




Pakistan Floods

Responding to the crisis

AN UPDATE

In July and August, Pakistan was overwhelmed by the worst floods in its history, affecting over 20 million people. Entire provinces and villages were reduced to rubble and millions of people were left hungry, their homes and land left desolate. With little food, no shelter, and forced to drink contaminated water, victims faced the threat of waterborne diseases such as cholera and diarrhoea. In addition to this, crops for a whole season were destroyed, creating a potential food crisis

Islamic Relief has had a permanent office in Pakistan since 1991, and has been working on many different development projects in various regions of Pakistan, as well as responding to disasters such as the 2005 earthquake. Due to its extensive experience, Islamic Relief was able to respond immediately to the tragedy and has so far provided over 400,000 victims with emergency assistance



“In the past I have seen scenes of natural disaster around the world, but nothing like this. The scale of this disaster is so large. So many people in so many places in so much need.”

UN Secretary General Ban Ki-moon

Emergency phase

Islamic Relief established daily distributions of life saving aid during the ongoing emergency phase in a number of regions. **Millions of \$** worth of emergency supplies were purchased and delivered, benefitting over **400,000 people**.



Family household kits

33,000 people

mosquito nets
mattresses
tarpaulin sheet
jerry cans
sun shelter
cooking utensils

Family food packs

250,000 people

wheat flour
rice
pulses
cooking oil
salt
sugar
energy biscuits

Hygiene kits

64,000 people

water purification tablets
towels
soap
sanitary napkins
washing tub
combs
toothbrushes

30,000 litres
drinking water
delivered daily

140,000 people

Temporary shelter

20,000 people

4 mobile clinics

20,000 people

Emergency Phase

In addition to daily distributions, Islamic Relief provided vehicles and boats to local authorities to help rescue stranded survivors, helped repair damaged roads, allowing access to villages that had been cut off and also installed five water treatment plants, each producing 2,000 litres of water per hour ■

Azra, 21, is a women's health visitor and nurse working in northern Pakistan. She works out of an Islamic Relief mobile medical clinic set up to help survivors of the floods and sees over 100 patients a day – mostly women and children.

Medicine

During the early days of the flooding, the most common health problems Azra saw were skin complaints, eye infections, and diarrhoea. These days, however, respiratory infections, fever and coughs are now on the increase. Azra attributes this to the flood-hit environment people are living in taking its toll on their immune systems as winter draws closer. **“The weather is changing now, so we expect to see many more cases like this.”**

