

## FOCUS HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE

AN AFFILIATE OF THE AGA KHAN DEVELOPMENT NETWORK

Fostering Disaster Resilient Communities

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## Focus Humanitarian Assistance (FOCUS)

- International disaster planning, risk management and crisis response agency
- Provides emergency relief to all communities in its areas of operation
- Founded in 1994, in Canada by the Ismaili Community
- Units in Afghanistan, Europe, India, Pakistan, North America & Tajikistan
- An affiliate of the Aga Khan Development Network (AKDN)



### Overview: Vision and Mission

#### VISION

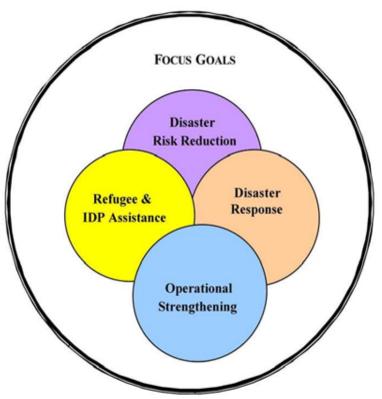
 An organization that enables disaster-resilient communities and responds to disasters rapidly and effectively

#### MISSION

 To protect lives and property of target communities from natural and man-made hazards by developing organizational and community capacity, expertise and programs



## FOCUS: What We Do...



**Responds** to humanitarian crises, mobilizes volunteers and distributes vital relief

**Enables** transitions from emergency to long-term solutions; strengthens people's capacity to respond

**Anticipates** disasters, helps communities identify and mitigate risks and prepare for natural hazards

**Helps** displaced people settle in new homes, and provides vocational training for a better future

#### **North America**

#### USA

- Response to Hurricanes, 2005 & 2008
- CERT Training

#### Canada

- 13,000 Afghan Refugees Settled
- 1,000 Kosovar Refugees Settled
- Certified Emergency Response Training (CERT)



#### **Europe**

#### Portugal

- Forest Fire Response, 2005
- · Earthquake Safety Training

#### Russia

 Humanitarian Assistance of Economic Migrants from Central Asia

#### United Kingdom

 Search and Rescue Team Training (RAPID UK)



#### **Central Asia**

#### Afghanistan

- Refugee Repatriation 50,000
- Shelters 8,000 (BPRM)
- CERT Training
- Vocational Training
- · Disaster Risk Reduction

#### Tajikistan

- School Safety Initiative
- · Disaster Risk Reduction
- Responses to Earthquakes, Landslides & Avalanches
- · Community Training
- Early Warning Communication Systems (CODAN), 294



#### South Asia

#### India

- Earthquake Response, 2001 & 2005
- Tsunami Response & Rehabilitation
- · Search & Rescue
- CERT Training
- · School Safety Initiative

#### Pakistan

- Disaster Risk Reduction Responses to Earthquake - 2005, Landslides & Avalanches
- · Search & Rescue
- School Safety Initiative



#### **Middle East**

#### Jordan

 Camp for Mothers and Children (UNHCR), 2003

#### Syria

 Displaced Persons Lebanese/Israeli Crisis, 2006

#### **Africa**

#### Kenya

Post-Election Crisis, 2008

#### Madagascar

Response to Cyclone, 2004



## **FOCUS Response Efforts**



South Asian Earthquake Response Pakistan-administered Kashmir, 2005



South Asian Earthquake Response India-administered Kashmir, 2005



Post Hurricanes Katrina and Ike USA, 2005 & 2008



Food assistance after forest fires Seia, Portugal, 2005



Humanitarian relief, following Tsunami Providing supplies after severe floods Andhra Pradesh, India, 2005



Mozambique, 2004



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Earthquake Response Nahrin, Afghanistan, 2002



Earthquake Response Gujarat, India, 2002



Tents for displaced families Syria, 2006



Marriott bombing response Islamabad, Pakistan, 2008



Providing supplies, post 2<sup>nd</sup> Gulf War *Jordan*, 2003



Humanitarian relief, Cyclone Gafilo Madagascar, 2004



# January 2010: Hunza Valley Landslide Northern Pakistan



Landslide in motion Attabad



Houses submerged by the lake Ayeenabad

# January 2010: Vanj Earthquake Tajikistan





- In total 1,035 houses in 20 villages in 2 Jamoats of Vanj district sustained damage
- 264 houses were severely damaged; 28 destroyed, 106 on the verge of collapse, and another 130 houses are partially damaged (50%)