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**Pakistan Floods Update Meeting**  
**Wednesday 6th October 2010, 2pm-5pm**  
**Venue: Islamic Relief Uk, London**

**Executive summary**

**Aim:**

The aim of this meeting was to evaluate the response of the humanitarian assistance to the flood hit region of Pakistan. The Muslim-led NGOs gave a substantial amount of assistance and needed to discuss the next steps to take to revive the flood hit region.

The meeting was attended by 14 different Muslim-led organisations and they were accompanied by the Disaster Emergency Committee, Oxfam and the British Red Cross.

**Humanitarian Assistance:**

Even though the Humanitarian assistance was of a large scale as a result of the generosity of the community, a number of Muslim states had provided very limited assistance to Pakistan due to the negative branding and labelling of the country by the media and other sources. Despite this, the Humanitarian assistance by the NGOs present at the meeting was remarkable but a lot of work still remained unfinished.

The Muslim-led charities present raised between them over £22.5 million and Oxfam, British Red Cross and DEC alone have contributed up to £236.5 million from funds raised both in the UK and abroad.

It was also highlighted how crucial it was for every organisation to be accountable for the money they spend overseas and keep a track record of the projects they implemented. With this aim, organisations who had not done so were advised to get involved with the (Fundraising Standards Board, the self-regulatory body for fundraising in the UK) and with HAP (Humanitarian Accountability Partnership, to develop accountability principles) as well ALNAP (Active Learning Network for Accountability and Performance in Humanitarian Action, a collective response by the humanitarian sector, dedicated to improving humanitarian performance through increased learning and accountability).

Oxfam GB was also carrying out various campaigns for the relief of Pakistan's debt and for the increase in funding to respond to the humanitarian crisis in the country. Any organisation wishing to get involved with those campaigning activities was very welcome to do so by contacting the Campaigning Team at Oxfam GB.

Participants asked the MCF to carry out an internal research about the administrative costs that Muslim Charities may incur. This would help charities analyse their performance on an organisational basis.