



## **APPEAL for FLOOD Affected People of District Thatta...!!!**

Dear Friends in Diplomatic Missions, Foreign Offices, Embassies, Media, NGO Representatives, Volunteers & Donor Agencies,

As you all are aware of heavy monsoon rainfall started in July 2010 and is still continue in almost all four provinces of Pakistan has shaped in huge flood, in the country and has damaged/disturbed every sector of daily life. This is severe most flood of history which is affecting Khaiber Pakhtoonkhuwa, Punjab, Balochistan and Sindh. The disaster has seriously damaged road, electricity, hospitals, houses of common people means every infra structure and claimed hundreds of lives. The sound people living in pucca homes are now living hundreds miles away from their homes in tent villages and many even open without shade. Besides, outbreak of viral and communicable diseases is also spreading speedily.

In Sindh, this disastrous flood has affected Jacobabad, Qambar-Shahdadkot, Sukkur, Ghotki, Shikarpur, Larkana, Noushehro Feroze, Dadu, Nawabshah, Jamshoro, Matriari, Hyderabad, Badin and Thatta districts. Now the same is moving very quickly towards lower part of Sindh including Thatta and Badin districts. The massive disaster has badly affected about more than 10 million people directly only in Sindh.

Thatta is coastal district of Sindh having nine Tehsils (Talukas) i.e. Mirpur Sakro, Ketu Bunder, Khari Chhan, Ghorabari, Mirpur Bathoro, Sujawal, Jati, Shah Bunder and Thatta itself. Thatta is scattered over 17,355 sq. kms and has about 1.7 million populations. The River Indus flows 80 kms on left and 93 kms on right side of the district.

Trust for Conservation of Coastal Resources (TCCR) is working for conservation of natural resources and uplift of indigenous communities of coastal belt along Arabian Sea in Pakistan. According to an assessment carried out by TCCR team in all (Nine) Tehsils; the detail of most vulnerable locations of District Thatta are as under,

S#	TEHSIL	Villages	Population	Vulnerable Points
01	Thatta	19	25,500	Sonda, Helaya, PB Bund
02	Mirpur Sakro	20	10,000	Buhara, Chobandi and Ghara
03	Keti Bunder	3	6,700	Jangisar
04	Kharo Chhan	15	14,400	Town area, UC Babiho
05	Ghorabari	19	15,000	BU Bund near Ghorabari town
06	Mirpur Bathoro	19	100,525	MS Bund 2/3, 5/7
07	Sujawal	23	2,700	Surjani Bund
08	Jati	6	6,000	
09	Shah Bunder	14	7,400	Kaku Link Bund
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>118</b>	<b>89,225</b>	

The flood has drowned all the villages of 'KACHA' area near Jhirkan, Sonda, Keenjhar, Surjani and BU Band. Thousands of people of Thatta are living under open sky and in about 150 camps in schools and other govt. buildings arranged by the District Government Thatta and NGOs. As the sources with government are limited and the miseries are great in number; therefore, the affected people are waiting for our help.

#### **Grievances of Locals During Flood 1994 and 1988:**

Almost people of above areas shared their grievances about not shifting to relief camps. They said, "In past, there had been flood in our area during 1988 and later on in 1994. During those floods, our valuable agriculture fields including banana, paan and sugarcane washed out and our houses, bazaars, kettle means each and everything drowned in the flood water and we migrated to nearby towns in camps and some people to their relatives. In camps, people suffered lacking of food items, safe drinking water, medicines (at least first aid box), crockery, blankets (rillies) and tents etc. On the other hand, outbreak of viral diseases, insufficient medical facility of mother and child healthcare forced people to avoid going in camps. However, no rehabilitation was made by government or any other agency. Only political statements made on media but no results came thereafter.

We always face troubles whether it is floods or Sea intrusion. We have families, our kettle, valuable and crops to harvest. Govt. officials and NGOs only come during emergency; after shifting of people to camps, they don't care how the affected people live there? How can we move to camps; where we are not confirm whether we will get two times meal or not???!!!!"

#### **Gender Issues during 1988 and 1994 Floods:**

The females of the area shared that; they wear 'Hijab' and don't want to go in camps where, sometimes they would have to be open-faced before males of other communities. Besides, the pregnant women feel difficulty to give birth in camps. If a woman gives birth to a baby in camp then they consistently face food problem. On the other hand, food deficiency also remains with kids and pregnant women too.

After emergency is over; these displaced people will need our long term attention and support for their **LONG TERM REHABILITATION PLAN.....!!!!**

FOR SUPPORT of FLOOD affected people of District Thatta; you may contact us,



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