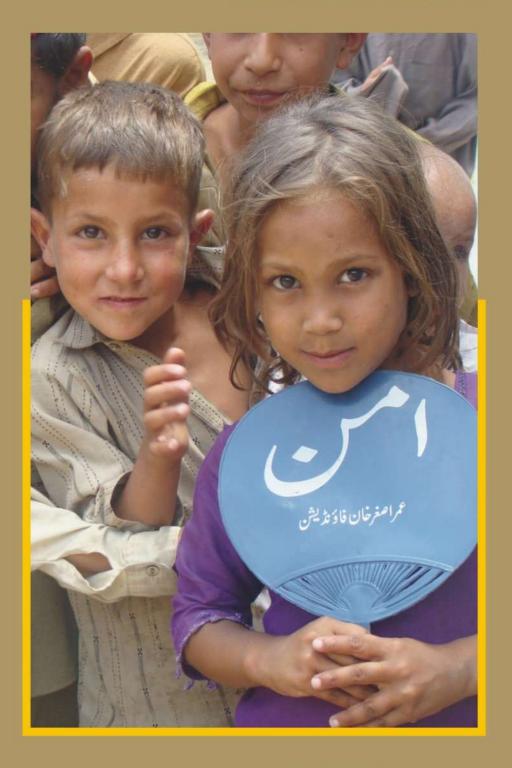
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Established in 1999, Omar Asghar Khan Foundation is creating opportunities for people, particularly the vulnerable, to collectively secure human and livelihood rights by strengthening their asset base and making institutions and policies pro-poor. The Foundation's work is primarily based in NWFP. Its advocacy of pro-poor policies and action has a national focus. The Foundation has offices in Islamabad, Abbottabad, and Mardan.

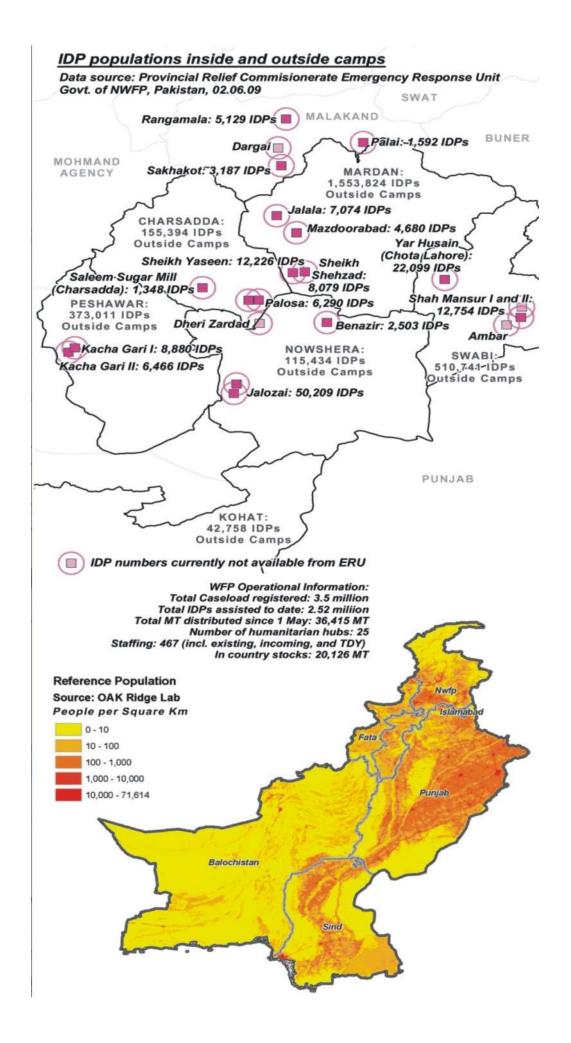
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### Introduction

In May 2009 the military action against militants in northwestern Pakistan forced an estimated two million people to flee their homes. Behind these statistics are tragic stories.

"I was forced to leave my young disabled daughter behind as she cannot walk and I could not carry her as we traveled on foot. I placed all available food in the house near her bedside and have left her in God's care."

