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HIDAYA FOUNDATION CONTINUES TO PROVIDE RELIEF AND REBUILDING SUPPORT FOR PAKISTAN EARTHQUAKE SURVIVORS.
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SANTA CLARA, CALIFORNIA, USA. January 31, 2006 – Hidaya Foundation (www.hidaya.org), a Santa Clara based 501 (c)(3) organization continues to be at the forefront of relief efforts for the survivors of the devastating earthquake that struck Northern Pakistan and Kashmir in October, 2005. To date, Hidaya Foundation has collected and distributed nearly \$2.9 million dollars in cash and kind donations for earthquake survivors in 2005.

Hidaya Foundation's support for survivors of the October quake has been swift and tireless. The day after the earthquake hit, Hidaya Foundation released \$500,000 for on-the-ground relief efforts in affected areas in Pakistan and set a target of raising and distributing \$1.5 million. This goal was quickly reached and revised upwards to \$3M and that goal too was almost achieved by Dec. 31, 2005. The goal is expected to be met during 2006 by the generosity of ordinary citizens and well wishers of humanity across America.

Hidaya Foundation's relief and rehabilitation efforts have gone significantly beyond raising and distributing donations. Over \$1.75M worth of supplies including tents, blankets, winter clothes, sleeping bags, crutches, wheel chairs and medicine, etc., and 30 containers (40 feet), containing over 436 tons of supplies of in-kind donations were quickly shipped to Pakistan by December 31, 2005 to reach before onset of the cold weather. Hidaya Foundation was able to provide on-the-ground coordination and distribution of relief to numerous villages in the districts of Bagh, Muzaffarabad, Rawlakot, Abbotabad, Balakot & Mansehra. Waseem Baloch, Hidaya Foundation's President, spent over 3 weeks in Pakistan in the month of December 2005 to oversee and coordinate the relief efforts.

Despite the best efforts of Hidaya Foundation and many other non-profit and local government organizations, the earthquake disaster has had overwhelming long-term effects. There is a desperate need for continued and sustained rebuilding of the devastated infrastructure and facilities.

While Hidaya Foundation will continue its efforts on providing ongoing humanitarian needs such as food, warm clothing, and medicines, Hidaya Foundation is now shifting its emphasis on helping people rebuild their lives. As such, Hidaya Foundation is actively helping with relief efforts and intends to support people in a way that help the affected local populace become self-reliant once again.

Hidaya Foundation urges all donors who have previously come forward to support the unfortunate amongst us throughout the globe - to continue their generous donations, as the rebuilding efforts are far from over.

Hidaya Foundation is now in the planning stages of creating self-sustaining support structure for widows and orphans and establishing adult vocational training facilities to train for much needed skills in the areas of electrical, plumbing, masonry, etc. Furthermore, Hidaya Foundation has adopted a number of villages to help rebuild and repair schools and healthcare facilities.

Finally, Hidaya Foundation is continuing to send relief containers on a regular basis. All in-kind donations intended for container shipment should be delivered to the Milpitas collection facility.

Donation Collection Center:

91 Montague Expressway
Milpitas, CA 95035

Open Wed. Sat. and Sun. from 12:00 to 4:00 PM until February 28th 2006. Donors should call for timings after March 1st 2006.

Online donation (via Check or Credit Card):

<http://www.hidaya.org>

Mailing address for check donations:

Payable to "Hidaya Foundation"
P.O. Box 5481
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