



Extra bamboo support in Sheena's tent.



'Summarization' of women's tent.



Children's art classes.



Children's craft classes.



Proud creators.

DONATIONS in kind from 14-21 Jun '09
Received in Karachi KPT Warehouse, KHI:

ICI: 1,000 Packages 10 kg ata, 2 kg daal,
2.5 kg sugar, 10 kg rice, salt, 2.5 litre
cooking oil.

PTA British Overseas School:
100 unstitched joras, thread, scissors

Report

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KaravanPakistan OFFICE

The office building is almost complete. Using the construction technique of brick foundations and platform, bamboo structure and lime-mud-bhoosa covering on roof and plaster on matting has provided a wonderfully cool space in the intense heat of Mardan. The temperature in the office is 38 deg. C as opposed to 51 deg. C in tents.

NEW CAMPS

Last week the KaravanPakistan team visited a new camp in Swabi on invitation of the camp in charge DMG Officer Javid Isani. The camp, set up in collaboration with Mobilink is in the midst of the Kund Park with large trees and animal enclosures. The camp is an island bordered by rivers Sindh and Kabul on its two sides. The area was cool and had a generally tidy appearance. There were already over 500 families when we visited, 150 waiting in queues to be registered, and further tents being erected to accommodate over 1,000 families, who have fled from Swat. In some places essential services are being restored to prepare for the return of some IDPs. We pray that the IDPs are able to return safely to their own homes.

Another camp visited on request of DCO Abbottabad, is located in the city where 40 families are housed in a building. There are two women cancer patients needing treatment, scores of children needing schooling, books and writing material; one young woman needs a trousseau to be married, and several women asking for sewing machines to stitch clothes for their children. We are trying to respond to their needs but due to the enormity of the situation it is not an easy task to reach out to all those who have been dispossessed due to no fault of their own.

'SUMMARIZATION' EXPERIMENT

the tent of Sheena, an IDP, and now our chowkidar (guard), to achieve an economical solution through use of mineral water bottles and mud plaster, with extra bamboo support, has been successful in providing a cool space. However, the tent fabric is so light and fragile that in spite of extra bamboo support, it is not able to carry the imposed load. The rain water will also penetrate through these very light tents when we get monsoon rains. We believe the only solution is to place a structure above tents to provide insulation as well as protection from rain. For 1,000 tents, at a cost of Rs. 3,500, only a sum of Rs. 3.5 million is required; and the cost of placing platforms under tents will cost only another Rs. 2.5 million.

WOMEN'S CENTRE TENT

The platform is completed and so is the roof covering thanks to HF's Ar. Mir Wali, providing a cool interior. 35-40 women are now attending classes regularly from 8-10 a.m., who are all being provided with milk packs. Women are being encouraged to use the tent as a social centre.

Children's Program is aimed at engaging children in creative, extra-curricular activities.

CHILDREN'S PROGRAM

A children's program has been started by Ms. Bir Gul from HF Karachi office. She held discussions with teachers of City School, courtesy of Mrs. Afzal, and held workshops with student volunteers, courtesy of Mr. Amjad. A children's program on painting, crafts and science topics has been initiated. Starting with 20 children the attendance has grown to about 40 children as more indoor games, books and coloring material are added for children's activities. Material for children's program has been bought through CHF funding.