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Visit of Angelina Jolie to flood-hit areas in Dadu, Sindh

Photo: International Rescue Committee



Hollywood actress and special envoy to the UN High Commissioner for Refugees, **Angelina Jolie** visited district Dadu, Sindh on 20th September 2022 to support communities affected by the devastating floods. She visited the flood-hit sites near Johi, district Dadu, where RDF together with International Rescue Committee (IRC) is extending its life saving assistance to the flood survivors. She also observed the proceedings of the medical relief camp organized by IRC-RDF, where hundreds of women, children and men were being assisted.

Angelina visited damaged villages around the MNV drain by boat and met women, children and elderly persons. She visited to highlight the climate induced humanitarian crisis in Pakistan and appeal international community to assist flood affected communities.

Rural Youth of Pakistan participated in International Youth Conference on Climate Change in Germany

The Young climate activists of RDF participated in an "International Youth Conference on Climate Change" organized by Kindernothilfe with the support of BMZ, in Germany. RDF's three young climate activists shared their youth led actions to combat change in Pakistan with German and South African participants. They also participated in a number of school workshops held in different schools of various cities of Germany where they delivered presentations on the current flood situation of Pakistan and their contributions in mitigating climate change. RDF team also conducted 2 creative workshops regarding climate change with international students in the conference.



Muhammad Hanif, a 16 years young climate activist from Achro Thar of district Sanghar, sharing his major contributions in the fight against climate change in an "International Youth Conference on Climate Change" in Germany.

Matching Grant for the SMEs

Under GRASP-PPAF project, RDF signed an agreement with 04 selected SMEs for providing them matching grants of 2.5 million PKR. These matching grants applicants include 03 SMEs in horticulture and 01 in cattle sector of district Tando Muhammad Khan and Sujawal under GRASP project. RDF, along with implementing partner PPAF, carried out the physical verification and due diligence of the selected SMEs. The matching grants are awarded to the selected SMEs at award ceremony held at Karachi to develop their business in the proposed area.



Consultative Seminar on Improving Banana Value Chain

A one-day seminar on Banana Value Chain was organized in collaboration with Sindh Chamber of Agriculture, and Pakistan Poverty Alleviation Fund, on August 13, 2022 at Hyderabad under GRASP-PPAF project. To discuss challenges and way forwards. The seminar was attended by progressive farmers, banana value chain actors, agriculture departments, researchers and representatives of local SMEs to explore the challenges of banana value chain and find the possible solutions for development of Banana so the collective efforts can be made for improving and strengthening the banana value chain in Sindh.



Mr. Ghulam Mustafa Nagaraj (Director Information Agriculture Extension Sindh at Agriculture Extension Sindh), Mr. Nabi Bux Sathio – (Sr. Vice President- Sindh Chamber of Agriculture), Dr. Shoukat Ibrahim Abro (Sindh Agriculture University Tando Jam), Mr. Niaz Nizamani (Progressive Farmer working on Banana Tissue Culture) Mr. Imran Bozdar (Abadgar Board Sindh), Mr. Niaz Siyal (Community Development Specialist -RDF) spoke at the event.

Professional Development Course for Teachers of People's School Mirpur Bathoro, Sujawal

A workshop for teachers' professional development was held at the Mirpur Bathoro school, assisted by Sindh Education Foundation, to orient the teachers with effective planning and introduce engaging strategies inside the classroom. Teachers learnt the model of "Lesson planning, its components and how to implement it inside the classroom" emphasizing contemporary teaching-learning techniques. The teachers were introduced to inquiry-based, collaborative, and flipped classroom strategies.

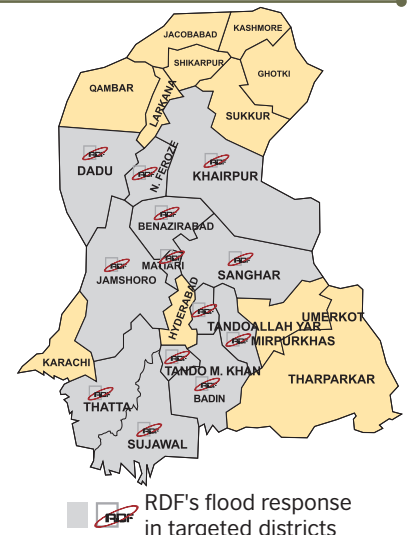


Response to Flood Emergency 2022 in Sindh and Balochistan

Being a responsible organization, RDF has extended its relief services to the flood affected areas in Sindh and Balochistan provinces from 15th of August 2022. Relief assistance is extended to flood survivors, mainly in food security, health, WASH, shelter and protection sectors. So far its relief program has reached out more than 185,000 individuals in 10 districts of Sindh and one district of Balochistan.

Emergency WASH Response

Under WASH response, 93 ventilated emergency pit latrines have been installed in internally displaced camps in district Dadu and Lasbela in order to reduce health concerns in flood-prone areas and ensure the safety of women. Baby toilet seats were also distributed among flood-affected children of district Mirpurkhas.



RDF team chlorinated all 81 water facilities provided by RDF under “Climate Resilient WASH” project in district Sanghar. Following chlorination, the water quality officer randomly got 10 samples and determined that they were free of Bacteriological contamination. RDF teams also carried out dewatering campaigns in 4 villages, 2 schools, and 1 government office together with district authorities of districts Mirpurkhas and Sanghar. Moreover, RDF also organized awareness session on water treatment and better hygiene practices to improve hygiene conditions in various flood affected communities of Sindh and Balochistan.



Provision of Safe Drinking Water to Flood-Affected Communities Through Water Treatment Plant and Water Tankering

In order to ensure an easy access to safe drinking water, a Water Treatment Plant has been installed in district Dadu which is providing clean and safe drinking water to 2509 flood-affected families.