Part of Azra's job as a women's health visitor is to give her patients

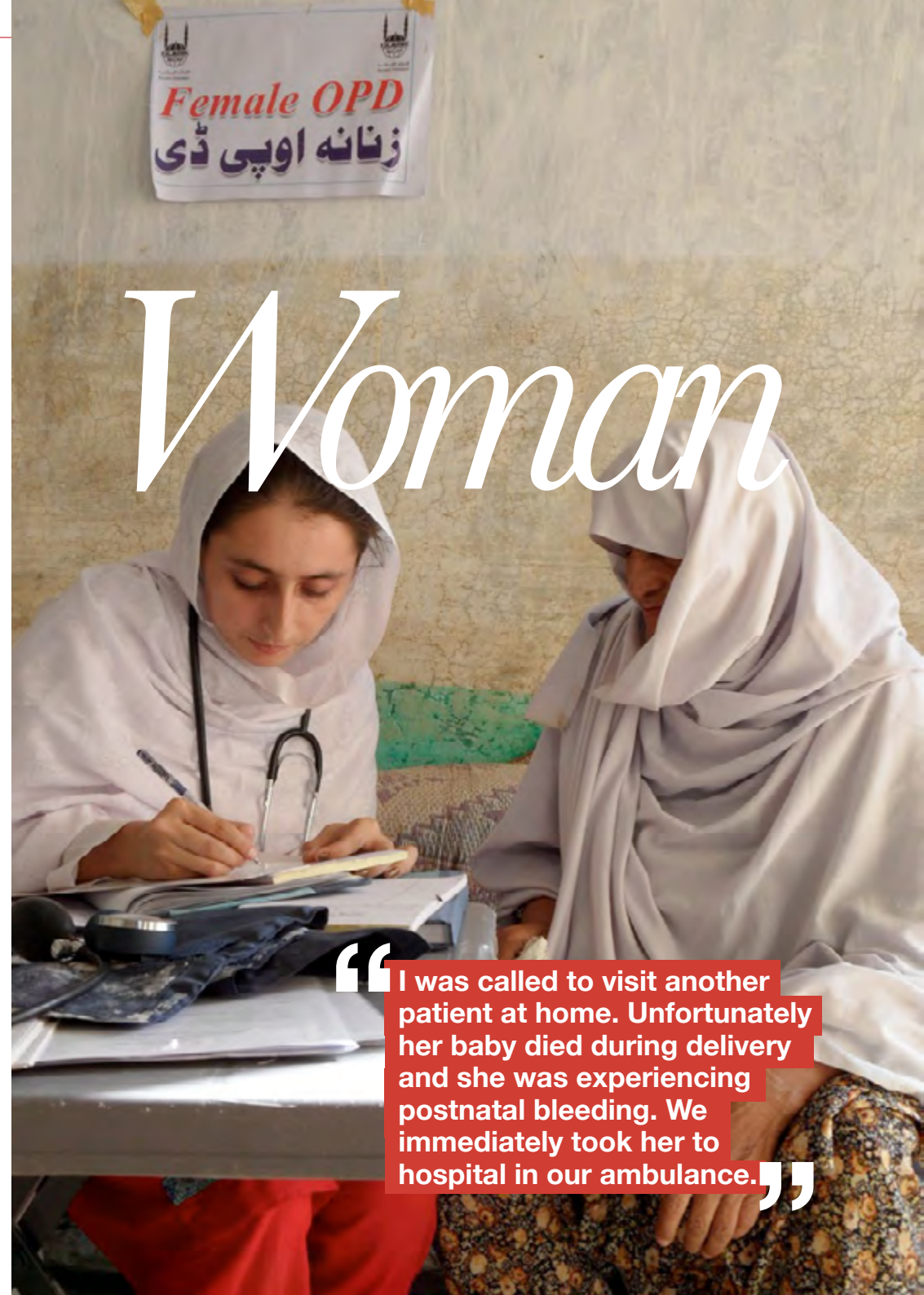


valuable advice on antenatal and postnatal care, the importance of environmental health, and the protection provided by vaccinations for themselves and their children. She visits women in their homes too – making sure as many people as possible get to access the medical care available. Treatment and medication are provided free, and the team has reported a lot of success in improved health, as well as reduced stress levels.

They are much more relaxed now. People here depend on God for help. The support that people have received from relief agencies has helped alleviate some of their anxiety, and I think that they have good hope for the future now” ■

Female OPD
زنانه اوپی ڈی

Woman



“ I was called to visit another patient at home. Unfortunately her baby died during delivery and she was experiencing postnatal bleeding. We immediately took her to hospital in our ambulance.”

Rebuilding *lives*



“ Reconstruction programme.
Restoring 60 villages.
Benefiting 100,000 people ”

The provision of education, ensuring that all children continue to learn and so will be able to help their country in the future.



Construction of a comprehensive drainage system in the village, making it less susceptible to flooding.

Construction of flood and earthquake resistant housing for an average of 200 families.

A complete water system consisting of flood resistant deep borehole wells and underground piping, supplying each household with fresh drinking water.

Assistance for farmers to recultivate their lands with the provision of tools, seeds and livestock.



60 Villages

long term



Canadian Doctors

Answer the call

And fly to Pakistan to help with the emergency



As well as sending over \$20million worth of medicine to the beleaguered victims of the Pakistan floods, Islamic Relief also put out a call for doctors to travel to Pakistan and help. Several doctors step forward to answer the call. Leaving their families behind they travelled and joined the local teams to tend to peoples emergency medical needs.

