

Flood Victim Aid Pakistan Rotary Germany is an international pioneer Report on the activities of the Country Committee Germany – Pakistan 2012-2013

Initial situation and overview

In August 2010, an area of half of Germany was flooded in Pakistan by devastating floods. Almost all infrastructure and 2 million homes were destroyed and 14 million people were left homeless. Rapid emergency aid and sustainable reconstruction support were urgently needed. Many of the 180 Rotary clubs in Pakistan provided admirable emergency aid, which could be seen on the websites of the two Pakistani districts 3271 and 3272. Rotary Germany was also able to take action quickly through the Germany-Pakistan Country Committee, which was founded in 2005 on the occasion of the earthquake Weredisaster in Pakistan. With the help of this country committee and the initiative of the German lead district 1840 under DG Rainer Späth, many other German districts and clubs as well as Rotary Deutschland Gemeindienst e.V. (RDG),

€1,066,291 €

were collected to support the Pakistani flood victims. This made Rotary Germany the leader in international Rotarian aid.



Spenden- und Ausgabenstand zum 29.04.2013

| | Spendenart | Eingang | Ausgang | Stand |
|---|---|------------------|----------------|---------------|
| 1 | Allg. Fluthilfe RDG-Kto 2071 | 375.509 | 324.607 | 50.902 |
| 2 | Shelterbox RDG-Kto 2072 | 455.532 | 455.532 | 0 |
| 3 | Spez. Fluthilfe RDG-Konto 2077 | 79.100 | 40.000 | 39.100 |
| 4 | Direkte Hilfe von Distrikt oder Club | 156.150 | 153.150 | 3.000 |
| 5 | Summe | 1.066.291 | 973.291 | 93.000 |
| 6 | Anteil in % | 100 | 91 | 9 |

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Two years later, 91% of the donations had been used in a targeted manner and the remaining donations had been reserved for further concrete project proposals. A sum of at least 153,150 Euros was transferred by German clubs or districts directly to Rotary clubs or non-governmental organizations in Pakistan. A further 455,532 euros were donated specifically for shelter boxes, through which around 650 families whose houses were completely destroyed by the floods were able to receive a family tent, cookware, cooking stove and other essential utensils. (A total of about 30,000 shelter boxes have been delivered to Pakistan, a sign that international solidarity was greater than commonly assumed.) The €50,902 in account 2071 are earmarked for further concrete reconstruction projects. There are still €39,100 left in the RDG account 2077, which is mainly earmarked by District 1800 for the construction of 50 houses in the village of Bux Lakhia near the city of Dadu in the province of Sindh or another reconstruction project.



650 Shelterboxen wurden mit Spenden von deutschen Rotariern finanziert. Insgesamt wurden rd. 30.000 Shelterboxen verteilt.



Dr. Klaus



The German-Pakistani Country Committee (ICC), together with RDG, was and is directly responsible for the use of the donations received in RDG account 2071. On www.rotary-deutschland-pakistan.de, the members of the ICC, its approach and its projects can be found accessible to everyone at any time.

First, the ICC / RDG supported 11 **emergency aid projects** of 5 Pakistani Rotary clubs, 2 German and one Austrian non-governmental organization with a total of 99,200 €.



11 Nothilfprojekte wurden unterstützt, davon 5 mit pakistanischen Rotary Clubs



RC Dadu (Sindh)



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This included the distribution of drinking water bottles, food rations (see photo), shelter boxes, blankets and other necessities, but also the organization of medical camps or temporary schools for children and women.

Water Backpack PAUL

In the context of emergency aid, but also in the reconstruction projects, the Portable Aqua Unit for Lifesaving (PAUL) was used in many cases, which proved to be an excellent addition to the shelter boxes. This water backpack developed by the University of Kassel, Germany, contains such fine nanofilters that even cholera bacteria do not slip through. The ICC/RDG funded 42 of these portable water purification devices at €1,000 each, which were transported to the affected villages on behalf of the ICC by its partner organization, the Humanity Care Foundation (HCS) of Rotarian Folker Flasse,

RC Greven. In total, more than 150 PAULs are in operation in Pakistan through HCS. (See the article "PAUL the Lifesaver" in Rotary Magazine 1/2011.)

Reconstruction projects

Furthermore, the ICC/RDG supported 7 reconstruction projects together with the German-Pakistani **Humanity Care Foundation**, but also with Welthungerhilfe, District 1800 and the RC Islamabad Cosmopolitan, 3 schools, 120 houses, 5 bridges and a training center were rebuilt, both in the northern regions, some of which are difficult to access, and in Sindh in the south of Pakistan. Seven other smaller reconstruction projects, two of them with the RC Islamabad Renaissance, have been approved and carried out. Finally, the resumption of the difficult and lengthy treatment of multidrug-resistant TBC, which had been interrupted by the flood, was financed together with RC Schwäbisch-Hall, Germany. This treatment is carried out under the direction of a German doctor and German nurses at the leprosy hospital in Rawalpindi, Pakistan.