### A displaced woman from Swat

Over the last few years, the serene valleys of Swat, Buner and other parts of north western Pakistan had gradually turned into the valleys of fear, hate and uncertainty. Their people had lived in mistrust and terror, and now they were forced to leave all their personal belongings, their businesses, their work, their lands, their harvest and livestock. Some even left their family members in search of security and peace. Few were able to use the limited transport available. Most had made the long and arduous journey to safety on foot. Not surprisingly, most arrived at various secure places in a state of shock with little to comfort or sustain them.

The bulk of the exodus from conflict zones made its way to Districts Mardan and Swabi in the NWFP. Ordinary people — including daily wage earners, school teachers, the youth, lawyers, local councilors, and activists — greeted them with open arms. They made their homes and their hujras (part of house reserved for guests) available to the shelterless displaced. Others were accommodated in public schools after the provincial government announced early summer vacation. Despite daunting numbers that continued to arrive at their doorsteps and mohallahs (neighbourhood), the local hosts acted with exceptional benevolence. Their unconditional generosity helped off-set the disappointingly under-prepared government arrangements to receive and shelter the displaced.

The displaced found themselves in simply wretched conditions. Their needs were basic and immediate. Women, children, the elderly and the sick were suffering the most. Their plight moved many into action. Following closely behind the lead taken by local hosts, were philanthropists, international and local NGOs, social workers, and politicians. People from different walks of life and different areas, from bloggers to villagers came forward with support – recognizing a need to play their part. Amongst them was the Omar Asghar Khan Development Foundation.

The Foundation drew on its experience of providing relief following the 2005 earthquake to support the displaced families. In the short span of a little over two months (12 May-31 July 2009) we have together extended humanitarian assistance worth an estimated Rs.20,000,000 or US\$250,000 to more than 30,000 displaced persons sheltered in 26 union councils of Mardan and 5 in Swabi. Our work continues as many are as yet unable to return to their homes.



Food for a family for a month

### Strategy

### Rapid assessment

The Foundation conducted a rapid assessment in mid-May 2009. Its findings validated by government figures confirmed that districts Mardan and Swabi were hosting almost 80% of the displaced families. Nearly 90% were taking refuge in government schools and host families, with the remaining 10% sheltered in government camps.

Despite multiple problems, those in camps had relatively better access to public and private assistance including cooked food, healthcare, water and sanitation. Though far greater in number, those in schools and with host families were less visible and had little support apart from a roof over their heads, some toilets, and occasional electricity supply. Many host families had limited sources of income, placing severe pressures on them as they uncomplainingly looked after their guests, the displaced.

Based on the rapid assessment, the Foundation decided to extend its humanitarian assistance to off-camp displaced families taking refuge in schools and with host families in Districts Mardan and Swabi of NWFP.



Working in partnership with the displaced

### **Guiding principles**

The Foundation believes that the objective of providing relief is best-served if the process of its provision is also sensitively designed. Its strategy draws on: (a) its experience of providing humanitarian assistance worth about US\$6.7 million to more than 25,000 households (approximately 200,000 people) in 220 affected villages in the first sixmonths following the 2005 earthquake; and, (b) its long trackrecord of working with and for poor communities. The guiding principles of the Foundation's *Humanitarian Assistance* are:

