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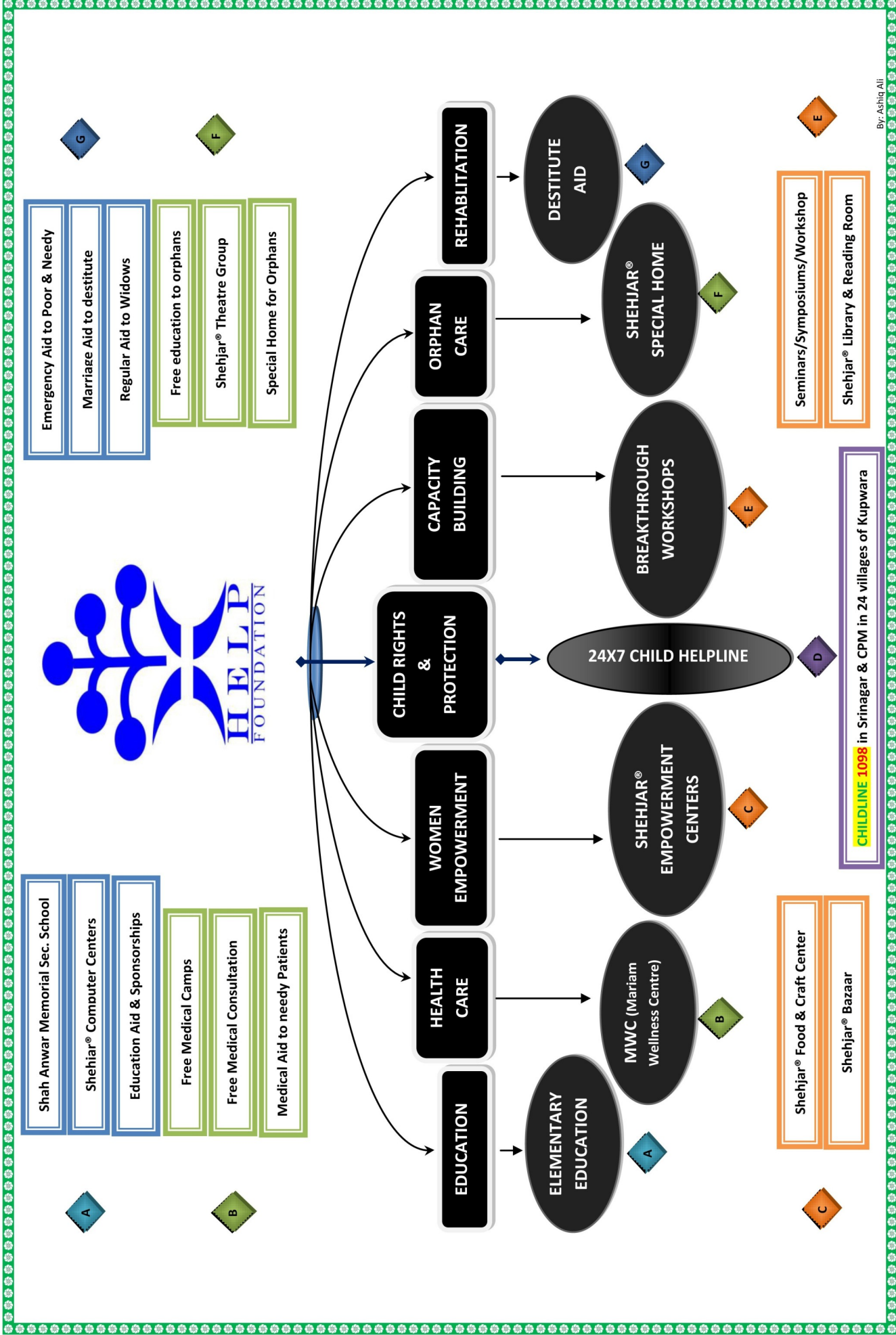
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MESSAGE:

For years I dreamt of building an organization that would help mitigate decades of suffering, of the people of my land, and retain its social fabric. That dream came to fruition in 1997 with the setting up of the HELP Foundation. It gives me immense satisfaction to work in the field of development. The experience gained over the years has strengthened my resolve to turn my dreams into reality. We at HELP Foundation believe that even a thousand mile march is taken one step at a time. The journey being undertaken by us may only be a few steps but it gets us that much closer to our destination.”

Mrs. Nighat Shafi

(CHAIRPERSON)



More than 100 children received study materials through CHILDLINE Srinagar.

Background

On 4th September, 2014, the Kashmir valley witnessed worst ever flood. The flood water gushed all the way from south Kashmir through the Jehlum river and on 7th of September, 2014, whole city of Srinagar and its adjacent areas were inundated. Most areas including commercial hubs like; Lal Chowk, Karan Nagar, Jawahar Nagar were submerged under 20 feet water. The whole city wore a terrifying look as the beautiful valley of Kashmir looked like an ocean. Thousands of people were stranded in multi-storey buildings, hotels, shopping malls, and hospitals with no access to food and portable water. In most areas the water stayed for 15 days. Some areas remained submerged over a month. The water didn't stop here as it took the lead through the same course and reached north Kashmir; bringing destruction every where it passed by.

