

Reconstruction and Livelihood Programme, RLP



Facts at a glance:

Project Title:

Reconstruction and Livelihood Programme

Swiss Contribution:

10 Million Swiss Francs

Time Frame:

Oct 2005 - Dec 2009

Geographic Focus:

District Mansehra and Battagram, NWFP Province

Main Partners:

ERRA, Earthquake Reconstruction and Rehabilitation Authority, Government of Pakistan, www.erra.gov.pk

UNHABITAT
Intercooperation, IC
Terre des Hommes, TdH
Caritas Switzerland
UNICEF

Funding Partner:

UNICEF

The Reconstruction and Livelihood Programme is committed to assist the Government of Pakistan in the earthquake-affected areas through activities beyond the Emergency Aid by providing support towards reconstruction and livelihood restoration

Summary

The aim of Reconstruction and Livelihood Programme is to support communities and vulnerable families in the earthquake-affected area by restoring their basic livelihood, disseminating information about reconstruction of private houses and reconstruct public Schools and Basic Health Units through a coordinated support among Partner Organizations, ERRA and Government of Pakistan.


Background and Context

During the Emergency Phase SDC-HA provided, first aid facilities, material for immediate shelters (iron sheets, tool kits, tents) and appropriate winterization conditions (woodstove, blankets, kitchen sets, building material, etc.) thus supporting over 15'000 families along with distribution of food items. In addition, funding was provided to multilateral organisations.

Through the RLP SDC-HA extends its assistance into the reconstruction phase within the frame of ERRA.

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Objectives and Expected Results:

Vulnerable communities and families in earthquake-affected areas restored their basic livelihood. Private buildings and public infrastructure are reconstructed through coordinated support of SDC-HA, ERRA, the Local Government and Partner Organizations.

Main Activities:

1. Livelihood activities

March 2006 to June 2008. Total Budget CHF 1,8 Mio.

The SDC-HA Livelihood Support Programme covers 3 UC's of District Mansehra (Ghanool, Garlat and Mahandri) and 2 UC's of District Batagram (Shumlai and Batamori). The output was seed and livestock distribution, income generating activities, the restoration of productive assets (e.g. flour mills, block machines, saw mills) and infrastructure improvements (water supplies, irrigation, rural road access, etc.) The 27 months long livelihood support programme helped in restoration of 128 prioritized communal infrastructure schemes and other agriculture activities covering 15'000 families.

2. Reconstruction of infrastructure facilities in the Education and Health Sector

Since April 2006, ongoing. Total Budget CHF 5,5 Mio.

Restoring the Education and Health Sector in the EQ area of Battagram and Mansehra District through the construction of permanent Schools and Basic Health Units infrastructures. The present status includes 12 completed schools, 15 under construction, whereas 2 BHUs are handed over, one is under construction and two are in the design stage. The project is further one of the implementing agencies for UNICEF funded schools.

3. Rural Housing Reconstruction Programme (RHRP)

April 2006 to October 2008. Total Budget CHF 2 Mio.

The objective is to contribute to ERRA's rural private housing reconstruction process in an "Owner Driven" approach. SDC-HA's participation includes the development of reconstruction standards, imparting of training, create public awareness and provide door-to-door. SDC-HA covers 5 UCs as a Partner Organisation and operates the ERRA Housing Reconstruction Centres (HRC) in Battagram and Balakot as an implementing Agency to ERRA.

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The SDC office in Pakistan, as part of the Embassy of Switzerland, has been operating since 1966. SDC's programme is aimed at poverty reduction through supporting local governance and decentralisation, rights of women and children, rural livelihoods, microfinance and enterprise development throughout Pakistan. SDC also provides humanitarian aid especially in the earthquake-affected areas of NWFP.

SDC supports partners in the public and private sectors, international organisations and civil society organisations. The approximate annual budget is 14 million Swiss Francs.