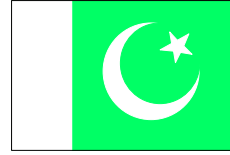




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A Brief Report on Societies Earthquake Relief efforts & a Proposal for further activities

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The first part of this report is to give an executive summary of the Swiss Pakistan Society's (SPS) relief efforts and activities and the consequent results. It also explains the financial management of these activities.

The second part of the report is a proposal for future directions of SPS relief efforts. The Board of the Swiss Pakistan Society is requested to formally approve this proposal.

1. Part-1: Swiss Pakistan Society's Relief Efforts:

The earthquake of October 08, 2005 and its aftermath did not only devastate a region as large as more than the half of Switzerland, it also shook the conscience the of entire humanity. The members of the Swiss Pakistan Society and their Swiss friends decided to mobilize efforts to help the survivors in a meaningful way. We started in our humble efforts that produced encouraging results. Several generous sponsors joined in and with grace of God our operation in Switzerland was transformed into one of the major contributions from Pakistani communities living abroad.

1.1. Donation & fundraising Stands

Several donation and fund raising stands were operated in Neuchâtel, Bern, Geneva and Basel city centres. Pakistani youngsters and their Swiss friends were encouraged to help approaching passer-by's to inform about the mission and solicit donations. Large size posters depicting the disaster scenes were specially printed to display in these stands. Cold beverages and hot Naan-bread sandwiches were offered complimentary to contributors. The visitors were encouraged to donate either to the President's earthquake relief fund or to the Swiss Solidarity fund through payment slips. They also had option to put cash money into a bottle that would be used by the Society in its relief efforts.

- **Neuchâtel** fund raising stand, under the supervision of Mr. Saad Khan, was started on 13 October 05 for three days. Total cash money donated was SFr. 3715.
- **Bern** fund raising stand, under the supervision of Mr. Saad Khan, was started on 17 October 05 for 2 days. Total cash receipt was 1337.-
- **Geneva** fund raising stand, under the supervision of Mr. Nazim Rahman, was organized on 15, 22 and 29 October 05. Total cash money donated was SFr. 5069.
- **Basel** fund raising stand, under the supervision of Mr. Sohail Mirza, was organized on 15 and 16 October 29 October 05. The money collected was used by Mr. Sohail Mirza towards his own relief efforts. Please note that later Mr. Sohail Mirza became a member of the Swiss Pakistan Society and provided us with invaluable support and advice.

1.2. Sponsors

Due to the size reduction plan of the Swiss Army, lot of valuable winterized material became redundant. When we approached the Swiss Army liquidation department to purchase this material, we received overwhelming support and goodwill from them. When we approached Habib Bank AG, Zürich and Swiss Solidarity, we also received overwhelming support in our endeavour. The House of Habib assured us full financial support on project by project basis. Following is the summary of financial support pledged by sponsors:

Company / Organisation	Amount Pledged	Purpose
Swiss Solidarity	SFr.40'999	To pay for the cargo and handling expenses for the services rendered by Kuehne+Nagel AG. The bills are picked up by the Swiss Red Cross on behalf of the Swiss Solidarity.
Habib Bank AG Zürich	Undisclosed amount	To pay for the material purchased from Swiss Army and the Army liquidation Contractors. So far bills for SFr. 212'200 are paid by the HBZ in Switzerland for the SPS projects.
Faisal Finance	20'000	Mr. Saleem Jan Khan received this pledge from Faisal Finance for any project that SPS would consider suitable. This amount is used to purchase winter clothing kit sponsored by SPS for the National Volunteer Movement
Gemainnutziger Frauen Verein Swiss Women Association	1000	Transferred to SPS bank account to contribute in the payment of the bill number 1548993 of RUAG. The remaining amount of this bill is paid by the SPS from its own collections.

1.3. Accountability Strategy:

To minimize the accountability responsibilities, the Swiss Pakistan Society has requested the sponsors to pay directly to the suppliers and service providers. With the exception of the SFr. 1000 from the Women's Association and the money collected from donation stands, SPS did not receive any money directly from the sponsors. This arrangement also helps in minimising mistrusts from sponsors. We would continue seeking sponsorship for our future projects with a similar arrangement.