Moreover, service of water tankering is also being provided on a daily basis to around 3900 families in flood-affected districts of Sanghar, Mirpurkhas, and Dadu.



Awareness and Distribution of Hygiene and Dignity Kits

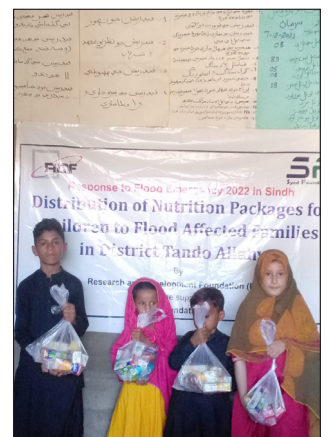
RDF humanitarian team has made an effort to reduce the daily life difficulties of flood-affected women and girls by together with district authorities, international and national aid organizations by organizing menstrual hygiene awareness sessions and distributing of Dignity kits and 200 Hygiene Kits to flood-affected women and girls in districts Sanghar, Tando Allahyar, Tando Muhammad Khan, Mirpurkhas, Kashmore, Dadu, and Jamshoro.



Food and Nutrition Security

Distribution of Cooked Food, Ration Bags and Nutrition Packages

To reduce the hunger of flood affected families, RDF provided cooked food to 3800 individuals. Moreover, RDF also provided food ration packages to 1970 displaced families. RDF also distributed 136 nutrition packages including dry milk, tea, sugar, dates, biscuits, and juices for flood-affected PLWs and children of District Dadu, Tando Allahyar, and Sanghar to help the most vulnerable households after devastating flooding throughout Pakistan.



Health

Free Medical Camps

Nearly 7500 flood survivors are provided with quality emergency medical services through 'Free Medical Camps' in affected areas. RDF has organized 17 free medical camp in Districts Tando Muhammad Khan, Tando Allahyar, Dadu, Sanghar. Besides providing general medication, the serious cases of birth administration, injuries and respiratory diseases were referred to the Government hospitals. At the camps, patients with skin, Eye/Ear and Acute Respiratory Infections (ARIs), diarrhea/Dysentery, Dermatitis diseases were treated. Malaria testing was also carried out using RDT Kits provided by the District Health Department.



Mosquito Control Fumigation Campaigns

To reduce malaria risks for the flood survivors and the affected livestock, RDF started mosquito control sprays in 55 village and streets of district Sanghar and Tando Allahyar in Sindh and in different areas of district Lasbela, Balochistan with the support of the Health Department Lasbela of Balochistan Province.



Livelihood, Agriculture & Livestock

Free Veterinary & Poultry Camps

To lessen the miseries of displaced flood hit people and animals, RDF established free mobile veterinary camp for livestock vaccination in collaboration with Livestock Department Sindh to reduce the risk of disease outbreaks in affected areas. Approximately 42,186 animals have been vaccinated in districts Tharparkar, Tando M. Khan, Tando Allahyar, Matiari, Mipurkhas, Thatta, Shaheed Benazirabad, Sanghar.

3 poultry vaccination camps have been organized by RDF in collaboration with Poultry Production Department to prevent and control contagious poultry diseases in flood-affected areas of Tando Allahyar. 205 chicks were vaccinated.



Registration for BISP Programme

RDF assisted 2000 flood-affected women of District Sanghar and Tando Allahyar to register for the BISP program so that they could avail the benefit of this government scheme.

Shelter

Considering shelter as the most important emergency aid across all sectors for displaced families, RDF took an initiative to assist such flood affected families by providing them with **8863** shelter kits (tarpaulin sheets) for their safe and secure living. These kits have been distributed in districts Tando Allahyar, Sanghar, Tando Muhammad Khan, Badin, Dadu, Mirpurkhas and Lasbela.



Protection

Establishment of Temporary Learning Spaces for Children

In order to facilitate the flood-affected children in terms of their development; both social and academic, 28 child-friendly temporary learning spaces in districts Sanghar, Badin Tando Allahyar, and Mirpurkhas are established to ensure the psychological well-being of flood-affected children who have been displaced from their areas due to floods where around 2000 students are enrolled to continue their education.



Establishment of Women and Girls Safer Spaces

8 Women and Girls Safer Spaces have been established by RDF in district Dadu and Khairpur to recreational and safer environment to women and girls of flood affected families who have lost their homes due to devastating floods. Psychosocial and recreational assistance is being provided to the women, children, girls in these spaces by RDF's team.



Awareness session on Rain-Prevention Measures

Due to the current flood crisis, RDF focused its assistance to boost community resilience, by organizing awareness sessions on rain-prevention measures for targeting flood-affected communities of Sindh and Balochistan provinces. Radio messages were broadcasted and sessions were provided to the women and children.



Provision of Basic Necessities for Displaced Families in Sindh & Baluchistan

RDF has extended its support to 185479 individuals and 26476 families by providing them with basic necessities such as kitchen kits, mosquito nets, Jerry cans, and washing plastic bags in Districts Dadu, Tando Muhammad Khan, Sanghar, Badin, Sujjawal, Tando Allahyar, Khairpur, Mirpurkhas, and Lasbela with the generous support from international humanitarian agencies and local philanthropists.



Participation in Radio Program on Flood Emergency and Response of NGOs

Mr. Ashfaque Soomro, Executive Director RDF participated in Pakistan Radio program on current flood disaster and relief operations in Sindh. Mr. Soomro highlighted issues of displaced people and relief operations by humanitarian agencies in Sindh. He also highlighted the active contributions of RDF in supporting flood victims in Sindh and Baluchistan province.



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