### Focus on the more marginalized

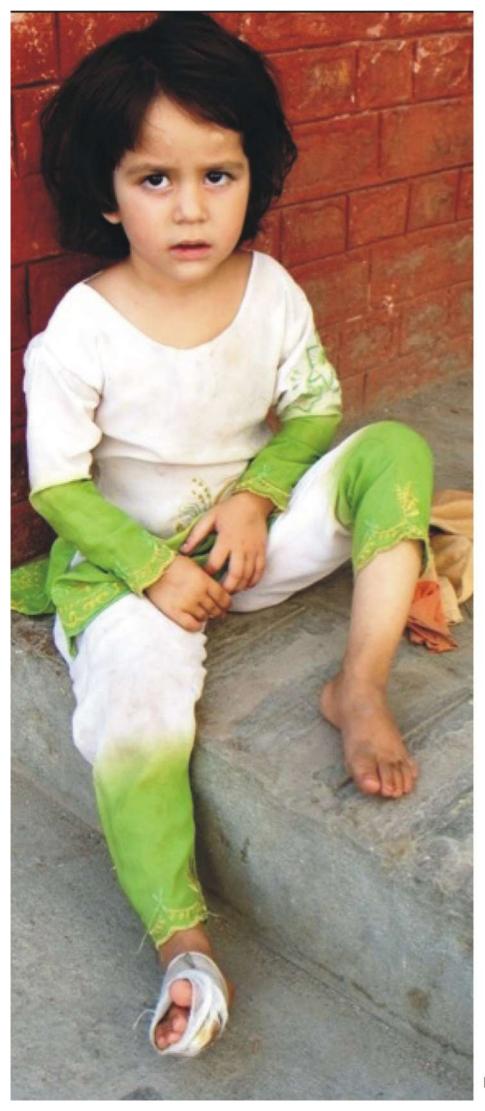
The Foundation gives priority attention to special needs of the marginalized including women, children, the elderly, the disabled, and the poor. For example, personal hygiene kits were designed to meet the specific needs of women and men. Psycho social support was provided to children through art and games.

### Help the affected regain control and retain dignity

The Foundation works in close partnership with the displaced so that they regain control of their lives and retain their dignity. In each school/host family, the Foundation initiated contact and held a broad-based meeting. Organizing committees from among the displaced were formed for:

- Data collection
- Distribution
- Cleanliness

The Foundation also worked closely with secondary stakeholders including the local government, other related line departments and also with the media.



Recovering after the arduous Journey

### Outreach

In the short span of a little over two months (12 May-31 July 2009), the Foundation extended humanitarian assistance to more than 30,000 displaced persons sheltered in 26 union councils of Mardan and 5 in Swabi.

"We are grateful for your timely and gracious support. We now have food and are also occupied in cooking our meals. It has taken our minds away from our anxieties."

A displaced person from Swat

The Foundation conducted an overall assessment of all union councils in Districts Mardan and Swabi to prioritize the focus of its work using the criteria of *greater poverty, greater number of displaced persons*, and *lesser access to relief*.

### Interventions

### Food and Essential Non-Food Items (F&ENFIS)

Food received the highest priority in the rapid needs assessment carried out in May 2009. The Foundation compiled a package consisting of dry ration including flour, rice, and lentils.

The purpose of providing dry ration was to enable people to prepare meals as per their choice. The task of cooking also gave them something to do, and brought them together in communal kitchen facilities set up by the Foundation. This package also included essential non-food items such as matchbox, detergent, and personal hygiene kits. Specific needs of women and men were given due importance in putting together the personal hygiene kits. For example, the kits included sanitary pads for women.



Cooking meals and building solidarity

One unit of F&ENFIs included quantities sufficient for a family of seven for a month. These were given on a monthly basis. An estimated 12,000 persons benefitted from the F&ENFIs provided in May-July 2009.



Reminiscing a Mingora in times of peace

### Non-Food Items (NFIs)

Inadequate and in some cases no forewarning of the military action resulted in people fleeing with little or no personal belongings. In the early days, it was common to see people simply sitting around in classrooms or in *hujras* of host families. Many visibly tired from their long and arduous journey to safety.

A package of basic Non-Food Items was put together and distributed as a one-time support to displaced families. One unit of Non-Food Items catered to the needs of three families or an estimated 21 persons.

**Non-Food Items** 

one-time support for three families (of seven persons each)

Utensils and other Items (Including cooking pots, plates, etc) Floor mats (9 ft x 12 ft)

Mattresses with sheets and pillows

Buckets and mugs

Bath towels

Mosquito repellent

Brooms and dusters

### Makeshift facilities

These facilities were provided for communal living arrangements like schools and *hujras*. They included kitchens, toilets, water chillers, and garbage disposal facilities. The communal arrangements helped bring people together, and provided space for sharing experiences and anxieties.



