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UK Charities: Rebuilding work in Pakistan is not over yet

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Muslim charities came together today to discuss the progress of the rebuilding work that is taking place in Pakistan, six months after floods devastated the country.

The event "Rebuilding Lives... Pakistan Six Months On..." was organised by the Muslim Charities Forum to assess what more can be done to help Pakistanis whose homes and lives had been washed away.

Welcoming attendees to the event, Shabana Mahmood MP recounted her visit to Pakistan after the floods.

"The generosity of the of the British people cannot go unnoticed. We maybe in a recession but the amounts donated goes into the hundreds of million. This needs to continue as the people of Pakistan still need your support and donations."

Jehangir Malik, Director of Islamic Relief UK, chairing the event spoke about how the collective conciousness of the United Kingdom whether it be the media, public or charities, had opened up to help Pakistan.

Lord Sheikh also addressed the event saying "The UN Secretary General Ban Ki Moon described the floods in Pakistan as the worst humanitarian disaster the country had ever seen. Six months on, there is still a great need to rebuild the country. That can only be done if funds and aid are used correctly and propoerly."

Lord Nazir Ahmed paid tribute the British public. "Regardless of faith or race, all members of the British public donated in their millions. We need to draw peoples attention back to Pakistan. Rebuilding needs to continue as work the work has only just begun."

Nicholas Young, Chief Executive of the British Red Cross also recounted his visit to the country. "The scale of destruction is uimaginable. On my recent visit I saw that the immediate humanitarian needs six months on is still as urgent as ever. "

Also at the event were representatives from the Charity Commission, Foreign Office, Christian Aid and the Disasters Emergency Commission, who have raised £69 million through their Pakistan Flood Appeal.

Members of the Muslim Charities Forum visited Pakistan last month to assess the progress of the rebuilding efforts that their respective organisations were making in helping the people of Pakistan rebuild their country.

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Notes for Editors

The event "Rebuilding Lives: Pakistan Six Months On" was held on Tuesday 1st February 2011 at the House of Commons in Westminster.

The Muslim Charities Forum is an umbrella organisation for Muslim-led NGOs based in the UK. Our members include Human Appeal International, Human Relief Foundation, Islamic Relief and Muslim Hands.

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