

## **SAYYED FLOOD RELIEF EFFORT REPORT - 1988**

The Sayyed Engineers Relief Team was a group of eleven volunteers including 3 medical doctors. They decided to provide sustenance and support to flood victims within their meager means, but in an organized way.

The Kala Khatai road was under deep water 3 miles off the main G.T. ROAD. On 6<sup>th</sup> October 1988 we crossed the river water by hanging on to an abandoned electric wire stretching across the water. Walking 9 miles on the other side of the water we discovered village TOOTAN located in district Sheikhpura which had suffered the first onrush of the flood, and in which virtually every house had been demolished. The villagers were without food, shelter, bedding and with only the clothes on their backs to wear. We took the following steps:

- STEP 1:** We did a quick survey to find out the number of families in the village, and the kind of help they needed. We also noted the names of the heads of households.
- STEP 2:** The next day we prepared 41 packages of food, cooking oil, wheat flour, lentils, tea and dry milk with each package containing enough to last a 6-member family for a week. We also prepared a large medicine chest to set up a medical camp.
- STEP 3:** We returned to village TOOTAN with our supplies. We had 41 chits with the name of a household head on each. The chits were distributed, and all the concerned household heads were asked to stand in a line. The food packets were distributed from a make-shift counter on a tractor trolley.
- STEP 4:** A medical camp was set up and about 250 people from TOOTAN and nearby villages were provided with medical care: Ranging from dispirins, anti-biotics to cholera/typhoid injections.
- STEP 5:** The following day packages of clothing, tarpaulins and some bedding were prepared and distributed in TOOTAN.

### **REMAINING STEPS**

We had planned to help set up a village committee which was to take on the task of house construction, providing drainage, sewerage and clean drinking water. Finally loans were to be acquired for planting the Rabi Crop and fulfilling basic requirements till the next harvest.

An appeal was made to the citizens of Lahore to donate in cash or kind to help reconstruct the lives of the village community of TOOTAN. We also called upon citizens to form similar volunteer teams to take on the task of re-construction in other affected villages.

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**Village: TOOTAN, SHEIKHUPURA, 1988**

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FLOOD RELIEF TEAM IN ACTION**



Distribution of food rations.



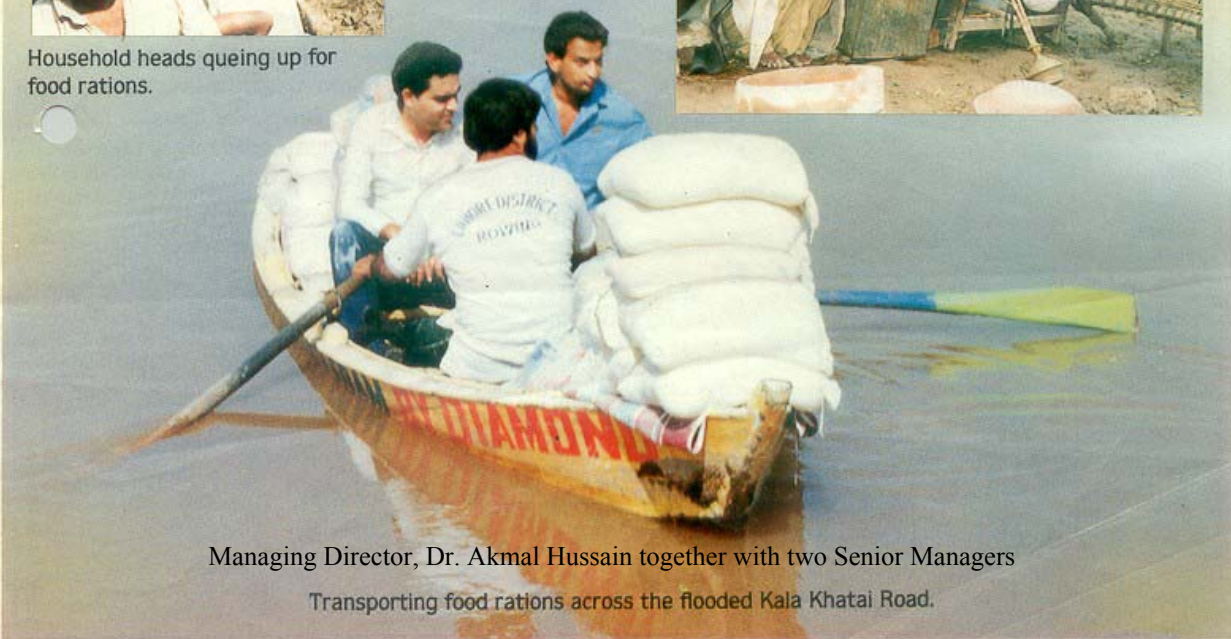
Household heads queuing up for food rations.



The Homes of village TOOTAN demolished by flood waters.



Our team of doctors giving medical aid.



Managing Director, Dr. Akmal Hussain together with two Senior Managers  
Transporting food rations across the flooded Kala Khatai Road.