

Solidarity Campaign: A letter from Pakistan

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Dear friends of ESSF,

Thanks for your donation. It arrived on Tuesday. I was not in Lahore. So could not confirm you earlier.

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We have planned to bring the next relief truck on Tuesday 22nd November, your donation will be spent on buying food, medicine, blankets and warm cloths for our targeted area of Paniola in district Rawalakot of Kashmir. I will be part of the delegation with that relief truck, my second after the earthquake.

There are 38 villages in that area. Over 80 percent houses are demolished in the area. We were the first one to start the relief and rehabilitation work in the area. This is the area where we are also building 100 houses with the help of Action Aid Pakistan.

The work on the houses are going on well. Our medical team for women and children had also a three days medical camp in the area. Over 400 were treated.

Our work has been formally appreciated by the so-called government of Azad Kashmir, the Pakistan held Kashmir.

Labour Relief Campaign is in process of spending over 11 million Rupees (US\$183,000), that is the amount we have raised so far. But the majority of it (\$110,000) has come from one organisation, Action Aid, for building the houses. The rest is mainly in shape of goods and also in cash.

Your donation (\$7000) is one of the largest received internationally. DSP has also send around \$4000. SSP is still in process of collecting. Palme International Center Sweden has also send over \$6000. Socialist Party in Sweden has also send over \$3000. The collection is in process in several places.

Comradely,

Farooq Tariq