Furthermore, we have assured to our sponsors that all our projects are close-ended, where by for each consignment to Pakistan we declare the distribution partners in Pakistan and how and in which area the material will be distributed. This self imposed requirement has prompted us to establish extensive chain of a collaboration network.

1.4. Collaboration Network:

We were extremely fortunate to have established an extensive network of collaboration partners in Switzerland and Pakistan, who have actively supported us in transporting our material to Pakistan and to the affected area and distributing it to the needy people.

- Pakistan Embassy Bern
- Habib Bank AG Zürich
- Kuehne + Nagel AG Bern,
- Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC) Bern
- NATO, Brussels
- SDC Islamabad, Mansehra
- Indus Motors Corporation, Pakistan
- Federal Relief Commission, Islamabad
- Agha Khan Foundation, Pakistan
- Pakistan National Volunteer Movement

Our efforts to air cargo 600 cubic meters (58 tonnes) of high priority relief material resulted in a complex partnership between SPS, NATO, SDC and Indus Motors Corp. The high priority relief material included 560 winter tents, 18'000 sleeping bags, 10'000 blankets etc. When it became evident to us that PIA would not help us transporting the material to Islamabad, we approached NATO for help. Initially NATO agreed to help us but later, due to a decision from its secretary general, expressed apologies to airlift material from private organisations such as SPS. With the help of SPS President Wernly, we managed to convince the Swiss Government (SDC) to request NATO to airlift our material to Pakistan. SDC had to take a theoretical ownership of our material and also helped in distributing the material in Pakistan with a close collaboration with Indus Motors Cooperation.

1.5. Relief Shipments Pakistan:

So far we have sent 11 shipments to Pakistan, total weight 157 tonnes or 1265 cubic meters volume. These shipments include 600 winterised tents, 23'000 sleeping bags; 50'000 winter coats 12'000 blankets and other winter material and medicine. The shipments were sent on two Boeing 747 cargo, and 9 x 40 feet high-cube Sea containers.

Please refer to appendix-1 for details on each shipment. Appendix-2 has pictures of the items sent to Pakistan

2. Part-2: Proposal for future objectives:

The results of our relief efforts were encouraging; I think that Swiss Pakistan Society has made a meaningful contribution towards the first phase of the earthquake relief. Now we are moving towards the second phase of mid-term relief and reconstruction efforts. We have to decide what role Swiss Pakistan Society can afford to play in this phase. We need to assess our resources, sponsor base, motivation and time availability to correctly pitch the scope of our future efforts. I think that we cannot afford to get involved in intensive future projects that require sustained resources and input from us. I think that we should work on those projects that could work autonomously under their own momentum, after receiving initial boost with our help.

I have identified two such projects for the reconstruction phase, where I think that SPS could play a key role in the initial stage of the involvement.

2.1. SPS Officially Supports the National Volunteer Movement (NVM):

Recently Pakistan has launched a new initiative called “National Volunteer Movement”. Essentially this initiative aims at harnessing the extraordinary spirit that was demonstrated by Pakistani nation in extending helping hands to the fellow countrymen at the hour of need. Initially this movement is enlisting support from enthusiastic volunteers across the country, who are skilled in construction work or educated enough to teach children. These volunteers will receive training and will work along army personnel in the reconstruction efforts. The first batch of 700 such volunteers are already working under the NVM program. The next step is to induct earthquake survivors and refugees into the NVM program. We anticipate that this winter 4000 – 5000 volunteers will be inducted in NVM program for reconstruction activities.

I think that we cannot expect the aid organisations and foreign NGO to do the reconstruction for us in a long term. The reconstruction work will have to be carried out by local volunteers. Pakistan Army will certainly play an important role in re-constructing vital infrastructure. Notwithstanding, the importance of NVM volunteers in the reconstruction efforts cannot be overemphasised.

