

## News from PELI alumni Interior Sindh

### **Mr. Mohammed Naseem Pirzado, Nawabshah, PELI Alumnus 2011:**

- The schools will remain closed till 25th September 2011
- His house is still flooded with water and therefore he has moved to another house
- NGOs are working there to provide food but no learning centers have been opened
- IDPs are seeking shelter in his school
- He will update us with number of IDPs in his school etc by tomorrow
- Water is taking too long to dry up

### **Ms. Azra Bhatti, Tando Mohammed Khan, PELI Alumnus 2011:**

- Works at Government Girls' Secondary Sheikhbhirchio School
- IDPs had taken shelter in her school, but yesterday they went back to their homes
- Situation regarding water is better at her school
- She was on duty today and got her school cleaned with the rest of the teachers
- Students did not appear although her school is to be resumed
- She plans to visit the childrens' parents in their houses to convince them to start sending their children back to school
- She will report back by saturday and update us on the parents' concern and needs etc

### **Ms. Azra Khashkheli, Dadu, PELI Alumnus 2011:**

- Works at Sindh Education Foundation and is a Teachers' Trainer
- The situation in her area (schools, office and home) is really bad with a lot of damage to electronics, roof leaking
- Standing Water is in a state of drying now
- Her office is currently working on developing training for teachers to deal with the emergency situation and motivate them

- Health factor will especially be covered by these trainings
- On a personal note Ms. Azra has done a lot of work after these rains to help her community
- She contacted NGOs and with their help distributed food and mosquito repellent coils around the community
- She contacted the lady health workers of her community who further got medical support from hospitals and sprayed the area for mosquitoes
- The crops that were ready for harvest have all been destroyed due to the rains

**Ms. Shabana Naz, Nawabshah, PELI Alumnus 2011:**

- Works at Government Girls' Fatima Jinnah Higher Secondary School
- There are 22 rooms in her school and they have all been occupied by around 375 people
- A local person (social worker) Mr. Inam Mughal is looking after facilitation of these people
- The food (in the form of cooked rice) is being provided by the DCO and EDO of the area
- The sewage system of the area has been badly affected
- Her house is covered with 1 to 1.5 feet of water and she had to shift elsewhere
- The schools have been suspended for at least a week more
- But she has been asked to get back on duty and start working with the children and get them back to studies
- She will share the number of mothers and children and also the kind of support that we may help her with

**Mr. George, Tando Allah Yar, PELI Alumnus 2010:**

- Water in his area not dried
- 90% crops destroyed
- Works in Govt. Middle School Kamaro Shareef and is responsible for the school
- His school is providing shelter to approximately 15 families (100 people), he will give the proper stats by tomorrow

- DCO used to send dinner (cooked rice) but doesn't do so regularly anymore
- So there is food crisis
- Most of the IDP s in his school belong to the Hindu community
- A daeg of rice costs approximately Rs. 2500/- and is enough for around 50 people
- Per day food charges come to around Rs. 9000/- in his school