Coming together and sharing burdens

### Toilets

Public schools that sheltered the largest number of displaced families had limited number of toilets, many of which were not functional. The schools are also not equipped to provide residential facilities. Women were more affected, as separate toilets for women were often not allocated. To address this problem, the Foundation worked with displaced families and also engaged the local Parents-Teachers' Associations to repair or construct toilets in the schools. Where needed, water supply was also repaired or improved. These toilets would be available for displaced families temporarily residing in schools and also continue to benefit school children after schools reopen.



Toilets made with support of Parents-Teachers' Associations

### Garbage disposal

The Foundation worked with relevant committees within schools and *hujras*, to arrange garbage disposal facilities for which wheel barrows, and other materials were provided.

### Clean and chilled drinking water

The scorching, dry summer heat causes discomfort to most people in Mardan and Swabi. It was even more debilitating for displaced families living in tents or in cramped classrooms and *hujras*, especially as they are accustomed to the cooler climes of the picturesque mountains and valleys of north western Pakistan. Responding to these special circumstances, the Foundation decided to install water chillers with filters in each school where it was working. The fixed chillers provided clean, chilled drinking water to displaced families residing in schools. Once they leave and the schools reopen for education, the chillers will continue to benefit school children.





20 water chillers included in the assistance provided by Rehnuma Trust and 10 by Timeline Pvt. Ltd.

### Kitchens

The Foundation set up gas burners enabling families to cook their own food. Where requested by displaced families, temporary partitions were created using *chaddars* or sheets to provide privacy for women using the makeshift kitchens. In most places the kitchen became a hub of activity, and a "safe space" for women to meet, share experiences and anxieties and to build solidarity. This was particularly important in

places where different families had taken refuge in a single school/place, restricting women inside their classrooms and even keeping them awake until all the men were asleep as it was considered indecent for women to be in a sleeping position while non-relative males could watch them. The kitchen provided women an opportunity to reclaim some control and also become partners in the relief efforts.

### Other interventions

### Healthcare and hygiene

The Foundation worked in collaboration with other organizations to provide healthcare facilities to displaced people. From 31 May to 2 June 2009, Concern for Children's medical evaluation team consisting of a female doctor, a lady health visitor and a psychotherapist provided outpatient consultation to more than 200 people living in schools.



Infants were among the most vulnerable

In response to specific needs of women, the Foundation included sanitary pads in the monthly packages provided to families. It also distributed sanitary pads as part of packages provided by six health and nutrition centers set up by the Frontier Primary Health Care in the following camps:

District	Camp
Mardan	Sheikh Yasin Jalala Sheikh Shehzad
Swabi	Shah Mansoor
Charsadda	Palosa
Nowshera	Benazir Complex Risalpur

The Foundation also distributed sanitary pads as part of packages provided by female social organizers of the Women's Development Organization.



Children - the worst affected

### Psycho social support

Children were among the worst affected by the armed conflict. Many had experienced or witnessed violence. They were also exposed to the anxieties of elders.

The Foundation's staff is trained in psycho social support which it provided to survivors of the 2005 earthquake. In particular, in 2008-09, the Foundation and Rozan (a national NGO working on emotional health, gender, and violence against women, children, and the youth) provided psycho social support to children, adolescents, and parents. The Foundation drew on its skills to engage displaced children in a variety of activities to provide psycho social support.



People sheltered in an abandoned factory voice their concerns

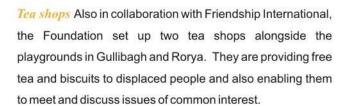




Using art to express ideas and hopes

Arr The Foundation provided chart paper, paint, colouring pencils and other material to children in schools and allowed them time to prepare their art entries in a competition. Topics and themes were deliberately left undefined so that children could express their creativity without restraint. 954 girls and 987 boys in 22 schools in Mardan and Swabi participated in the art sessions.

Outdoor games The Foundation arranged outdoor races and games which were a source of entertainment as well as physical activity. In collaboration with Friendship International, the Foundation also set up two playgrounds in schools in union council Gullibagh and the labour colony in union council Rorya. The playgrounds are used by children of more than 1,500 displaced families taking shelter in these places. After they leave, the playgrounds will continue to benefit local children.





