



Stand Up To Survive Project – Layyah



Introduction

The 2010 floods caused severe damage to the District Layya. 116 -120 villages scattered in 15 union councils, with 280,586 acres of agriculture land were affected. Floods washed away the small basties, houses and standing crops on more than 80% area in District Layyah. People lost their sources of income / assets, especially the live stocks. Majority of the people returned and now living in tents, government buildings / schools, self-made kacha shelters or at any little better available place at their relatives. To meet the requirements of Shelters of the flood affectees, Sahara For Life Trust (SFLT) launched a project “**Stand Up to Survive Project**” funded by USAID-Concern Worldwide RAPID FUND, for construction of Shelters in two worst affected UCs i.e. Basti Shadu Khan and Kotla Haji Shah of district Layyah where in approximately 8,000 houses were damaged in full & partially. For identification of most affected families, a questionnaire for Base Line Survey was designed and Social Organizers of SFLT and Members of Local Community Organizations (LCOs) identified most affected families as per agreed criteria i.e.(i) Widows and Orphans, (ii)Disabled, (iii)Families, whose any member/ person has died in flood and don't have house till today, (iv)Families having more number of girls or women and have single person to earn, (v)Female headed house hold , (vi) Families having high numbers of school going children (vii) Families who lost their homes. The list of identified most affected families were presented in Meeting of project Steering Committee (Executive Director & General Manager of SFLT + representatives of local NGOs working for Shelters + representative of District Disaster Management Authority) held at Layyah office and after deep desk review and validation at sits, following numbers of families were finalized and one room shelters were

Union Council(s)	Total Households	Categories			
		Women headed household	Men headed household	Widow	Disable
Union Council Kotla Haji Shah	120	11	109	9	12
Union Council Shadu Khan	110	8	102	7	3
Total	230	19	211	16	15

constructed.

In total 230 one room Shelters (23' x 12' in size), 200 were constructed on participatory cost sharing basis with beneficiaries, where as 30 Shelters constructed for widows and disables headed families on 100% funded by the project.

To make identification of the most affected families and shelters construction process more transparent, complaints/suggestions boxes have been placed at prominent places and on every Monday these boxes have been opened in the presence of Community Members and all suggestions/complaints have been registered for compliance. To aware the process of identification of families and construction of shelters leaflets & banners regarding introduction

of project have been disseminated in the communities through members of Community Organizations, school teachers, shops keepers and notable persons from local areas.

To affect local economy of district Layyah during completion of the project (August 01 - November 15, 2011) project staff, all skilled & unskilled labors was locally hired, transport & fuel was also used from same area. Most of the procurements .i.e. cement, crush, sand, steel, sirky, Doors & windows Lintel were purchased locally for the construction of 230 shelters. The blocks used in construction of Shelters were manufactured at locally and local laboure was hire for this purpose.

During project period, DCO office Layyah and other NGOs working on Shelter were remained in loop and Sahara for Life Trust participated in all Shelter Cluster's Meeting and shared progress & issues. Sahara For Life Trust also shared monthly progress of the project with DCO Office Layyah .





