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Editorial:

The role of ARCS in responding to recent disasters in the country:

Afghanistan is a mountainous country, where natural disaster occurs frequently, and eventually every year citizens faces with terrible catastrophes.

Unfortunately, this year many devastations occurred in most of the province, which caused a lot of financial and human losses.

In addition to heavy floods and rainfalls in 26 provinces of the country, severe earthquakes in Paktika, Khost, and Paktia provinces have also caused vast human and financial losses to respected citizens.

The people of Afghanistan, who are currently facing severe economic crisis, are confronted with threatening problems and bearing the heavy burden of the disasters, which deeply affected their lives and souls. Their life is full of distresses because they have lost their agricultural fields, livestock, and houses with all their house-wares, meantime resulted in the spread of infectious diseases which considered a major threats. As these problems put life of the people under pressure repeatedly, therefore to save their lives, the vulnerable and miserable people knock the door of charitable organization and societies calling for help.

ARCS as a national, neutral and independent charitable organization is always helpmate with vulnerable and miserable people in various situation, especially during catastrophes helped many countryman to its best, where provided in recent time a lot of humanitarian aid to Earthquakes-affected and flood-hit families.

ARCS is proud that it has been able to reduce the level of casualties by providing food and non-food-stuffs, sending employees and volunteers for the help, directing health mobile team to affected areas, building temporary shelters, and delivering emergency aid to the affected.

The pleasure of the citizens and the effective and on time delivery of aid demonstrates the kind action and humanity of ARCS. All these actions are not sufficient, because the damages caused by these disasters are so vast and ARCS is unable to provide assistance to everyone.

By comprehending this wide-ranging problem, ARCS considers its duty to respond to the necessities of the people to its best. Meantime it is impossible for ARCS to meet the needs of the people during disasters and catastrophes without the cooperation and assistance of working partners, national associations, national and international charitable foundations and benevolent citizens.

In order to reduce the misery of Afghan people, if anyone would like to help the affected, ARCS will deliver their aid to the vulnerable and miserable people, with full honesty and transparency. We hope that benevolent people of the country will accomplish their spiritual, national, and human responsibility by participating in this noble activity.

Acting General President of ARCS visited Laghman province to evaluate the damages caused by floods

Initially, He paid visit to branch office of ARCS in Laghman province, where he warmly welcomed by volunteers.

Later on, Mr. Mawlawi Mati-Ul-Haq "Khalis" met the tribal elders of Laghman province, he listened the problems and assured the elders regarding solution of problems and told, "Reaching out and helping the vulnerable people is our joint responsibility".

During the travel, Mr. Mawlawi Mati Ul Haq "Khalis" Acting General President of ARCS was also accompanied by the head of Turkish RCS Mr. Farid Ahmad "Zia". It is worthmentioning that to solve the above-mentioned problems and provide services to the victims of recent floods, ARCS has established a large medical and residential service camp in the capital of Laghman province. To closely visit the damaged houses and camp, Mr. Mawlawi Mati-Ul- Haq "Khalis" Acting General President of Afghan Red Crescent travelled to the area, besides visiting the damaged houses, has also paid visit to ARCS healthcare and residential camp. He told the beneficiaries of the camp, "providing services & helping vulnerable people is considered as a top priority of ARCS" he also called on international charity foundations to help the displaced families and flood-hit areas due to recent disaster.

After visiting the camp, Mr. Mawlawi Mati UI Haq "Khalis" Acting General Presiden of ARCS, paid visit to those areas, where houses were destroyed by the floods.

During visit of damaged houses in different villages, Mr. "Khalis" was briefed to the problems of the residents.

To help the flood victims in best way, he also met Mawlawi Saeed "Ahmad" - Deputy Governor of Laghman province, & Mawlawi Faisal "Mukhtar" - security commander.



Distribution of food and non-foodstuffs by ARCS to 511 families in three districts of Paktika province!

In the series of aid with vulnerable people, Afghan Red Crescent distributed food and non-foodstuffs to 511 families in three districts of Paktika province.

likewise, on 7th of Aug, ARCS distributed food and non-foodstuffs provided by {AFAD} charity foundation and Turkish country to 300 earthquake-hit families in different villages of Gayan district of the very province, where each family received 50kg flour, 1-liter oil, 2kg tea, 2kg lentils, 5 packets macaroni, 750 gr salt, a can of tomato paste, a package of different foodstuffs, a blanket, a pair of shoes and a tent was also included for some families.

