

Report from the Field

August 19, 2010

Kandian Valley, Kohistan, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa (“KPK”)

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Food & Essentials Distribution

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We do not have an operating presence in Kohistan, KPK, and work with our partner organization, OAKDF. Our initial support to OAKDF includes 100 units of food and essential non-food items which have been distributed to 200 families (approximately 2,000 people as family size in Kohistan is higher than the national average of seven members) in the Kandian valley.



Ground Report

We chose the Kandian valley on the basis of destruction and needs of the area. OAKDF had received distress signals from people in the Kandian valley. The valley extends along a 60 km stretch. Its main access road of about 35 km that linked it with the Karakorum Highway was washed away by the floods along with the two main bridges at Kiyal and Dubair. While the bridge in Kiyal was reopened in the third week of August, the one in Dubair is likely to take much longer to repair. The destruction of roads



and bridges has left the Kandian Valley isolated. No relief assistance had reached the area, even three weeks after its flooding. MJSF is also planning to construct a suspension bridge in Kohistan along with OAKDF to provide access to the community.

Distribution commenced on Friday, August 19, 2010, when food packages were handed out to households from the 4 union councils of the valley.

Each food unit, weighing 48 kg was to be shared between two households.