Tea, biscuits and exchange of ideas



Children playing in Rorya



Joining hands with the corporate sector *Yar Hussain, Swabi* 

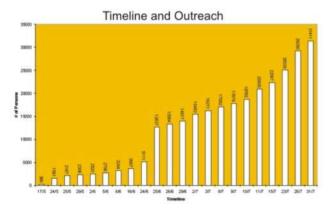


### Contributing partners

The humanitarian assistance was mainly made possible due to the generous contributions of local philanthropists. Many had partnered with the Foundation to provide relief assistance to survivors of the 2005 earthquake. Among the first to step forward were Toxy and Cyrus Cowasjee. Their generous contributions helped the Foundation begin work immediately. And many, many more friends and partners joined in. Tariq Nasim Jan and Rehana Fazli represent so many that gave of their time and energy and worked tirelessly to collect funds for the displaced.

The following are some of the organizations and the corporations that provided help and chose the Foundation as a partner to act as a conduit for their assistance to reach the deserving:

# Some of our partners Concern for Children Trust Friendship International Ghulam Faruque Group Helium Pvt Ltd Mahvash and Jahangir Siddiqui Foundation Philip Morris/Lakson Tobacco Company Phoenix Armour Rehnuma Trust Timeline Pvt. Ltd. United Bank Limited Young Presidents' Organization-Pakistan Chapter



### Beyond relief

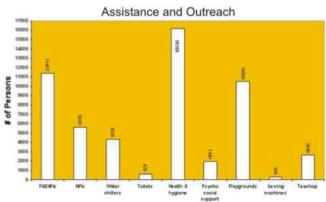
Along with direct relief assistance, the Foundation also helped raise concerns of affected people and connect them with citizens and organizations across the country. Philanthropists interested in understanding ground realities and relief priorities invited the Foundation to various forums:



Dialogue with local philanthropists

The Foundation also met with the Governor, State Bank of Pakistan, leaders of the business community and others to exchange views on policy and relief priorities.

The Foundation believes that effective relief and long-term rehabilitation, peace and stability require bold and effective policies. For this, people whose lives were and continue to be directly affected must be able to reclaim public space, and share their needs, fears, and aspirations. Policies must help rebuild lives and protect human and democratic values through the establishment of the writ of the state. The Foundation continues to raise issues that will ensure the protection of those that are vulnerable in the hope that the response will help ensure a life of quality, through establishing the values of equity, tolerance and justice.



