

TARGETED VULNERABILITY SURVEY (TVS)

INTRODUCTION

The earthquake of 8 October affected a large area and population of NWFP and AJK. Amongst affected population, a considerable number of families fall in “vulnerable” category, which requires special attention and programmes as these are deemed to be at a greater risk after the earthquake. Though ERRA catered for the **immediate need and sustenance** of these groups through various short-term programs; yet, their **long-term rehabilitation** requires basic information on the size and characteristics of the vulnerable population. Various national and international agencies, NGOs, Federal as well as Provincial government departments have carried out piecemeal damage and loss assessments, which may have served some dedicated short term interventions. Moreover, individual agencies have also collected relevant information for their areas of focus. However, there has been no comprehensive survey/census to determine the number of vulnerable population and their specific needs.

- The project is jointly funded by ADB and GoP at the cost of US\$ 670,622 (PKR 40.237 Million).
- Field Survey Completed – 360,000 forms collected
- Results would be available in March 2008

Objective: Collection of detailed data on vulnerable population and vulnerability indicators in the earthquake affected areas for effective planning, designing and implementation of rehabilitation programmes for the vulnerable groups.

OBJECTIVE

In order to ascertain the holistic picture of vulnerable population in the affected districts, ERRA is carrying out a targeted survey under its Social Protection Strategy. TVS will provide detailed data on vulnerable population and vulnerability indicators in the earthquake affected areas. Based on TVS data, long-term interventions in health, education and livelihood support shall be designed. The vulnerable groups identified by the survey will be linked with Khushhali Bank’s Microfinance Programme and Pakistan Bait-ul Maal’s Programmes for support. Based on the survey results some other programmers will be initiated for instance provision of special ID cards to vulnerable people to access free social services on priority basis. The Survey will hence provide basis for effective planning, designing and implementation of rehabilitation programmes for the vulnerable population in the affected areas.

The survey is targeted towards the following ‘vulnerable’ groups:

- a) Women headed households including widows
- b) Children without parental care (full orphans, orphaned by mother, orphaned by father)
- c) The disabled
- d) The elderly

The project is being funded by Asian Development Bank (ADB) and Government of Pakistan (GOP) at a cost of US\$ 670,622 (Rs. 40.237 million). Concerted efforts have been made to make the survey as comprehensive as possible by increasing the scope of the project to get to the far flung and inaccessible areas of the earthquake affected districts as well as working conscientiously on the design of the targeting Form which was the main instrument for collecting data on the vulnerable groups. TVS Form comprises of 26 distinct fields and is designed to elicit demographic data such as residence, gender, age, marital status, educational level, employment status, present skills and skills development needs, disabilities, household size, identification and bank account numbers, type(s) of aid received, source(s) of income, etc. at the household and individual level. In terms of the geographic area, 271 most affected Union Councils (UCs) of the nine affected districts of AJK and NWFP were covered directly, wherein designated survey teams conducted the survey at the UC level; while the remaining UCs were covered indirectly, wherein the vulnerable populations were requested through the public information campaign to appear at designated District/Tehsil Offices and get themselves registered.

PROCESS/METHODOLOGY

The Survey engaged the services of staff from the Revenue Departments, District Administration Offices and Union Councils of NWFP and AJK. The Survey was conducted by 327 Targeting Teams; each team comprised of three members, a Data Collector (local government school teacher), a Verification Facilitator (Patwari/local revenue official) and an Event Organizer (local councillor). The Targeting Teams were trained and supervised by 35 Master Trainers (local government staff /school teachers) who in turn were headed by 9 Component Managers (district government officials), one for each of the nine affected districts, working under the supervision of two Regional Coordinators, one each for AJK and NWFP. ERRA headquarter is engaged in overall supervision and coordination.

The targeting process was launched on November 20, 2007 and concluded on January 5, 2008. It was carried out simultaneously in all the earthquake affected districts except District Shangla where law and order situation prevailed. An extensive media campaign both through print and electronic media was launched before and during the field targeting, which proved to be quite effective. So far, approx 360,000 vulnerable households have registered in all the earthquake affected districts except Shangla. ERRA intends to launch field targeting in Shangla by March 2008 and total number of registrants is expected to conclude at approx. 400,000.

Data collected through the field exercise shall be scanned and entered at a central database. It is envisioned that the TVS database will serve as a benchmark for the social protection interventions in the earthquake affected areas. TVS data shall be made available to Partner Organizations (POs), NGOs, INGOs, different government departments, and other sectors within ERRA for better planning and funds allocation; needs assessment; and designing of effective and sustainable long-term rehabilitation interventions for the most vulnerable groups.