies and children for the time being. Mats, warm clothes and blankets were provided to these women & children.
- NGO extended maximum cooperation. RG team remained busy until every child and woman, were settled. RG team came back at 2 am.
- A house rented for one year to accommodate a family of 25 members, who lost 50% of their love ones and migrated to Rawalpindi. Thereafter, some basic necessities were provided to this family. We will take care of this family till their rehabilitation.

- During their visit to Abbotabad Bagh, Mazafarabad & refugees camp in Islamabad, RG team identified immediate needs of earthquake victims, such as: towel, soap, tooth brush, toothpaste, baby lotion etc.

## Oct 19

- Two RG teams; one headed by Naveed, and other by Mohsin went to Abbotabad / BalaKot and Mazafarabad respectively.
- On the way, they contacted their colleagues in Faisalabad and placed an order for 500 towels and gave instructions to send these towels to Rawalpindi before the sunset, which was done by Faisalabad team. Similarly, Sohail remained busy in purchasing of toothpaste toothbrushes, soaps and some fruits from Rawalpindi
- Near BalaKot, a group of 28 members of a family, who lost 30 members of their family, were living under the sky in wretched conditions. Tents, grocery of one month, blankets warm clothes and other items of utility were also provided to them. We will also take care of this family till their rehabilitation.
- In BalaKot, Naveed & his team supplied different items as well as some money to the deserving people.
- While coming back from BalaKot, RG team also visited few villages and provided some necessities of life to the affectees.
- On his way back to Rawalpindi, Naveed dropped in Abbotabad to visit Hospitals. He met with two young cousins; both of them had lost their one leg in earthquake. He promised to arrange artificial limb as well as fixation for them. He also distributed toys among children, who were in the Hospital. He reached Rawalpindi at 10.p.m, and directly went to the refugee's camp.
- Meanwhile, Rawalpindi team received towels from Faisalabad and made packets which include toothbrushes, toothpastes, soaps, fruits. These were distributed in the refugee's camp of Islamabad.
- In Mazafarabad, Mohsin and Adnan supplied the promised items to the different wards and also distributed food items to the needy victims of earthquake.
- Five after shock from moderate to severe were faced.

## Next step

- 25 sleeping bags purchased from Peshawar and 18 blankets from Lahore to be delivered to identify families, immediately.
- Purchasing of 100 tents from Karachi, immediately.
- Purchasing 500 blankets, groceries & warm clothes.
- Plan to purchase 100 walking sticks and 25 clutches.
- Another trip to these areas, before Eid to provide the required things to identified families as well as to deserving peoples.
- Arranging a group of five Psychiatrists from Karachi Nov 2 - 7 for counseling the patients and families those have become Psychic after this disaster due to loss of families, houses and almost every thing.
- Continue supporting these families till rehabilitation.
- Arrange fixation of artificial limps for deserving patients. We will bring these patients to Rawalpindi and take care of boarding lodging and hospitalization, till they acquaint themselves with artificial legs.
- **Naveed Butt and & team will spend Eid vacations in Abbottabad along with the above Psychiatrist**
- *Till date 760 after shock from mild to moderate were observed*

