

NARRATIVE REPORT

# CASH FOR CHOICE TO ASSIST IDPs

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# 1.ABBREVIATIONS

DMCs	Disaster Management Committees
FATA	Federally Administered Tribal Area
HAP	Humanitarian Accountability Partnership
HQMCs	Humanitarian Quality Management Committees
IDPs	Internally Displaced Pakistani's
Pos	Partner Organizations
UC	Union Council

## 2. Context - The Problem

In August 2008 Pakistan Army started an operation against militant to counter terrorism in Federally Administrated Tribal Area (FATA). Then the operation continued in Swat, Buner & Dir. It turned into huge human, social, economic and environmental loses in the area. People with their families started to flee downward urban areas of NWFP due to volatile insecure situation of affected areas. On 10th and 11th August 2008 flow of the IDP's (Internally Displaced Persons) directed to urban areas was in numerous quantities; just on the third day of the operation 150,000 people crossed the Munda bridge of Malakand Division. In conflicting situation dwellers left their homes with out having any necessities of life; they are even deprived from basic substantial like food, clothing and proper sheltering. Provincial government had taken some measures to reside these IDPs in camps but these camps were even far away from minimum standards of life. Due to cultural constraints like Parda and unavailability of basic facilities in camps, a huge number of IDPs are living with their relatives and friends. This situation is perpetuating problem not only for IDPs but overburdening the host families and exerts increased pressure on their existing livelihood pattern. Hence it is not considered as a sustainable solution to the problem because the host families, mostly, will not be able to bear the extra load on their household economy. Even there are no or very less actors who are supporting out of camp people and the host families. They are living in a very miserable state and need immediate assistance of the humanitarian agencies. Women and children are amongst the worst affected.

People are in miserable state due to trauma. They are not familiar with the environment of the new area. Children are suffering from different diseases. Sungi assessed current situation physically, socially, culturally and politically;

- a. IDPs are physically vulnerable since they are still in a state of trauma. Children and women are being suffered from different diseases.
- b. They are socially vulnerable as currently they are residing with host families. They are feeling themselves a burden on these families.
- c. Their culture doesn't provide them any space to bring their young women out of house. Even these families living with their relatives are in a bad state as their women are not used to mingle even with closest relatives.
- d. IDPs are more concerned with ongoing security situation in their home place. They held administration responsible for harming innocent people and not making efforts to settle down the situation.



## 3. Establishment of Partnership

To save lives and reduce vulnerability of internally displaced families of the FATA crisis, Sungi initiated to provide cash grants to 61 families residing with host families or rented houses in

Mardan, Swabi and Rawalpindi. This support was provided with support of SNL Pakistan (Pvt) Ltd.

## 4. Objectives

Saving lives and reducing the vulnerability of the IDP's through minimizing affects of the disaster by providing timely assistance i.e. provision of cash grants. Following were the immediate objectives and outputs of the project.

### Immediate objectives

To save lives and reduce vulnerability of IDPs families through timely provision of cash grants.

### Outcomes

IDPs of conflicted areas residing in districts Mardan, Swabi and Rawalpindi are provided with cash grants to bring some relief to the difficult situation the conflict has put them in, making IDPs capable to sustain during the transitional time period.

### Outputs

61 IDPs families residing with host families/rented houses in District Mardan, Swabi and Rawalpindi have access to the cash grants.

## 5. Implementation Process

Sungi's experienced staff comprising of men and women; involved local people, IDPs, partner local NGOs, and experienced humanitarian workers from existing DMCs of Muzaffarabad and Mansehra district in the implementation of project. Throughout the project participatory approach was implemented in assessment, token distribution & cash disbursements.

Initially meetings were arranged with locals and IDPs. Purpose of the meetings were to share the information about intervention; Sungi's introduction, history, mission, vision and objectives; the process; reasons for supporting them; beneficiaries criteria; getting suggestions from IDPs regarding implementation of the project; and formation of humanitarian accountability committees named as HQMC (Humanitarian Quality Management Committee). HQMC comprised of two locals and two IDP members. Their role was to identify vulnerable families; monitor the process; and facilitate in proper assessment and disbursements. This committee was also facilitating complaint mechanism.

