



**“AAGHOSH” Mather & Child Health Project
Funded by CIDA-CFLI
Baby Blankets Distribution Report of AGAHE
District Dera Ghazi Khan**



Submitted by:

Association for Gender Awareness & Human Empowerment (AGAHE)

Office DG Khan: Laghari Colony Hassan Hospital Road Block 18, D. G Khan

Head Office: House No. 3 Block A Lalazar Colony Phase II Raiwind Road Lahore.

Ph: 042-35291211

Email: agahedgkhan@yahoo.com, agahepk@hotmail.com, info@agahe.org.pk

Contents

Back Ground	3
Selection of the target area:	4
Selection and Listing of target Families:	4
Distribution of Baby Blankets:	4
Instruction for Child care:	5
Expected Results:	5



Back Ground

Dera Ghazia Khan District is situated on the west bank of the Indus River and in the east of the Sileman mountain range and hilly area. It was partially flooded affected by the hilly Taurant every year due to non construction of canal to pass over the rain water of



hilly areas. This year a horrible rains and a devastating flood in the Indus River that was a largest river in Pakistan, badly affected the different districts of Pakistan and District Dera Ghazi Khan is one of them.

DG Khan District has three tehsils and a long boundary with the Indus River. District Dera Ghazi Khan was worst hit by flood from both sides i.e. Hill Taurant of Suliman Mountain

range and Indus water over flow.

In the start of the month of August 2010 when a horrible flood situation was in the country and it's badly affected districts of southern Punjab. Flood also badly affected DG Khan district like other there was almost 400,000 affected population including women, children and handicapped persons due to water there was a danger of epidemics in the area like pneumonia, skin problems, water born diseases and malarial diseases due to destruction of dwellings, non affordability, stagnant water everywhere, unhygienic practices. Along with other factors non affordability of families for protection of babies was a major contributing factor of pneumonia and other ARIs.



AGAHE had already started quick relief work in the flood affected area like provision of eatable items, Non food items, extended Family hygiene kits and Health & Hygiene Sessions with affected people to improve maternal and child health and improve antenatal, postnatal care and improve hygienic conditions. Due to worst damages of infrastructure like communication, transportation and government health facilities, there are serious problem to move the people to safe areas and provide relief them.

In the flooded areas philanthropists, line departments, civil society and all community members were engaged to help the affected community through eatables, shelter, NFL, WASH and health care to fulfill their basic needs.

For the prevention of severe winter and diseases occurred by the severe weather condition protection of babies from winter season was most urgent and important to decrease diseases break through cases. There was a dire need to provide baby blankets to protect them from severe cold weather.

Selection of the target area:

Union Council Samina is horribly affected by the flood being situated on the both



sides of bank the Indus River. For the selection of vulnerable population for the provisions of Baby Blankets, having an infant, neglected and vulnerable flood affected families were selected though extensive field visits and door to door assessment and verification. During selection of the families it was considered that there should not be providing the same services any other organization or line department in the

selected area and must be affected by flood and an infant baby should be there. Following above mentioned procedure families for the distribution of baby blankets were selected. Main beneficiary of the services were child bearing most vulnerable families to with cold weather condition.

Selection and Listing of target Families:

With close consultation and extensive field work for physical verification of target families were selected. AGAHE staff members visited the target flood affected area and prepared the lists of vulnerable families having a child.

1. Priority recipients were Families with having and infant
2. Vulnerable in the community
3. One family will get one baby blanket



Distribution of Baby Blankets :

After selection of target families AGAHE team planed to distribute Baby blankets among selected families. For the distribution of Baby blankets among selected families fulfilling the selection criteria, AGAHE team visited the camps and houses of selected families in affected areas for the distribution one by one. During the distribution, AGAHE team visited their homes and provided Baby blankets and fully oriented them regarding the child health especially cold weather condition. During distribution lists were filled and signs/ thumb impression were taken . To avoid and

minimize the duplication beneficiaries were mentioned at their doors so any one coming with same relief items can skip that family.

Instruction for Child care:

Following instructions were given to protect child from cold weather condition:

- Keep child in the room to protect from cold weather condition.
- Use hot stuff of clothes and use baby blanket.
- Consult nearest health care provider in case of any symptom of illness.



AGAHE has completed the distribution of 600 baby blankets among vulnerable families fulfilling the selection criteria. During selection and delivery of baby blankets flooded area was covered especially and they were fully oriented regarding prevention of cold weather especially children. The lists of recipients have been shared with other organizations working in the area to minimize the duplication.

Expected Results:

The families which received baby blankets child using baby blanket would be safe from cold weather condition and will be safe from pneumonia and other diseases occurred due to severe cold weather condition. Recipient families will be able to protect their children from hard winter season.

Prepared by
Shahid Irfan
Relief Coordinator
AGAHE D.G Khan