

Emergency Response in Mansehra

In Pakistan, the devastating earthquake of October 8, 2005 left widespread destruction in its wake, killing at least 73,000 people, severely injuring another 70,000, and leaving 2.8 million people without shelter. AJK and eastern NWFP were dealt the most serious blow and suffered extensive damage to economic assets and infrastructure, with social service delivery, commerce, and communications either debilitated or destroyed. Vulnerable groups, mainly women and children living in inaccessible mountain areas were exposed to health and social risks. Humanitarian and relief organizations started its operations in the worst earthquake affected areas. HRDS responded immediately to emergency relief needs of the affected areas of Mansehra district. HRDS remained functional in three Internally Displace People (IDPs) camps of Mansehra district out of seven with provision of non-food items, water environmental and sanitation (WES) services in JABA, Ghazi Kot and Nawaz Sharif camps.

Priority Needs of the time

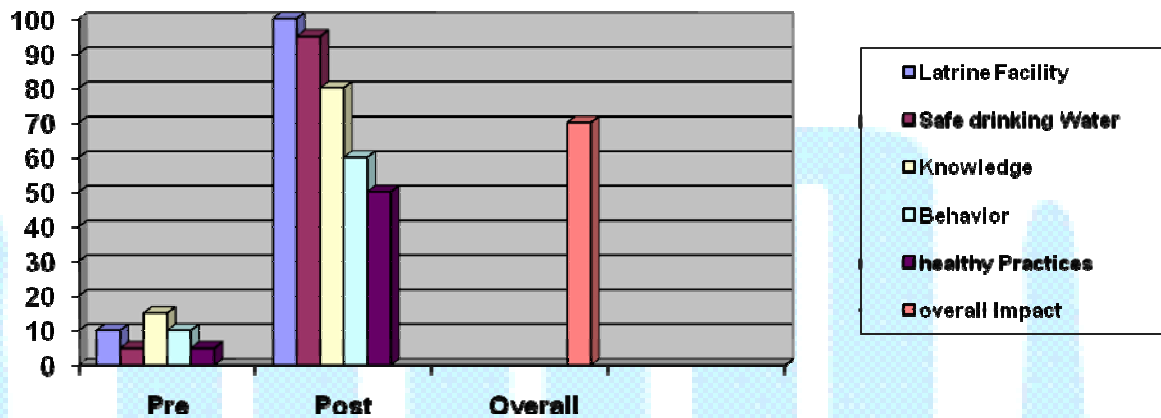
- Food
- Water
- Sanitation Facilities
- Hygiene Awareness
- Medical support /prosthetics
- Restoration of communication infrastructure and essential services

WES Project

HRDS in the transitional phase implemented WES project in support of back to school campaign. In School WES program HRDS worked for hardware as well as for software components in 200 schools of Tehsil Ughi and Balakot of Mansehra district. HRDS provided WES facilities and hygiene awareness through trainings and WES competitions. In training program HRDS, built capacities of teachers and Parents for hygiene promotion.

After school Wes project it was observed that the overall impact was about 70% by covering all the aspects. After WES intervention 95% schools got access to safe drinking water, 100% got latrine facility. 80% children were aware about heath and hygiene and started to use basic health and hygiene knowledge in their practices.

Chart shows the Impact of School WES Intervention



Rehabilitation of DWSS Mansehra

A project - welcome to safe drinking water supply schemes program - was implemented in 11 villages of union council Nikka Pani, Tehsil Ughi, District Mansehra from 2nd May to 15th September, 2008. The project was implemented with financial assistance from UNICEF to support TMA of Ughi in provision of clean drinking water to more than 20,442 people.

The project entailed two components hardware and software. Rehabilitation of drinking water supply schemes was the part of hardware component whereas awareness raising campaign for hygiene promotion was the part of the software component.

Rehabilitation of DWSS

The project focused at the rural communities especially women and children affected by unhygienic and insufficient water facilities. 11 drinking water supply schemes rehabilitated and 20442 people benefitted from water supply schemes and hygiene sessions. Hygiene sessions were conducted to aware the people of the area about the hazards of unhygienic practices.

More than 9000 people of 1500 families got access to safe drinking water after the implementation of DWSS. It was observed that knowledge about water borne diseases, remedial measures and safe hygiene practices had enhanced in the community. People of the area were sensitized to follow hygiene practices. Improvement had been observed in personal and domestic hygiene. We can safely say that hereafter people of the area will not ignore the importance of safe water and hygiene practices and that can be a cause of low rate of water borne diseases in the area. In addition to that children will be in a better position to go to schools that can increase the attendance of the children in the schools.

