

Disaster Risk Reduction



Facts at a glance

Project Title:
Community Based Disaster Risk Reduction

Swiss Contribution:
135,000 Swiss Francs

Time Frame:
October 2011 to March 2012

Geographic Focus:
Chail Valley, District Swat,
Province Khyber
Pakhtunkhwa

Partners:

- World Food Programme WFP, Pakistan
- Helvetas Swiss Intercooperation (HSI), Pakistan
- NAMEDO (Local NGO)

The project is committed to mitigating the vulnerability in the face of disasters in the communities of the risk-prone Chail Valley (Swat) through investment in disaster preparedness and reduction.

Summary

SDC Humanitarian Aid contributes to a WFP Community-based Cash-for-Work-Programme in the context of Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR) in providing expertise in DRR and Quality management. 29 communities in selected villages will construct DRR structures for protection from floods and landslides. The cash for work approach on DRR structures and measures allows the beneficiaries to purchase food. As an immediate effect, 21,000 members of 2,680 household enjoy improved food consumption.

Background and Context

The incessant monsoon rain that Pakistan experienced for days on end throughout July and August 2010 led to the worst floods for a century. Around one fifth of the country was affected. 14 million people were dependent on humanitarian aid at the moment that the flooding was at its worst. After providing emergency aid and helping the people get through the winter, SDC started a number of reconstruction projects in the water supply and in the education sectors, as well as in disaster risk reduction (DRR).

The intense and prolonged rains over the mountainous parts of KPK generated hill torrents in the steep mountain catchments in Swat, Dir and Chitral Districts and caused soil erosion of steep soils, land sliding and severe damage to infrastructure, houses and productive agricultural land. The incidence of poverty and food insecurity is highest in these mountain areas because of limited agricultural land and lack of farm-employment opportunities.



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Objectives

- The populations in 29 selected villages in the Chail Valley (District Swat) have improved their food security and resilience through a Cash-for-Work-Programme (CFW) on protective DRR structures.
- The selected villages have an enhanced capacity to prevent, mitigate or cope with disasters through disaster mitigation awareness and measures.

Expected Results (1st phase - 10/2011 to 03/ 2012)

- As an immediate impact, the Cash-for-Work-Programme on DRR structures and measures allows the beneficiaries to purchase food. In the first phase, 21,000 members of 2,680 households enjoy improved food consumption.
- 29 village communities have constructed DRR structures, strengthening them through bio-engineering measures for protection from floods and landslides, etc.
- The village communities understand the causes of floods, landslides and other disasters.
- The village communities set up committees in order to manage DRR structures.

Main Activities and Achievements

- The Project staff has been recruited and oriented on cash for work payment modalities as per WFP guidelines.
- A workshop has been organized to inform the stakeholders and to discuss the action plan.
- Potential sites have been identified and designs for the DRR structural measures are prepared.
- An SDC-HA engineer provided backstopping to the local engineers on the proposed structural designs for DRR.
- Potential beneficiaries in 5 villages (31 hamlets) have been identified.
- Village committees in 25 hamlets of the project area have been established.

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