The Minister of State for Youth Affairs & Sports, Mr. Muhammad Ali Durrani is the chairmen of the NVM and Brigadier (rtd) Yasub Ali Dogar is the chief coordinator. President Musharraf has decided to personally remain involve in this movement, and therefore is the Patron in chief.

I have several conversations with Mr. Durrani and Mr. Doggar to ascertain the needs of the NVM movement. One of the important requirements for the NVM volunteers is to be correctly dressed for weather conditions in snowline area. Volunteers cannot be expected to purchase expensive cloths appropriate for such weather conditions. Another need is sleeping arrangements. These volunteers will mostly work under the supervision of Army engineers. Army will provide food and accommodation. Army will be under burden if it has to seek warm beddings for such a large number of civilian NVM workers. Mr. Durrani told me that they are currently seeking solutions to these problems. That is were I thought that Swiss Pakistan Society could be helpful.

- **Swiss Pakistan Society’s sponsorship to the NVM Program:**

Winter-Kit for up to 9’000 NVM Volunteers			
Sponsored Items	Quantity	Weight	Volume
Swiss Army Sleeping Bags	4’500	8.1 mt	129 m ³
Swiss Army winter gloves	12’000	3.6 mt	20 m ³
Swiss Army winter caps	11’000	1.8 mt	22 m ³
Swiss Army winter coats	9’000	13 mt	65 m ³
Swiss Army trousers	3’600	2.5 mt	10 m ³
Belts for Trousers	1000	0.5 mt	0.5 m ³
Belts for Sleeping bags	4000	1 mt	0.5 m ³
Total	45’100	30.5	247 m³

On 06 December 05, the above material is loaded on 3 large 40 feet high-cube containers and shipped to Karachi. It will reach Karachi by the end of December 05. The Federal Relief Commissioner, General Farooq Ahmad Khan, has agreed to arrange the transportation of the containers from Karachi to Islamabad. Faisal financed has sponsored the cost of the material and Redcross / Swiss Solidarity will pay the shipment cost till Karachi.

We hope that this winter-kit will help motivating volunteers joining the NVM. It will also give uniform identity and authority to the NVM volunteers to coordinate their work with local people. And lastly it will keep them warm from harsh Himalayan winter. I cannot think of any other better use of this surplus Swiss Army material.

Our success with the above material is due to right timing. The Swiss Army has just released this surplus material due to its size reduction program. We happened to need this material the same time.

- **SPS provides winter tents infrastructure for 200 schools, managed by NVM**

The objectives of this project is to provide temporary infrastructure for up to 200 schools with 450 winterized large size tents, from Bulgarian Army. Each school is made of 1 to 3 tents and can accommodate 36 – 100 students respectively. At night this infrastructure provides sleeping accommodation to children or reconstruction volunteer workers (about 14 – 16 adult sleeping places per tent). The school would be staffed and managed by the National Volunteer Movement.

Presently Swiss Pakistan Society is evaluating the viability of this project and is seeking sponsors for the purchase & shipment costs of the tents. (For more information please refer to an attached report: “Schools Projects”)

2.2. Support Paraplegic Treatment and Rehabilitation Centres:

According to official information, so far 600 paraplegic and quadriplegic survivors of the earthquake have been brought for treatment in various hospitals in Pakistan. Paraplegic patients are paralyzed below abdomen due to spinal chord injury and quadriplegics are

paralysed below neck. I do not think that any country in the world is prepared and equipped to manage treatment for a sudden influx of such a high number of paraplegic patients. Pakistan is in the process of getting organized in managing long-term treatment and care for such patients. An old hospital building is allotted to setup a 250 beds hospital in Rawalpindi for treating and caring paraplegic patients.

Switzerland is one of the leading countries in the world in advanced expertise, infrastructure and powerful organisation for paraplegic treatment and rehabilitation. I feel that Swiss Pakistan Society could play a meaningful role in soliciting support from paraplegic societies, experts and institutes to help in preparing our paraplegic hospital to meet this challenge in Pakistan.