HQMCs role was defined by the community as shown below. It presents characteristics of HQMC members:

- a. Two members of HQMC would belong from affected community & two from local community
- b. Can spare time
- c. Educated to some extent
- d. Good listener and has low temper
- e. Impartial
- f. Know affected people
- g. Good communication skills, can speak local language i.e Pushto

Humanitarian principles were ensured during implementation of this initiative. Sungi being HAP member followed HAP guidelines and ensured accountability on ground.



## 6. Key Achievements

**Assessment:**

Detailed assessment was carried out by making door to door visits, through involvement of local partner organizations & HQMCs in district Mardan, Swabi and Rawalpindi. The assessment format is attached as Annexure 1.

#### Tokens Distribution:

Tokens are provided to IDPs who are eligible after having their detailed assessment. The token form is attached as Annexure 2.

The strategy adopted in token distribution was that 1 token was distributed to one family. The families having family members 1-5 were given token to receive cash grant of Rs.8,000 while family size more than five were provided with token to receive cash grant of Rs.12,000. Special focus was on women headed households & the disables. Details of token distribution are:



Sr. No	District	No. of Families
1.	Swabi	34
2.	Mardan	23
3.	Rawalpindi	04

#### Disbursement of Cash Grants:

After successful completion of assessment verification process and token distribution among IDPs residing in Swabi, Mardan and Rawalpindi, Sungi took initiative towards its next step for cash disbursement. On 2<sup>nd</sup> October distribution was made in Swabi to 34 families; on 20<sup>th</sup> October in Mardan to 23 families; and on 04<sup>th</sup> January in Rawalpindi to 04 families in local branches of MCB Bank through cheques. Details of cash disbursement are as follows:



Sr. No	District	Category A (Rs.8,000)	Category B (Rs.12,000)	No. of Beneficiaries	Amount Distributed
1.	Swabi	16	18	34	344,000
2.	Mardan	11	12	23	232,000
3.	Rawalpindi	00	04	04	48,000
<b>Total</b>		<b>27</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>624,000</b>

#### Monitoring Visit

Regular monitoring visits were made to observe the process and ensuring efficient complaint mechanism by monitoring team. Monitoring was carried out on format attached as Annexure III.

## 7. Lessons Learnt

Involvement of affected community and DMC people in the process of assessment and token distribution was a useful experience. They felt ownership and made the implementation more affective.

Formation of Humanitarian Quality Management Committees has an affect that trust of people was built. Transparency was ensured and project implemented more effectively.

Humanitarian Quality Management Committees were much helpful in verifying the beneficiaries’.

HAP principles were implemented due to which transparency was ensured along with quality and accountability.

## **8. Future Plan**

Cash grants provided to IDPs was a good step towards reducing their vulnerability. But those people are still not sustained. After analyzing current situation and assessing needs of the people we came to know that IDPs are still vulnerable. So Sungi is looking forward to reduce their vulnerability through provision livelihood initiatives and awareness raising on women health issues.

# ANNEXURE I: IDP ASSESSMENT FORM



Sungri

Registration Card# \_\_\_\_\_ Present Address \_\_\_\_\_ Dist: \_\_\_\_\_ UIC \_\_\_\_\_ Town/Village \_\_\_\_\_  
 Date of Displacement (DD/MM/YYYY) \_\_\_\_\_ Exit Entry Point \_\_\_\_\_  
 Door Address \_\_\_\_\_

## IDP Assessment Form

Assessment Form No. \_\_\_\_\_

Place Of Origin	District/Agency	Tensi / Village-Town	Ethnic Origin/Tribe						
S/No	Name	Father Name/Husband Name	NIC#	Sex	Age	Relation(HOH)	Vulb	Edu	Occup
1									
2									
3									
4									
5									
6									
7									
8									
9									
10									

If Family Size is Bigger than 10 note second registration card# \_\_\_\_\_  
 Registration Date: \_\_\_\_\_ BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Entered in Database: \_\_\_\_\_ BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Remarks (if Any) \_\_\_\_\_