	# of		# of Persons			Total	Jo#		Makeshiff	Officer
ocation	Families	6ء	C+	Girls	Boys	Persons	FRENFIS	NFIs	Facilities	Contributions
Mardan										
Babini										
GHS Boys Naseer Kalay	34	51	88	70	74	261	88	12	1 water chiller	Art & games with 70 children
Host familiy: Mohalla Masalo Koroona	24					136	20			
Bagndada	8			17.	8		•			
GFS #1 Boys	8	57	40	0	3	14/	0			12 water cooler
GPS Girls Faqirban	18	20	31	20	52	88	15	2		18 water coolers, Art with 47 children
GPS Bovs Fadirban	00					123	7			18 water coolers. Art with 20 children
DDS # 2 Bove	3	8			E.A	180	44	14		Art with 70 children
Host family: Mohallah Abdur Rehman	4		5 00	10		8 8	4			Mainte difficient
Host family: Mohallah Aashiq	00	12				255	00			
Host family. Mohallah Faqir	26		29			187	25	8		
Bagh-e-Irum										
Civil Dispensry Bagh-e-Irum	75	91	116	182	142	531				300 pkts sanatary pads distributed through FPHC
Balaghari										
Host family. Village jular	22			52		75	+	m		
Host family. Hujra Atta Mohammad Mohalla	+	18	28		40	159	23			
Host family. Mohallah Bara Chum near hafizan	8	20	20	148	110	378	54	18		
Host family. Mohalla Akhtarabad hujra javed	4	3			2	8	0	(		
akhtar	7			22		54	0	7		
Host family. Koz Chum ada masjid	28				1	205	24	10	-	
GHS Boys	24	27	30		03	180				30 pkts sanatary pads distributed through WDO
Host family. Mohallah Chamdari	99					388	7		<u> </u>	116 pkts sanatary pads distributed through WDO
RHC Balaghari	24			99		28		1		76 pkts sanatary pads distributed through WDO
Bari Cham						1	1	1		
GHS #2 Girls Shamsi Road	94	112	103	133	144	492	129	16	16 gas connections	CFC Medical, 70 Patients
Bicket Gunj	-	4				100				
Host families: Monalian Eid Gan	6/	8	106	184	35	076				212 pkts sanatary pads distributed through WDU
Chairt Venen Town Comm	000			1504		1001				OUGS decreased to the distribution of the COUGS
Otherich Observed Town Comp	442					1304				670 puts sanatary pads distributed inlough FFTIC
Jalala Camp	130	141	243	305	221	910				520 pkts sanatary pads distributed through FPHC
Chamtar										
BHU	12	12	14	35	8	88	0	0		1 sewing machine with related materials, 5 sets of books
GPS Girls	13	11	16			92	0	0	1 water chiller	
Chak Hoti										
Host family: Machine Korona Tawos Banda	47	25	92			271	33	11		
Host family. Mohala Khat Kalay	51			135	121	391	20			
GPS Khat Kalay	12	1/	20			/8				40 pkts sanatary pads distributed through WDO
Damn-e-Koh	10	06	30	09	CV	450	40			
Fathma	7	37		3		3	0			
GMS Girls	00	11	15	8		49	7			
GHS Boys	18			44	34	153	14			
Ghalla Dher										
GHS Boys	37				254	471	0	0		35 Phoenix packages
GPS Boys	24					182	0	0	2 water chillers	20 Phoenix packages
GPS Girls	35	36	43	43	157	279	0	0	1 water chiller	22 Phoenix packages
GHS Girls	13					103	0			10 Phoenix packages
GPS Boys Syed Abad	20					212	0			18 Phoenix packages
CDS #2 Bove	4	4	10		26	48	0	0		4 Phoenix packages

Gulibaqh								,		
GHS Boys	47	4	25	8	*	398	146	12 N	12 gas connection, screen for kitchen, 2 water chiller, 2 latrines & 1 bathroom	CFC Medical: 70 patients, Art with 201 Children, FI tea shop.
GPS Boys	8	%	29	49	38	138	46	7 19	7 gas connection, 1 water chiller, 2 latrines/bathrooms: improved	CFC Medical: 77 patients, Art with 98 Children, FI tea shop
GPS Girls	19	23	83	37	88	114	88	77	7 7 gas connection, 1 water chiller	Art with 85 Children, FI tea shop.
GPS #1 Girls										Flayground.
GHS Boys Hoti Landakay	8	S	72	42	47	214	8	7 8	gas connection, 2 water chiller	Art with 145 Children, FI tea shop.
GPS #1 Girls	78	81	97	231	137	546				FI teashop 1320 token issued, Playground.
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GHSS Girls	168	179	185	385	280	1019	0	0 5	2 water chillers	
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Host family: Mahala Aladadkhail	3 89	78.2	9 98	127	158	453	8 8	001	Danitoom: Improved	
GMS Purana Hoti	1	15	19	27	21	88	3			38 pkts sanatary pads distributed through WDO
Katlang									1	
RHC Hunza Gae	137	142	174	347	278	941				548 pkts sanatary pads distributed through FPHC
Kazana Dheri					0		7			
BHU Kazana Dheri	9	117	136	282	187		4	1		400 pkts sanatary pads distributed through FPHC
Manga	113	11/	139	780	8		20	**		Art with 200 children
GMS Boys	7	7	00	00	6	8%	2			
GPS Boys	7	7	7	14	6	37	2			
GPS Girls	7	00	10	16	14	48	7			
Mardan Rural	9	7	8	96	8	440	99	4		
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Host family. Deputy Ralay	16	13 52	9 6	48	8 8	110	12	0 40		
Host family: Gulibagh nesata road	00	7	11	27	21	88	6	m		
Host family. Marghano Kalay	15	12	17	40	98	105	15	22		
Host family. Malo Kalay	7	83	198	12	20	23	9	2		
Host family. Mansab Kalay	15	12	47	8 %	3 8	110	16	5 4		
Muslimabad	0	7	ř	07	17	761	0	0		T T
Host family: Canal Road	-11	12	14	28	21	3/2	5	0		
Rorya										
GPS Boys	49	49	61	82	28	273	14			Art with 163 children, FI teashop and playground
GHS Boys	88	8	43	52	46	180	13	-	water chiller	Art with 101 children, FI teashop and playground
GPS Girls	8	8	8	88	98	174	15			Art with 116 children, FI teashop and playground
GMS Girls	14	52	23	9	98	36	7			Art with 162 children, FI teashop and playground
Labour Colony 50 Quarter	130	160	210	165	140	675	42			Art with 100 children ,FI teashop and playground
Labour Colomy Community Center	17	100	34	400	43	143	10	-		FI teashop and playground
Labour colony Riestam	07	2007	107	88	\$	0701	5	0		riteastiop
Civil Hospital Rustam	150	168	204	349	284	1005				600 pkts sanatary pads distributed through FPHC
Sri Balol										
Jahour Colony Takht Bai	145	175	177	200	300	010	124	0		

