



PAKISTAN ISLAMIC MEDICAL ASSOCIATION

GOAL

To seek the pleasure of Almighty Allah through character building and service to mankind

Brief History

- ❖ A registered medical NGO, non political
- ❖ Incepted in 1979
- ❖ The most active medical association with an elaborate network
- ❖ Over 3500 registered members
- ❖ Any Muslim doctor registered with the PMDC is eligible to be a member
- ❖ Country wide organization
- ❖ Democratic, biennial elections at country and province levels, annual at district level
- ❖ Total harmony with DEEN
- ❖ Excellent source of spiritual and professional development
- ❖ Member of the FIMA

FLOODS AREA ACTIVITY BALOCHISTAN

- *PIMA provided medical services to affecters of the 2007 Flash Floods in Sindh & Balochistan.*
- *Al Khidmat Foundation & Kuwait Charity collaborated with PIMA in some areas for these services. 07 doctors served in these areas and medicines worth 350000/- Rupees were provided in these areas*



EARTHQUAKE AFFECTED AREAS OF BALOCHISTAN AND RESPONSE OF PIMA NOVEMBER 1, 2008.

On 29th October in early morning hours there were two earthquake shocks in north-western parts of Balochistan. The second shock was severer than the first and was 6.4 on Rector Scale in Balochistan Province. As per reports available, the most affected districts are District Pishin and District Ziarat though some damage occurred in Kila Abdullah and few areas of Quetta, as well. For initial report on the geographical extent of the affected area and the estimated magnitude of the damage, please see a map and report below.

Current services being provided

- EDO H is leading the health care in collaboration with the WHO, UNICEF, UNHCR, FAO
- Main relief camp is in RHC Kawas (AMC)
- Medical camps by NGOs – Mercy Corp, Al Khidmat Foundation, FC and Jamatudawah, few political parties like ANP and Pakhtoon-Khawa, as well. Edhi ambulances are also there.
- Army has provided air ambulance services to seriously injured patients but some families preferring to stay in the district.
- For PIMA's response, please see text below.

What has been PIMA's response?

- Immediate consultation of the PIMA Relief Coordinator with the President and members in the province on Oct 29.
- First meeting of the provincial PIMA branch at Quetta on in the evening of 29 Oct and decided to start medical cover to affectees in Ziarat district.
- A team of doctors from Sindh lead by the Provincial President PIMA Dr. Abdul Wahab and Dr. Hammad Zehri reached Quetta on Oct 30th, where Al-Khidmat Al Hajri Hospital was declared as base hospital after consultation with Dr Mukhtar Zohari, Provincial President Balochistan. This team visited district Ziarat to assess the situation and requirements.
- Despatch of a 4 membered medical team with medicines and relief items on 30th Oct, 2008 worth PKR 30000 in collaboration of Umair Sana Foundation from Karachi to Quetta .
- Press release was made about response of PIMA to the situation and published on Oct 30.
- Appeal for donations and sadaqat was made to the members of the PIMA and so far PKR 200000 have been collected and another amount of PKR 300000 has been pledged, where as PKR 50,000 has been spent and approximately 2 million PKR are needed with an immediate requirement of half a million PKRs.

Dr Muhammad Azam, Genral Secretary PIMA, joined the team in Balochistan on Nov 1 and followed by Dr Muhammad Iqbal Khan on Nov 2.

This team visited Tehsil Ziarat, having population of about 50,000 persons, of district Ziarat, and found that major damaged has occurred in two



out of 5 UCs of tehsil Ziarat where 90 % houses in about 15 -20 villages have been completely destroyed.

Two of the completely damaged houses in village Warchume of UC Kawas are shown below;

Around 70% houses of rest of the three UCs have been partially damaged, estimating about 1600 – 2000 houses in whole of tehsil Ziarat have been either completely damaged and partially suffered. Two partially damaged houses in UC Kaan are shown below



A total of 250 -300 hundred deaths were reported while 800 -900 persons were injured. Out of these injured persons, more than one hundred were referred to Quetta while remaining injured persons were managed locally by private and public sector health facilities.

- A tented field health facility was established on 31st October in Warchume, UC Kawas in district Ziarat in collaboration with Al-Khidmat Foundation.
- A mobile team of PIMA also started moving village to village from Nov 1, 2008 and checked 45 patients in one of the village Mana, near Warchume of UC Kawas.



The mobile team visited Village Manna on Oct 31 and village Sabazandali on 1st of November of UC Kawas and checked 45 and 70 patients respectively.

- Dr. Muhammad Azam, the General Secretary joined the team of PIMA in Balochistan and Sindh President on Nov 1 to develop medium term and long per support plan for the area based on the updated assessment.

Latest assessment of the situation as of November 3, 2008.

- Initial emergency requirement has been met by evacuating the injured patients to Quetta and those patients who had minor injuries have also been managed by various health care providers either from Govt facilities or by various NGOs reached in the area.
- Very few earth quack effected patients are attending the health facilities established by various NGOs.
- Large number of patients, attending the health facilities, is mainly for regular ailments and is predominantly male.
- Male predominance is mainly due to the cultural norms i.e. the females are purda (veil) observing and are not willing to be examined by male doctors as almost all of the health facilities established in the area are being managed by male medical persons and the female are not coming to these health facilities. Even those, who are moving village to village as mobile team, are being welcomed by the ladies to come for medical check up.
- After shocks are being repeated every day and people are generally nervous of entering to the houses even with minor cracks.
- Almost all the people in the affected areas are living outside of the houses even if the houses are not completely destroyed because of fear and repeated after shocks. Outside temperature is going up to - 4 at night.
- There are early signs of outbreak of pneumonias due to extremely cold weather and there is also threat of outbreak of diarrhoeal diseases.
- Snow falls in the winter season in this area and usually starts after Nov 15. About 50% of the people of Ziarat tehsil migrate to other parts of the province during winter but the migration from the two predominantly affected UCs remains low (up to 30%) as compared other UCs of Ziarat tehsil. Based on all the facts stated above following decisions were made after consultation with the team at Quetta and in the field.
 1. An effort would be made to have a mobile team with a lady doctor available to check the female patients.
 2. As a medium term plan for next ten days, Preparation would be made on urgent basis to combat the possible outbreak in the coming week or ten days before the start of snow fall.
 - a. During this time, a mobile team, preferably with a lady doctor, would continue moving village to village. At present a locally hired vehicle is being used for mobile team.
 - b. A base camp team in a tent at Warchume would be maintained
 3. An urgent plan would be prepared combat the possible outbreaks pneumonia and diarrhoea during the next 2-3 months.
 4. Base camp in the tent at Warchume would shift to a School building in Warchume during the time of snow fall.
 5. Two vehicles would be arranged to cope the requirement. One vehicle has been arranged by Helping Hands after liaison of Dr Iqbal Khan with their head office at USA.

6. A time gape arrangement for an office at Al-Hajiri Hospital and the latter on shift to the Alflah building in Quetta to make necessary arrangements for the field. In this building there are 2 rooms for the guests to be accommodated.
7. Coordination with the district and provincial health department as well as various branches of PIMA with PIMA central office would be ensured.
8. Arrangements for the coverage in media would be made.