The state administration, which was itself knocked out after the waters of the Jhelum river gushed into the city centre, has struggled to cope with the flood, the worst in 109 years.

They did not have enough pumps to drain out the water from Srinagar, a city of 1 million ringed by mountains. Communication system ceased, roads cut off, major hospitals were inundated and essential stocks were destroyed.



The magnitude of damage was so vast that the state government seemed helpless and it was inevitable for NGOs; local, national and international to intervene immediately to begin with relief operations. HELP Foundation, J&K being the humanitarian actor of state also started intervention in different phase in the valley;

Impact of Disaster

Number of people Affected	TOTAL No.	Source of Information
Total Number of Affected People	1,250,000	
Total Number of dead	298 (J&K)	Ministry of Home Affairs, Govt. of India
Villages affected	5,642	J&K Govt

Affected commodity	TOTAL No.	Source of Information
<u>Structures</u>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Concrete houses Semi Concrete houses Granaries 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1,79,133 75,426 3,53,864 	J&K Govt
Horticulture land	6,51,000 hectares of land	J&K Govt
<u>Live stock</u>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Milch Animals Sheep & Goats 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10,050 33,000 	J&K Govt

Affected sector	Damage in Indian Rupees (INR)	Source of Information
Total damage	1,00,000.00 crores	KCSDS (Kashmir Centre for Social & Development Studies)
Agriculture crops	4,043.00 crores	J&K Govt
Horticulture crop	1,568.00 crores	J&K Govt
Public utility services & infrastructure including roads, electric power supply and water supply schemes.	3,000.00 crores	J&K Govt
Health Sector	200.00 crores	J&K Govt
Transport sector (15000 vehicles affected)	500.00 crores	Industry people
Fruit Industry	1,565.00 crores	Horticulture Department, J&K

Emergency Response

Since thousands of people were stranded in their respective residence without food and water we started rescue operations. The operation was limited to our neighborhood as we were short of basic resources like boats, life jackets. However, our teams visited many areas and provided packaged food, water and medicine. In emergency case they moved people to safer places and hospitals in case it was needed



Summary of our Emergency Response

Sector	Location	Activities	Partnerships	Total	beneficiaries
Initial response					
Rescue	Srinagar	Provided drinking water, food to stranded. Moved people to safer places Cooked food Provided medicine		>14000	
Rapid assessment	Anantnag	House to house need assessment & damage evaluation	Care India	500 house holds	
	Bandipora			1000 H holds	
	Baramulla			2000 H holds	
	Pulwama			500 H holds	
	Srinagar			10000 H holds	
Relief distribution	Anantnag	packaged water, NFI, blankets, food items, chlorine tablets, Hygienic	Youth Hostel Association of India.	>400 H holds	
	Bandipora	items, clothes, tents, solar lights & blankets	Manford Allianz Pvt Ltd	>500 H holds	
	Baramulla		Jamnalal Bajaj Foundation	>2000 H holds	
	Pulwama		GPI	>400 H holds	
	Srinagar			>10000 H holds	
Medical Intervention	Anantnag	Medical camps, mental health counseling, delivery kits to hospital, anti-septic liquid, chlorine tablets,	JLNM Hospital		
	Bandipora		Doctors Association Kashmir	Around 4000 patients were benefitted	
	Baramulla				
	Pulwama				

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Sector	Location	Activities	Partnerships	Total beneficiaries reached
Winterization	Anantnag	Pherans, sweaters, thermals, socks, woollens,		900 beneficiaries
	Bandipora	quilts and blankets, hot	Muslim Aid	200 House holds
	Baramulla	water bags, stoles and	ICNA	610 House holds
	Kulgam	shawls, caps	Reliance India	150 House holds
	Pulwama Srinagar		SEWA CARE India KER USA	200 House holds
Rehabilitation Shelter	Ghat Tunika, Pulwama	CGI structure 12x20	HELP's individual donors	
	Mundyari & Phalhalan	with 8 feet height. Interior 6 mm ply board		16
	Pattan, Baramulla	insulated with 12 mm		52
	Shilwat, Sumbal, Bandipora	thermo cool.		
	Rainawari & interiors, Srinagar			12 12
Economic Assistance		Cash assistance to street vendors, three wheeler repairs, reconstruction of shops, hand carts, carpet waivers re-establishment of tailoring units, handicraft units	HELP's individual donors GPI	160 825
	Srinagar			



Beneficiary receiving Food pack at Hyderpora Centre, Oct-2014

Emergency Relief followed by rescue operations

We started distribution relief on 10th of September, 2014. The idea was to provide basic essentials like food, water, tents, bedding and lamps to the people putting up in makeshift accommodation without any discrimination. People took refuge in tents on higher reaches like the bund, masjids and community centers and some were lucky enough to get shelter in their relatives who were not affected by the flood. Cooked food, water, solar lights and stitched clothes were distributed. We also tied up with organizers at various community centers by helping them monetarily to provide food for the people stayed there.