At the end of March 2011, the chairman of the German section of the German-Pakistani Country Committee, Dr. Klaus Klennert from RC Weilheim (Upper Bavaria, Germa), travelled through Pakistan for three weeks to examine the current projects and to agree on further projects. At the annual conferences of Pakistan's districts 3271 and 3272 in Karachi and Lahore, he discussed the possibilities of joint reconstruction aid with many Rotarians in leading Rotary functions. Together with Pakistani Rotarians, he visited projects for flood victims and other disadvantaged populations in Karachi, Lahore, Islamabad, and rural areas of the provinces of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa (KPK) and Sindh, which were particularly affected by the floods. The support of the members of the Pakistani section of the country committee, such as **PDG Ali Akhtar**, who had studied in Germany and had worked professionally for BASF in Pakistan, was very helpful.

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|  Flutopferhilfe Pakistan | Wiederaufbauprojekte |
| Wiederaufbau von 70 Wohnhäusern bei Charsadda, Khyber Pakhtun Kwa Provinz | |
| Eigene Fotos vom 30.3.2011 | |
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| Rechtes Bild: v.l.n.r. Fateh Malik, RC Isl-Cosmo / NRSP Klaus Klennert, LA, RC Weilheim Shakil Ansari, PDG 3270, LA, RC IC Folker Flasse, LA, HCS, RC Greven | |
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Among the projects supported by the country committee and RDG is the construction of 70 completely destroyed houses in the village of Akbarabad Hisara in the district of Charsadda, KPK province. The local partner was the **Rotary Club of Islamabad Cosmopolitan** with its **PDG Shakil Ansari** and **chairman of the Pakistani section of the ICC**. During the above-mentioned visit in March 2011, Klaus Klennert was able to convince himself of the construction progress, together with ICC member Folker Flasse, HCS. The construction management and social mobilization of the villagers were entrusted by the RC Islamabad Cosmopolitan to the renowned National Rural Support Programme (NRSP), which ensured the construction progress by the future homeowners in a clever mixture of support (subsidy only in installments after the different construction phases had been completed) and demand (taking out an interim loan and personal contribution). The new homeowners' gratitude to Rotary was evident in the short reports of each grant recipient that were sent to the ICC of RC Islamabad Cosmopolitan.

The flood disaster of 2010 also caused enormous damage to strategically important infrastructure objects in the narrow mountain valleys in northern Pakistan. The flood and the landslides it triggered destroyed, among other things, suspension bridges for pedestrians or mules, which are of great importance for the access of local smallholders to their sales and procurement markets. Important inputs for agricultural production could no longer be procured and cash crops from the remote areas could no longer be sold on the local markets.

In cooperation with its Pakistani partner organisation Lasoona, Society for Human and Natural Resources Development and in close coordination with the local authorities, **Welthungerhilfe** built five new central suspension bridges in the Shangla and Kohistan districts between February 2012 and May 2013. This project was embedded in the BMZ-funded project "Sustainable Rehabilitation of Agriculture for Food Security and Disaster Prevention".

To finance this bridge construction project of Welthungerhilfe, ICC/RDG have provided 54,600 € in three tranches on the basis of ICC/RDG detailed project calculations, Approximately 1,100 households with a total of approx. 11,200 people will benefit from the construction of the five suspension bridges. At all five bridges, the funding from Rotary Germany is marked.



**The new project with financial support from ICC/RDG
Suspension bridge built in Ajmair, Shangla district**

Reconstruction of the primary school in Kuz Paro

A special success story is the reconstruction of the primary school in Kuz Paro, a narrow mountain valley in wild Kohistan in the Himalayas. The project was financed by the ICC/RDG with 54,000 € and was carried out by the German development consultant Klaus Euler, who has been working in Pakistan for many years, in cooperation with a local NGO. The RC Islamabad Cosmopolitan had taken over the financial supervision. Due to the repeated landslides that blocked the access road several times, the harsh winters and the explosive security situation on site, the realization of the project had been delayed by one year. However, thanks to the good cooperation of the state District Coordination Officer, the local population and the contractor, all problems could be overcome. The school furniture has also already arrived, which Mr. Euler's former school in Germany had donated. Two teachers and the boys and girls of the village are looking forward to being able to go back to school after the winter holidays.



