

Trip Report Relief Action SINDH March 5 – 13, 2012

The trip to PAKISTAN from March 5 – 13, 2012 aimed at ascertaining the results of the efforts launched October 2011, making decisions on the construction of another 4 houses, installing 2 Solar Home Systems and offering solutions how to improve the living conditions in the villages.

With satisfaction we could see, that all the houses constructed by means of the donations given to our charity, are of a much better quality then those of other aid organisations. They will sustain coming floodings because of much more solid foundations, more resistant walls made out of concrete blocks and much more solid roof constructions. We owe this success to the experienced and reliable team of the German aid organisation **AID FOR REFUGEES AND ORPHANS (ARO)**, whose help in word and deed was the basis for this excellent result.

Mola Bux, whom to his great joy we could manage to construct a house instead of the initially planed handover of a tent, tells us, that in the meantime three families showed up and asked him to sell his house on them. But he lets us know, that this is absolutely out of question.



Mola Bux's children spot themselves on the pictures of the small album given to the family showing the construction progress of their house.

At GOTH RADAK people had made the decision to construct single-unit detached and duplex houses. The families expressed their great gratitude when showing us around their new houses.



At YOUSAF NAICH Punal Babar proudly takes us over his new house, that (as all the houses) is keeping the family's 'valuables' in chests, on boards and that is dominated by 3 banks (bed, seating furniture and storage for the colourful bedspreads).



With Punal's wife we discuss the opportunities, how the ladies could make a better profit by placing the quilts they are making on market themselves. Until today they just get starvation wages. The profit is made by others.

With support of the ARO Team we will use the time while constructing the next houses to pave the way, that the ladies' will be recompensed fair pay for their hard job.

At GOTH RADAK and YOUSAF NAICH we are discussing how to lay out a garden close to the houses and to make use of the water around the handpumps, instead of leaving it as ideal breeding ground for mosquitos, how to make garden dumps and to use the compost to get a better garden mould and last but not least, how children could keep the villages clean by daily collecting and burning the villages' waste.

The ladies are excited by the idea to grow vegetables and to expand the families' diet. They enthusiastically and vociferously agree. The village elders think that collecting waste is a good idea and they assure to carry it through.



GOTH RADAK was chosen for the installation of the 2 small SOLAR HOME SYSTEMS. The village has no infrastructure. Power will not be available in the next 20 years. The men of the village are assembled in one of the houses and the SOLAR HOME SYSTEM is explained. Wondering and highly skeptically the small solar panel, the control unit, the lamps and the mobilephone chargers are looked at. The men after a short discussion choose three out of the group to make the decision, who should be the beneficiaries. They huddle together and very soon they present their solution; they will make some lots – and the German Colonel should draw 'the winners'.



Two duplex houses are chosen by lots. That means that 4 families from now on will have light in their houses. The systems are installed and charged – not at all a problem in SINDH because of the nearly all year unforgiving scorching sun.

Wondering, slack-jawed, wide-eyed and rapturously applauding they realize, in deed the lamps are shining.



Now everybody wants to have such wondrous device. We promise to buy additional Solar Home Systems, as soon as the money (about 100,- Euros each) will be available.

Finally in both the villages decisions on the beneficiaries of the next 4 houses have to be made.



Araz Mohammad's family and the widow Sughran Bibi and her 7 children are the lucky ones at YOUSAF NAICH. At GOTH RADAK we make a decision for the families of Ghulam Murtaza und Aarab Shabani. Many others seeking help are looking at us. But they will continue to wait.



Thanks to the generous help of about 100 donors until today we could construct houses for 17 families in 4 villages. For the coming relief actions we will concentrate on one village in SINDH, GOTH RADAK.



There are about 20 families living under conditions the 3 photos are showing.



Our aim is, to help them as soon as possible!