

Pak-Qatar Donates Rs. 10.4 million to IDPs in the Spirit of Takaful

Pak-Qatar Takaful Group is actively involved in raising funds for the 3 million internally displaced refugees of Swat and Malakand Division, N.W.F.P. in the spirit of Takaful which is a system based on the golden principles of brotherhood and mutual solidarity.

Chairman Board of Director Pak-Qatar Family and General Takaful companies and member of the Supreme Council of the Royal Family of the State of Qatar, Sheikh Ali bin Abdullah Thani al-Thani has generously donated Rs. 10 million for the victims of the Swat Operation out of his own pocket. Furthering the spirit, the employees of Pak-Qatar have contributed a minimum one-day salary thereby raising the total funds to Rs. 10.4 million respectively.

A team was dispatched by the management of the Pak-Qatar Takaful Group to the Mardan area and Malakand Division for the disbursement of these funds. The places visited included Sher Gah, Jalalah, Charsadda, and Dergain where items such as clothing, utensils, toiletries, food and medicine was distributed amongst the displaced lot.

A tent city and other facilities were set up few hundred meters from the border of Malakand Agency. Approximately 3.5 acres of land has been specifically acquired on a six-month Ijara term for the relief camp. This camp is located in Sher Gah, the last town of settled areas of Pakistan on main Mardan-Malakand Road.

Initially arrangements were made for around 500 people and for which 100 tents were established but due to over-influx of IDPs we had no choice but to expand the tent city. The total registered number of IDPs has crossed 1600 to date. More tents are being setup to accommodate IDPs. Each tent has been provided with basic facilities including free food, medicine and a temporary school for the kids.

Moreover, a medical camp has been setup which is working round the clock with 5 doctors, 5 ambulances, a mobile medical unit and a para medical staff. The mobile unit roams around different camps, hospitals, schools, public places and villages of Mardan as well as Malakand Agency where IDPs have been accommodated. The camp and mobile units are provided with Anti venom kits and Glucometers as there is no such facility in any neighboring hospital.

Pak-Qatar Takaful Group is committed to continue to show its solidarity with the displaced families. This, we feel, is not just a part of our diverse philanthropy programs and initiatives towards realizing our corporate social responsibility, but an integral part of our vision, our mission, and our business model. We are dedicated to the cause of betterment of society and the improvement of the lives of people by promoting self-reliance through Takaful which is a Halal risk mitigation tool and an alternate to conventional insurance.