Wiederaufbau einer Grundschule in Kuz Paro in Kohistan, in den Bergregionen Nordpakistans



Die Schule im Nov. 2010, nachdem der reißende Fluss die Vorder- und Rückseite weggerissen hatte. Wochenlang war die Schule eine Insel im Fluss gewesen.



Die neu aufgebaute Schule, weit oberhalb der alten (im Hintergrund) im Okt. 2012.

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Rotary Village Jo Goth in Sindh Province

New donations are needed to build a new village for 150 families who have lost their homes and can no longer return to their locations because they are located in flood-prone areas. After long negotiations, the Rotary Humanitarian Trust (the counterpart to RDG) of District 3271 Pakistan (South) has received from the provincial government of Sindh a higher and thus non-flood-prone piece of land two hours north of Karachi, which Klaus Klennert visited together with the chairman of the trust in 2011. Pakistani Rotarians have already pledged donations of €150,000, which have been used to start the first construction work in cooperation with the experienced non-governmental organization HANDS. The earthworks are in progress and the first two houses are standing. But another 130,000 € are still needed for the village school and the health center.

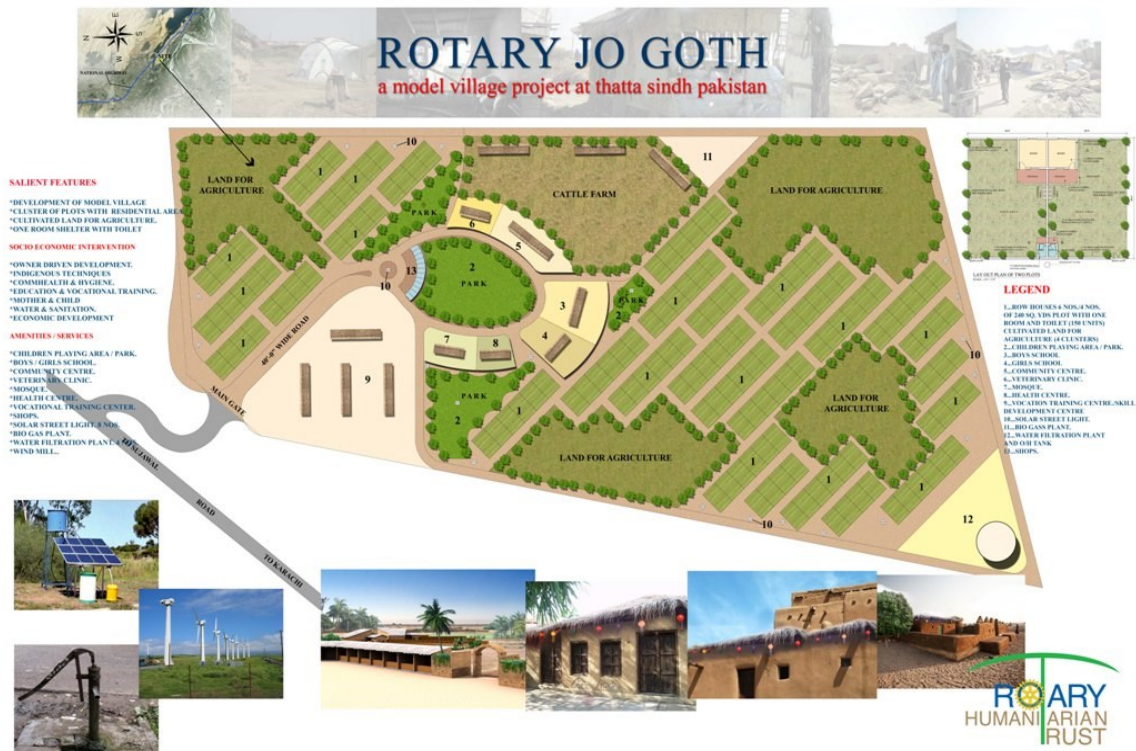
Klaus Klennert (3. v.r.) besuchte im März 2011 das ausgewählte Baugrundstück für das Rotary Model Village, zusammen mit PDG Faiz Kidwai (2.v.l.), Chairman des Humanitarian Trust Funds des Distrikts 3271 und PDG Dr. Ali Akhtar (1.v.l.), stellv. Vorsitzender der pakistanischen Sektion des Länderausschusses Deutschland – Pakistan.



Das Bauland für das Model Village.
Man sieht die Shelterboxzeite und die höher gelegene Lage.



Foto von Klaus Klennert, Vorsitzender der deutschen Sektion des Länderausschusses Deutschland – Pakistan, vom März 2011.



Master plan for the Rotary village of Jo Goth near Thatta in Sindh Province, Pakistan

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