The emergency relief including packaged water, NFI, blankets, food items and clothes were distributed to whole population in selected locations like; Mehjoor Nagar, Bemina, Shanpora, peripheries of Dal lake, Jawahar Nagar, Batamaloo, Qamarwari in Srinagar city. In South Kashmir emergency relief kits containing earlier mentioned



items were distributed in the affected villages of Pulwama like Gulzarpora, Bagpora, Padgampora, Ghat Tokena. Anantnag town, Hassanpora Tawaila and Jablipora villages of Anantnag district were selected. In North we cover affected villages in Sumbal, Pattan, Sopore & Baramulla; Sonawari- Rakhi-Boon, Rakhi-Shilwath, Hajan, Bella Salamabad, Ghat Gopalan, Ghat Palhalan, Mundiari, Chack-e-Jamal Meer, Trikolbal, Tulibal, Trikanjan, Khus Haal Colony, Sher Colony

MEDICAL INTERVENTION:

Since major hospitals of Srinagar were inundated and medicines shortfall made it quite hard for people to get medical help. Further, people were depressed with the vast destruction caused by the floods.

Together with DAK (Doctors Association Kashmir), JLNH Hospital and some individual doctors our medical staff conducted 20 mental health integrated camps mostly in Srinagar. Mental health counseling, consultation together with medicines, hygienic products and chlorine tablets were providing during these camps. We also support affected hospitals with supplies like antiseptic liquid, cleaning products, sanitary napkins and delivery kits.



PHASE II

Tent Distribution

With the help of community leaders, we selected most affected and socially marginalised beneficiaries whose houses were collapsed and had no where to put up. Since September in Kashmir is either too hot or cold, putting up in tents was a viable and immediate solution for these people. Around 150 tents were distributed among poorest families in; Bandipora- Sumbal (12), Baramulla- Uri- Bela, Salamabad, Trikanjal (35), Pulwama (70), Srinagar (33).



Winterization

We were already in mid October 2014 and the distribution of relief material was still going on. Keeping harsh winters in Kashmir, we geared up, identified more volunteers and started winterization operation simultaneously. Winterization kits comprising of woolens, pherans, sweaters, stoles/shawls, caps, blankets/quilts, hot water bags and socks were distributed among 1300 worst affected family in 6 districts.



PHASE III

Construction of Mid term temporary structures

So far We aim at constructing 150 such structures in selected areas like; Mundyari Pattan, Baramulla, Shilwat Sumbal, Bandipora & Ghat Tukina Awantipora, Pulwama. The magnitude of destruction (houses collapsed) is too high that we can't select each individual househole. This made us to follow the follow-



12 ing selection criteria:

Our staff carried out intensive survey of selected areas in collaboration with the community leaders to find out exact number of collapsed or damaged houses which are declared unsafe for living.

Once we got the list, we filtered the list by dropping the people who were given interim compensation by the authorities.

The list was further filtered on the basic of socio economic condition of beneficiary family. For example, we further dropped people who were in government jobs (which are a secure job) with good positions. We also check if a family in the list has additional safe place to survive during winter.

We have also assisted 300 beneficiaries to support them in re-establish their livelihood. Our target is 500 units. The initiative is taken in restoring the livelihoods of the Flood-affected market vendors, light commercial vehicle transporters like three wheelers & taxis, carpet weavers, handloom artisans and help them get back on their feet. This initiative provided a temporary source of cash income in exchange for work related to flood recovery, besides this it also provided an opportunity to combine some immediate recovery efforts, with small but much needed cash injection directly to those affected by the Floods. Poor families have become more destitute. Through this initiative we intend to hasten not only the physical recovery of the effected community, but their financial, emotional and psychological recovery as well. With the help of local leaders, families who are in greatest need are being identified.

Depending on the scope of the disaster and available resources, targeting was done in different ways

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Prioritized communities according to damage levels and provided assistance to all inhabitants (blanket distribution)

House-to-house evaluation of damages and identifying the needs per household.

Initially, we prioritized hardest hit communities and then moved house-to-house.



We tried to maintain clear criteria that identify individuals and groups in a manner that was impartial and focused on vulnerability.

Volunteers were selected among the community, keeping in mind local vested interests who may try to capture the relief supplies. The safety of staff was given priority and was given proper and constant support from support staff and administration.



WAY FORWARD

Our Focal Areas for rehabilitation phase:

- Economic revival of small traders and business owners.
- Permanent shelters for poor and underprivileged
- Livestock support to specific areas for livelihood generation
- Cleanliness and beautification of selected neighborhoods
- Assistance and support to schools affected by floods
- Financial assistance to artisans associated with Kashmir Craft
- Establishing a not for profit pharmacy for general public

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