Do You have Leftover Family in place of origin/Conflicts? \_\_\_\_\_

Reason Of displacement. Conflicts? Others? Specify _____	How long do you have food stocks available for? (Select one Option) No Food Stock <input type="checkbox"/> 2 Weeks <input type="checkbox"/> 2-4 Weeks <input type="checkbox"/> 1 Month <input type="checkbox"/> Don't Know <input type="checkbox"/>
Are You Living: With Host Family <input type="checkbox"/> Rented <input type="checkbox"/> If Host family, his name & Relationship _____	What is the main source food for this household now? Borrowing Credits <input type="checkbox"/> Food aid <input type="checkbox"/> Gift/Kinship/Host Family <input type="checkbox"/> Own Production/Stocks <input type="checkbox"/> Purchase <input type="checkbox"/> Other Specify <input type="checkbox"/> Don't Know <input type="checkbox"/>
For How Long do you intend to stay With host family? <input type="checkbox"/> 1 Month <input type="checkbox"/> 2 Months <input type="checkbox"/> 3 Months <input type="checkbox"/> 3-6 Months <input type="checkbox"/> I Don't Know	What are your three highest priorities now? Shelter <input type="checkbox"/> Water <input type="checkbox"/> Food <input type="checkbox"/> Medical Attention <input type="checkbox"/> Sanitation/LaTrines <input type="checkbox"/> Privacy <input type="checkbox"/> Clothing <input type="checkbox"/> Blankets/Bedding <input type="checkbox"/> Hygiene materials/Facilities <input type="checkbox"/> Cooking Equipment <input type="checkbox"/> Fuel <input type="checkbox"/>
In case of return where do you attend To go? Place Of Origin <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Relatives/Friends Where <input type="checkbox"/> An IDP camp. Where <input type="checkbox"/> New Destination <input type="checkbox"/> Specify _____	Resumption, food production activities <input type="checkbox"/> Earning Income <input type="checkbox"/> Education <input type="checkbox"/> Other Specify <input type="checkbox"/>
Are Your Children attending school Now? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> IF Yes Name & Address of School _____	

## ANNEXURE II: TOKEN FORM

**Sungi Development Foundation  
Abbottabad**

**سنگی ترقیاتی فاؤنڈیشن**

**ٹوکن برائے سٹارٹ اپ سہولت ایئر**

تاریخ \_\_\_\_\_

معلومات گھرانہ \_\_\_\_\_

نام _____	والدہ/شوہر کا نام _____
شناختی کارڈ نمبر _____	سکونت _____
میزبان نام ایڈریس _____	موجودہ پتہ _____
گاہک _____	پہلی ٹوکن _____
ہائرڈ/ممبر نمبر _____	تاریخ ہائرڈ _____
جاڑ لینے والے کا نام _____	_____
گھرانے کا سائز _____	گروپ _____
	A <input type="checkbox"/> B <input type="checkbox"/>

تاریخ برائے وصولی _____	بیت نام _____
ٹوکن جاری کرنے والے کا نام _____	مقامی تصویریں کنڈہ: 1: _____
_____	2: _____
_____	دستخط سنگی ترقیاتی فاؤنڈیشن _____

# ANNEXURE III: MONITORING FORM



## Monitoring Report Project: Cash for Choice

Personnel on Field Visit	
Date of Field Visit	
Village (s) Visited	
Total Number of Families Monitored	
Date Report Submitted	

IDP families provided with token moved since May 1st:  Yes  No

IDP families are living with host family or rented house:  Yes  No

The selected beneficiaries are in high demand  Yes  No

Information collected is in triplicate form  Yes  No

One leaf of assessment & token form remained with beneficiaries  Yes  No

Committee members signed the tokens  Yes  No

The beneficiaries have ID card, if not witnessess were ensured by HQMC.  Yes  No

Two witnesses were ensured during token distribution  Yes  No

Detailed assessment was carried out before issuance of tokens  Yes  No

Humanitarian Quality Management Committees (HQMCs) were formed to ensure accountability & transparency  Yes  No

Families having members 1-5 got token of Rs.8000 & member more than 5 got token of Rs.12000  Yes  No

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<b>Any specific Issues or Observations during field visit:</b>

<b>Conclusions and Recommendations</b>