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A Brief Report of Labour Relief Campaign Pakistan for ESSF

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As a result of climate change, floods have wreaked havoc in Pakistan this year. The torrential rains have destroyed homes, property and affected millions of people across the country [1].

In order to help the flood-affected areas, eight organizations jointly reactivated the Labor Relief Campaign. The LRC was launched in October 2005 just after the devastating earthquake.

The campaign provided immediate support comprising of ration bags, medicines and clothes to the worst affected Baluchistan province. The LRC established its first camp on 27 July 2022 at the main Mall Road of Lahore to raise funds from the people of Lahore.

After some time, the floods also engulfed southern Punjab, Sindh and Khyber Pakhtunkhwa (KPK) provinces of the country.

Under the Labour Relief Campaign, ration was provided to 650 families in the province of Sindh.

In the worst-affected districts of South Punjab rations were provided to 200 families.

In Khyber Pakhtunkhwa 300 ration bags were also sent to Dera Ismail Khan and Charsadda.

In addition to immediate relief efforts, the Labour Relief Campaign also organized medical camps in different districts of Punjab, KPK and Sindh. Through these medical camps, medicines were provided in Dera Ismail Khan, Rajanpur, Fazilpur, Charsadda, Shikarpur, DG Khan, DI Khan and suburbs of Quetta.

Under the Labour Relief Campaign, financial assistance of 5000 Rupees (25 Euro) each has been given to 100 families in Shikarpur, 187 in Khairpur and 50 families in DG Khan.

The distribution of relief money to the flood victims is still going on. In this regard, 100 families of Charsadda and more than 200 families of Balochistan will be given Rs 5000 per person.

The Labour Relief Campaign also organised a Climate Justice rally in Lahore with over 2000 in attendance on 30 September 2022, to raise awareness about different aspects of the climate justice campaign. It also demanded the suspension of Pakistan foreign debts. There is another plan to organise a peasant conference on 27th November in Shikarpur District in Sindh. This would demand state compensation to the landless peasants.

The Labour Relief Campaign is now entering from immediate relief to the rehabilitation phase. We have plans to provide warm clothes, an arrangement to provide clean water through water pumps, seeds to the farmers and help to rebuild their homes.

This is an appeal to all members of ESSF to continue their support for the flood victims of Pakistan.

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[1] See on ESSF "Pakistan's Flood Situation and Joint Financial Appeal by PKRC and ESSF".

[2] The Pakistan Kissan Rabita Committee (PKRC) is a network of small farmers and peasants' organisations established in 2003 in Pakistan. It is a member if La Via Campesina, working for family farming, food sovereignty and land rights