Host family: Sarikh Kaly	14	0	17	34	26	90	S.	0	
Toru									
GHS Girls	40	39	43	118	68	289	0	0 1 water chiller	
Charsada									
Palosa-1 Camp	79	98	126	210	150	571			314 pkts sanatary pads distributed through FPHC
Vowshera									
Benazir Complex Risalpur	92	102	169	220	170	199			370 pkts sanatary pads distributed through FPHC
Abbottabad									
Abbottabad	14	13	14	13	8	49	10	3	
Swabi									
Adina									
GHS Boys	33	49	43	46	43	181	13	2 water chillers	Art with 35 children
GHS Girls	26	30	40	48	52	113	9		
GPS #1 Girls	12	19	16	13	15	83	4		
GPS #1 Boys	11	20	12	1	22	99	so.		
GPS #2 Boys	14	14	17	21	40	70	9		
Community Model School	2	9	25	42	00	34	2	(	
GPS Suhbatkhail	19	19	25	31	21	96	7 _		
Camp					0			Y	
Shah Mansoor Camp	180	204	360	419	340	1323			720 pkts sanatary pads distributed through FPHC
smaila									
GPS Ismaila Mohallah Sadat/serai	15	24	30	12	16	88	22	4 1 water chiller	Art with 50 children
Host family: Mohalla Sadat/Serai (partial)	9	10	12	25	21	88	9	0	
GHSS Boys	19	8	23	44	4	127	8	1 water chiller, 2 6 bathrooms:constructed	Art with 84 children
Kalabat									
GPS Girls	24	8	8	88	4	134	48	8 1 water chiller	16 sewing machines with related materials: Rehnma, Art with 27 children
BPS Boys Qadirabad Kalabat	7	o	7	10	16	42	13	2 1 water chiller	6 sewing machines with related materials: Rehnma
GPS #2 Boys Khankhail Kalabat	20	26	24	45	40	135	18	6 1 water chiller	23 sewing machines with related materials: Rehnma
GHSS Girls	15	16	19	13	34	85	27	4 1 water chiller	9 sewing machines with related materials. Rehnma
Host family: Mohalla Ali Khail	4	4	4	11	11	30	00	1	
Shekh Dheri									
GMS Girls	00	6	11	19	16	99	2	0	
Yar Hussain					- 1				
GHS #2 Boys	32	36	33	101	77	247	45	6 2 water chillers	Art with 25 children
GPS #1 Boys	12	11	16	30	23	08	27	5 1 water chillers	Art with 53 children
GPS #2 Boys	6	0	12	28	21	20	16	3 1 water chillers	
GHS #3 Boys	19	17	23	20	45	135	12	4 1 water chillers	
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