I feel that if we succeed in bringing the attention of Swiss paraplegic experts and society towards the problem in Pakistan, the rest of professional transactions between Pakistan and Switzerland would follow without our further involvement. I also feel that the timings may be right in this case as well. Presently the management of Paraplegic Society of Switzerland is getting lots of negative media attention due to corruption allegations. It may be the right opportunity for them to do something good to get back into a positive limelight.

I request the Board of the Swiss Pakistan Society to formally approve the above listed proposed objectives.

Appendix -1

Swiss Pakistan Society's Relief Shipments Details

Swiss Pakistan Society has purchased, with the help of key sponsors, relief material for earthquake survivors. Swiss Army liquidation centres are the main source of these winter material. Following are the shipment details of the material already sent, **it does not include the material that is waiting for airlift or sea shipment:**

	Metric-Tonnes	Cubic-Meters
Total shipment so far:	157	1'265

Shipment - 11

Transportation Means: 3 x Sea Containers, 40 feet high cube
Sponsors For
Material Costs: Faisal Finance (Switzerland) Geneva
Transportation Costs: Swiss Solidarity / Swiss Red Cross
Distribution Partner: Federal Relief Commission / National Volunteer Movement
Departure Date: 6 December 2005
Coordinator: Saad Khan

Item	Units	Kilograms	Cubic Meters
Swiss Army Sleeping bag Thermo	4'500	8'100	129
Swiss Army winter gloves	12'000	3'600	20
Swiss Army winter caps	11'000	1'760	22
Swiss Army winter coats	6'000	8'400	43
Trousers	3'600	2'520	10
Belts for trousers and sleeping bags	5'000	1500	1
Total	42'100	25'880	225

This "Winter Kit" is donated by Swiss Pakistan Society to the National Volunteer Movement

Shipment - 10

Transportation Means: 1 x Sea Container, 40 feet high cube
Sponsors For
Material Costs: **Somicon AG - Basel / Donations**
Transportation Costs: Swiss Solidarity / Swiss Red Cross
Distribution Partner: Agha Khan Foundation
Departure Date: 26 November 2005
Coordinator: Sohail Mirza

Item	Units	Kilograms	Cubic Meters
Walking Crutches	200		
Bandages	18 box		
Medical Wounds Gelly	44 box		
Warm Clothing	220 box		
Total		9000	70

Shipment - 9

Transportation Means: NATO 2nd Charter, Lufthansa B747 (Cologne-Islamabad).

Sponsors For

Material Costs: Habib Bank AG Zürich

Transportation Costs: NATO / SDC

Distribution Partner: Federal Relief Commission

Departure Date: 23 November 2005

Coordinator: Saad Khan

Item	Units	Kilograms	Cubic Meters
Swiss Army Wool Blankets	3730	8'952	58
Swiss Army Sleeping bag Thermo	3070	5'526	86
Total	6'800	14'478	144

Shipment - 8

Transportation Means: NATO 1st Charter, Lufthansa B747 (Cologne-Islamabad). From Switzerland to Cologne airport on 10 large trucks

Sponsors For

Material Costs: Habib Bank AG Zürich

Transportation Costs: NATO / SDC

Distribution Partner: Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC)
Indus Motors Corporation, Pakistan

Departure Date: 14 November 2005

Coordinator: Saad Khan

Item	Units	Kilograms	Cubic Meters
Swiss Army winter Tents, 3 Persons	560	8'400	19
Swiss Army Wool Blankets	6'580	15'800	160
Swiss Army Sleeping bag Thermo	5'000	8'900	225
Swiss Army Sleeping Bag Fleece light weight	10'000	8'000	184
Insulation Jackets + Pants, Vacuum Packed, ready for air drop	800	1'800	7
Swiss Army Wool Pullover, grey	1'840	736	5
Total	24'780	43'636	600

Shipment - 7

Transportation Means: Sea Container, 40 feet high cube (TTNU 910075-5)

