

Distribution of relief in the earthquake affected villages in Kashmir



Blankets laden in trucks arrive at Baramulla for distribution



People await their turn to receive blankets



Preference was given to BPL families



RGF partners supplemented the relief distribution with their own supplies



A representative of each family signs receipts for the relief material distributed

Earthquake Relief in Jammu & Kashmir

The Rajiv Gandhi Foundation was among the first to rush relief materials to some of the affected areas in the immediate aftermath of the earthquake in Kashmir. Its own team worked closely with its local NGO partners Help Foundation and Human Aid Society, and distributed 30,000 blankets and 1.5 tonnes of first aid medicines in more than 50 villages. For rehabilitation, RGF also mobilized from SAIL 17 tonnes of CGI sheets as roofing material for rebuilding homes.

A survey of immediate shelter, health and education needs was conducted in nearly 100

affected villages, many of them remote and near the Line of Control. A dedicated team of young volunteers, mobilized by the partner organisations, did commendable work in identifying and providing first aid, essential food items and blankets to the neediest families. The distribution of materials was done intensively in the

immediate aftermath of the earthquake and continued for several months.

The restoration of education in the area was given special emphasis, in response to requests by the local people. RGF distributed school bags, stationery, toys and

books to more than 2000 children in some of the worst affected villages in Baramulla district and tried to help in reviving school activity. Resuming school was important not only for education but also as a means of helping the children cope with their sense of loss.

A series of programmes for children, blending creativity and trauma therapy, were conducted by Rakesh Kumar Singh and Mubashir Yousuf with children in 6 villages covering 10 schools in November 2005. Our local partners, Help Foundation and Human Aid Society, provided the logistical support. The interaction with the children, teachers and parents was poignant, and showed their high motivation towards education.

To the extent possible, RGF tries to help in situations of natural disaster. Prompt and substantial assistance was extended to the earthquake affected people of Jammu & Kashmir.



Learning to live again — a new beginning for children with RGF's help

Motivational programmes
conducted by Rakesh Kumar Singh
and Mubashir Yousuf