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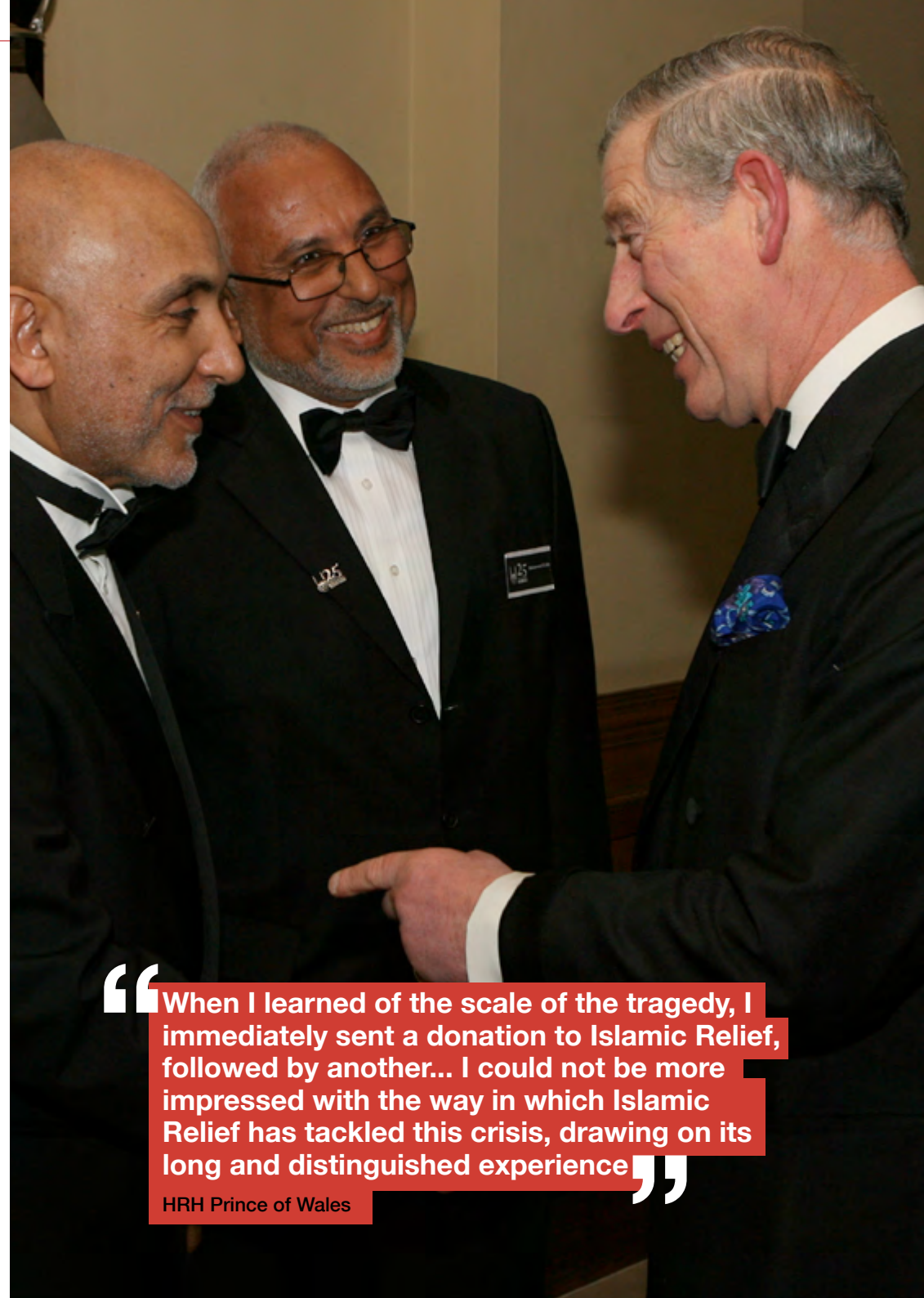
lives"

People had been living in IDP camps for the past month and a bit since the floods began. Islamic Relief organizations has been providing care in the short term,

and benefit is coming. Drinking water, food rations, clothes and hygiene kits have been delivered. On this particular camp, we were the first team in one to bring medical aid. The issues we saw ranged from gastroenteritis, skin infections, conjunctivitis, and for many, general fatigue and weakness.

I have learnt that providing resources for a people in such a situation is very possible. The final goal is providing relief and saving lives. Islamic Relief is certainly making use of the resources (both material and financial) that they have been provided and working hard to save lives. Reflecting back on my time it was an honour and a privilege to represent the people of Canada and help the effort to save lives"

Dr M Zubairi ■



"When I learned of the scale of the tragedy, I immediately sent a donation to Islamic Relief, followed by another... I could not be more impressed with the way in which Islamic Relief has tackled this crisis, drawing on its long and distinguished experience"

HRH Prince of Wales

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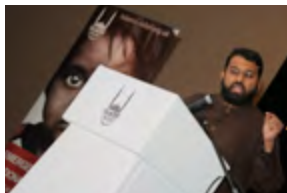
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