Sponsors For

Material Costs: Swiss Pakistan Society / Donations

Transportation Costs: Swiss Solidarity / Swiss Red Cross

Distribution Partner: Indus Motors Corporation, Pakistan

Departure Date: 10 November 2005

Coordinator: Saad Khan

Item	Units	Kilograms	Cubic Meters
Swiss Army Long Coat, wool green	2'300	4'600	18
Swiss Army Dress Coat, wool green	7'500	10'360	53
Total	10'300	14'960	71

Shipment - 6

Transportation Means: Sea Container, 40 feet high cube

Sponsors For

Material Costs: **Somicon AG - Basel / Donations**

Transportation Costs: Swiss Solidarity / Swiss Red Cross

Distribution Partner: Agha Khan Foundation

Departure Date: 07 November 2005

Coordinator: Sohail Mirza

Item	Units	Kilograms	Cubic Meters
Wheel Chairs	4	75	
Walking Crutches	200	75	
Bandages		5'000	
Blankets		1500	
Tents		500	
Sleeping Bags		250	
Hospital equipment			
Total		9000	70

Shipment - 5

Transportation Means: Sea Container, 40 feet high cube
(msu 881570-5)

Sponsors For

Material Costs: Habib Bank AG Zürich

Transportation Costs: Swiss Solidarity / Swiss Red Cross

Distribution Partner: Indus Motors Corporation, Pakistan

Departure Date: 07 November 2005

Coordinator: Saad Khan

Item	Units	Kilograms	Cubic Meters
Swiss Army Wool Blankets	1000	2'400	12
Swiss Army Dress Coat, wool green	8'700	12'180	62
Total	9'700	14'580	74

Shipment - 4

Transportation Means: Sea Container, 40 feet high cube
(msu 858734-9)

Sponsors For

Material Costs: Habib Bank AG Zürich

Transportation Costs: Swiss Solidarity / Swiss Red Cross

Distribution Partner: Indus Motors Corporation, Pakistan

Departure Date: 04 November 2005

Coordinator: Saad Khan

Item	Units	Kilograms	Cubic Meters
Swiss Army Long Coat, wool green	800	1'600	6
Swiss Army Dress Coat, wool green	9'500	13'300	68
Total	10'300	14'900	74

Shipment - 3

Transportation Means: Sea Container, 40 feet high cube
(msu gldu 077047-1)

Sponsors For

Material Costs: Habib Bank AG Zürich

Transportation Costs: Swiss Solidarity / Swiss Red Cross

Distribution Partner: Indus Motors Corporation, Pakistan

Departure Date: 04 November 2005

Coordinator: Saad Khan

Item	Units	Kilograms	Cubic Meters
Swiss Army Long Coat, wool green	9'200	18'400	74
Total	9'200	18'400	74

Shipment - 2

Transportation Means: Air cargo, Turkish Air

Sponsors For

Material Costs: Somicon AG - Basel / Donations

Transportation Costs: Somicon AG - Basel

Distribution Partner: The Agha Khan Foundation

Departure Date: 27 October 2005

Coordinator: Sohail Mirza

Item	Units	Kilograms	Cubic Meters
Tents, Sleeping Bags, Surgical & Hospital Needs, Special Medicines for Wounds		1000	
Total		1000	

Shipment - 1

Transportation Means: Air cargo, Turkish Air

Sponsors For

Material Costs: Somicon AG - Basel / Donations

Transportation Costs: Somicon AG - Basel

Distribution Partner: The Agha Khan Foundation

Departure Date: 20 October 05

Coordinator: Sohail Mirza

Item	Units	Kilograms	Cubic Meters
Tents, Sleeping Bags, Surgical & Hospital Needs		1000	
Total		1000	

Appendix -2

Images of the material sent to Pakistan by the Swiss Pakistan Society



Swiss Army winter tent for 3 person



Swiss Army Sleeping bags, thermo & fleece



Swiss Army Woollen Long Coat and Dress Coat



Swiss Army wool Blanket



Swiss Army gloves and winter cap for (NVM)



Containers being loaded with Swiss Army woollen coats