As well as, on 8th of Aug, Afghan Red Crescent distributed food and non-foodstuffs to 200 earthquake-affectedees in Shiwaki Cheena, Tangari, Kharh Kalay, Zaghara Kalay, and Charry villages of Barmal district of Paktika province.

The aid was provided by (AFAD) charity foundation of Turkish country, in the aforementioned aid, each family received a blanket, 50 kg flour, a pair of shoes, 750 gr salt, 2.5 kg macaroni, 800 gr of tomato paste, 1-liter oil, 2 kg tea, 2 kg lentils, 5 packets of biscuits, 1 kg olive, 500 gr dates, 4 kg conserved beans, 1.2 kg of soni sweat, 1.6 kg of jam.

Furthermore, on 21st of Aug, ARCS distributed to 11 flood-hit families entirely 11 tarpaulins, sets of kitchen wares, 66 blankets, 22 water buckets, 22 mattresses, and 3 tents in Jani Khil district.

met the respected elders of Siah Gard district and instructed employees of ARCS to send survey teams to the flood-hit areas in Pandqastan, Yakh Dara, and Khishako Dara and help the affectees as soon as possible. Mr. "Turabi" during his visit to the flood-hit areas in Shiwari district, assured the affected families that besides helping 100 flood-hit families in Tahi Kamar, Tahi Kala and Qaqshal areas, they will also help the rest of the affected families very soon.

The aforementioned 100 flood-hit families received non-foodstuffs; a tent, 2 tarpaulins, 10 blankets, 2 sets of kitchen wares 4 water buckets, a pail, a basin and a brazier.

Meanwhile, on 7th of Aug, 300 families were distributed aid in Surkh Parsa district, where each family received 50 kg flour, 10-liter oil, a carton of dates and a package of different foodstuffs.

Furthermore, on 10th of August, Afghan Red Crescent, (AFAD) and (IHH) charity foundations of Turkish country distributed food and non-foodstuffs to 150 flood-hit families in Shikh Ali, and Siah Gard districts of Parwan province, where each family received; 50 kg flour, 1-liter oil, 2 kg tea, 5 pockets macaroni, 1 kg lentils, 1 kg sugar, 1 kg pea, 1 kg beans, 1.5 kg salt, 2 kg rice, a can of potato paste and a pair of shoes. It is worthmentioning that in last two months overall 550 flood-hit families received food and non-foodstuffs from ARCS and Turkish country.



Vice president of ARCS closely visited the flood-hit areas in Siah Gard and Shinwari districts of Parwan province

To help the flood-hit families in Parwan province, on 16th of Aug, Mr. Mawlawi Noor Uddin "Turabi", vice president of ARCS, closely visited the flood-hit areas in Shinwari and Siah Gard districts of Parwan province. He assured the flood victims, that Afghan Red Crescent is at their service and will try their best to help them and deliver their voice to the authorities and international communities. Mr. "Turabi" also

The activities of ARCS is based on brotherhood and sympathy.



Acting General President of ARCS met Acting Director of UNAMA

Mr. Mawlawi Mati-ul Haq "Khalis" Acting General President of Afghan Red Crescent, met Markus Potzel, Acting Director of UNAMA in Afghanistan and deputy special envoy of the United Nations Secretary-General for Political Affairs, who has served as a German Ambassador as well a special envoy of Germany to Afghanistan. Mr. Mawlawi Mati-Ul-Haq "Khalis" Acting General President of Afghan Red Crescent, told in meeting that, "Afghan Red Crescent is a non-political society and will never engage in politics".

He said, "If the United Nations allocate share to Afghan Red Crescent in the cash box created for Afghanistan, then Afghan Red Crescent will able to deliver aid to every corner of the country with full transparency."

He said, "ARCS is non-budgetary unit of the government, we carry out most of the task with our working partners, via joint cooperation". He added, "In less than one-year Afghan Red Crescent has helped more than 200,000 families across the country, & we are planning to provide food & non-food items for further 70,000 families across the country".

Further, Mr. Mawlawi Muti-Ul-Haq "Khalis" told, "The health sector is considered one of the prominent part of ARCS activities (after provision of services in disaster field), Currently, we have about 150 health centers all over the country, and through these centers more than five million citizens have been served in the last one year". In meeting, Mr. Marcus Potzel told, "ARCS is a significant humanitarian organization in Afghanistan. I am happy to serve in Afghanistan and happy to cooperate with Afghan Red Crescent Society".

He told, "I will try to get hold of the ARCS through the United Nations and pave the way for bilateral cooperation in the field of heart treatment in Germany."

He said, "I would try to boost up the interaction between International communities and Afghan Red Crescent Society".

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