

The DM-Aid team is actively carrying forward its humble flood relief efforts in Pakistan.

During its rapid assessment DM-Aid has assessed the basic needs of the affected communities and decided to focus on union council Peer Sabaq of district Noshehra. **DM-Aid team found Pir Sabaq with the population of around 45,000 completely destroyed by the flood.** Thousands of people have migrated to safer places on their own initiative. However, thousands trapped in the water are still waiting for help. The floods destroyed hundreds of acres of corn, wheat and mustard crops. The victims have no choice but to live under the open sky.

Not only almost all houses in this union council are destroyed but also the household items are swept away by flood water. Most of the people have lost their cattle and goats as well. People are left without anything to eat, drink and wear. Pir Sabaq is mainly the town of working class people who work in marble factories, stone crushing factories, construction sector and agriculture sector. Local people informed the team of DM-Aid, during its visit that more than 14 feet high waters were flowing over the roof tops in this town. This big flow of water came around 4 a.m. when people were sleeping in the comfort of their homes but speedily flowing high flood water did not give them any chance to save their belongings.

There is still water all across Pir Sabaq. Bad smell follows you everywhere. Diseases of stomach and skin have started targeting children. There is no clean drinking water available. Grave danger of spreading diseases is haunting people. Local government dispensary, the only medical facility for people in Pir Sabaq is totally destroyed. People now are in need of: **Food items like cooking oil, Wheat flour, milk, sugar, clean drinking water, and vegetables, Clothes, Tents, Crockery and Medicine. Danish Muslim Aid has already provided food Mats, Pillows and other relief items.**

The DM-Aid team was the first to reach out to this area by providing these IDPs food, safe drinking water and medicines. Keeping in view the urgent need of the area a **medical camp** has been established and a full time doctor has been appointed at the makeshift medical facility. **On first day of the medical camp around 400 patients were provided treatment and free medicines.** The team realized that people are still traumatized. **The team is arranging visits of psychologists to the area; also lady doctors would also be visiting the DM-Aid free medical camp.**

The hygiene conditions are very bad. Streets and houses are full of mud and decomposing animals. With consultation of local community **DM-Aid engaged 20 laborers to clean out the streets and houses full of mud.** We provide them all basic tools and equipment to clean out the area. This intervention has many benefits like by engaging locals would help them to come out of trauma, this job would give financial benefit to locals, hygiene conditions would improve, people would come back to their homes/places.

There is no clean drinking water available. **DM-Aid is planning to reconstruct / repair the wells in the area.**

DM-Aid team is now planning a relief visit to district Muzaffargarh, Punjab along with team of doctors and lady doctors.

Your generous contribution means a lot to our brothers and sisters in need.

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