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South Asia Earthquake

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Mohammed Arif (second from right) with other men from Dadar who participate in USAID's cash-for-work program.

A COMMUNITY PREPARES FOR A NEW SCHOOL

Mohammed Arif was working as a carpenter in Karachi when the earthquake struck. Rushing back to his hometown of Dadar in North West Frontier Province, Arif found his neighbors struggling to cope with damaged homes and lives, and his old school lying in a flattened heap of stone.

With the help of USAID, the Dadar community has completed the first step toward rebuilding the Government Centennial Model High School for Boys in Mansehra District. Under a USAID-funded cash-for-work program, Arif joined 39 other Dadar men to salvage reusable materials like wood and corrugated iron sheets from the school's wreckage, tear down any irreparable bits of buildings, and clear away rubble to prepare the school site for reconstruction.

"I came out of a desire to help, and also out of necessity," said Arif, who graduated from the school in 2000. "I wanted to help my old school, but I also needed the money."

BEFORE AND AFTER

By hiring the people of Dadar to clear away school rubble, this USAID project has helped earthquake survivors earn an income to meet their daily needs, accomplish a task necessary for rehabilitation and encourage the community's sense of ownership.



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Before-and-after photos of the first step in rebuilding the Government Centennial Model High School for Boys in Mansehra District.

Equipped only with manual tools and working in teams, the men cleared 4,200 cubic feet of rubble from the site in nine days. They salvaged 350 cubic feet of wood and 250 corrugated iron sheets to be sold at a government auction to help raise money for the school.



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Shabana Khosar, headmistress of the Government Girls Middle School in Dadar, listens as USAID engineer Shadid Mahmood describes the school's reconstruction plans. They include an earthquake resistant structure and a two-story design allowing an open space for her students.

INAUGURATION OF USAID'S RECONSTRUCTION PROGRAM

The reconstruction of the Government Boys' High School and Government Girls' Middle School in Dadar, in North West Frontier Province, will mark the official launch of USAID's Earthquake Reconstruction Program, a four-year \$200 million reconstruction program to rebuild destroyed schools and clinics, rehabilitate livelihoods and improve education and health care delivery systems in Pakistan's earthquake-affected areas.

On his first official trip as the U.S. Director of Foreign Assistance, Ambassador Randall L. Tobias is scheduled to participate in a groundbreaking ceremony on May 19, in the village of Dadar, to officially kick off this essential program.

FAST FACTS:

Government of Pakistan estimates:

Death toll: 73,338
Injured: 69,412
Homeless: 2.8 million

Government of India estimates :

Death toll: 1,309
Injured: 6,622
Homeless: 150,000

U.S. Assistance as of May 19, 2006:

Total U.S. Government Humanitarian and Reconstruction Assistance Pledged: \$510,000,000

- \$300 million in economic assistance
- \$110 million in U.S. military in-kind support for relief operations
- at least \$100* million from U.S. private contributions

To date, USAID has provided more than \$83 million in humanitarian assistance, including more than \$6.7 million in emergency relief commodities and associated transport costs, for earthquake-affected populations in Pakistan.

As part of its overall response, USAID has provided more than \$29.5 million in funding to the U.N. South Asia Earthquake Flash Appeal, to support transitional shelter programs, food, health, water and sanitation, humanitarian air service, logistical coordination, and the transport of supplies to affected populations and movement of those populations to safe areas.

For more information on the earthquake and USAID's work, please see "South Asia Earthquake" at www.usaid.gov.

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*Actual amount of donations to date is \$151 million (Center on Philanthropy, Indiana University)