

FIDA Medical Camp

In Honor Of International Human Rights Day



“Poverty is a cause and product of human rights violations.”

-The United Nations

Summary

Located on the banks of the Indus River, the Kacha is one of the most vulnerable and neglected parts of district Dera Ismail Khan. The people of this area have no access to basic facilities such as water, electricity, telephone lines, paved roads, schools or health facilities. Unfortunately, the majority of the population does not have the knowledge or resources to approach the local government or administration to address their needs. In order to raise awareness, build community relationships and address immediate health concerns, The Foundation for Integrated Development Action (FIDA) planned a series of free medical camps in the Kacha area, beginning on 10th December 2006 (in honor of International Human Rights Day) in Union Council Madhiran.

Union Council Madhiran consists of a long chain of more than 15 villages and small jhokes, with about 1,850 households. The general financial condition of the villagers is meager and erratic, as their main source of income is cultivation and subsistence farming. They are also subject to yearly flooding and receive little or no support for disaster management or rehabilitation. It is therefore an area of priority for FIDA.

The camps covered three villages (Jhoke Sahi, Jhoke Bilal and Jhoke Ubhachar) and reached about 500 families of the area. Future camps are planned for the other villages in Union Council Madhiran.



S/No	Village Name	Number of Households	Medical Camp
1	Jhoke Sahi	80	Completed
2	Jhoke Bilal	60	Completed
3	Jhoke Ubhaychar	280	Completed
4	Jhoke Mohana	200	Scheduled
5	Jhoke Masoo	130	Scheduled
6	Jhoke Kanera	60	Scheduled
7	Jhoke Amir Baloch	60	Scheduled
8	Jhoke Dar	80	Scheduled
9	Jhoke Manzoor Wali	70	Scheduled
10	Jhoke Kat	100	Scheduled
11	Jhoke Leghari	150	Scheduled
12	Jhoke Shahani	250	Scheduled
13	Jhoke Chiragh Wali	150	Scheduled
14	Jhoke Saidoo Wali	150	Scheduled
		1,820 (approx.)	

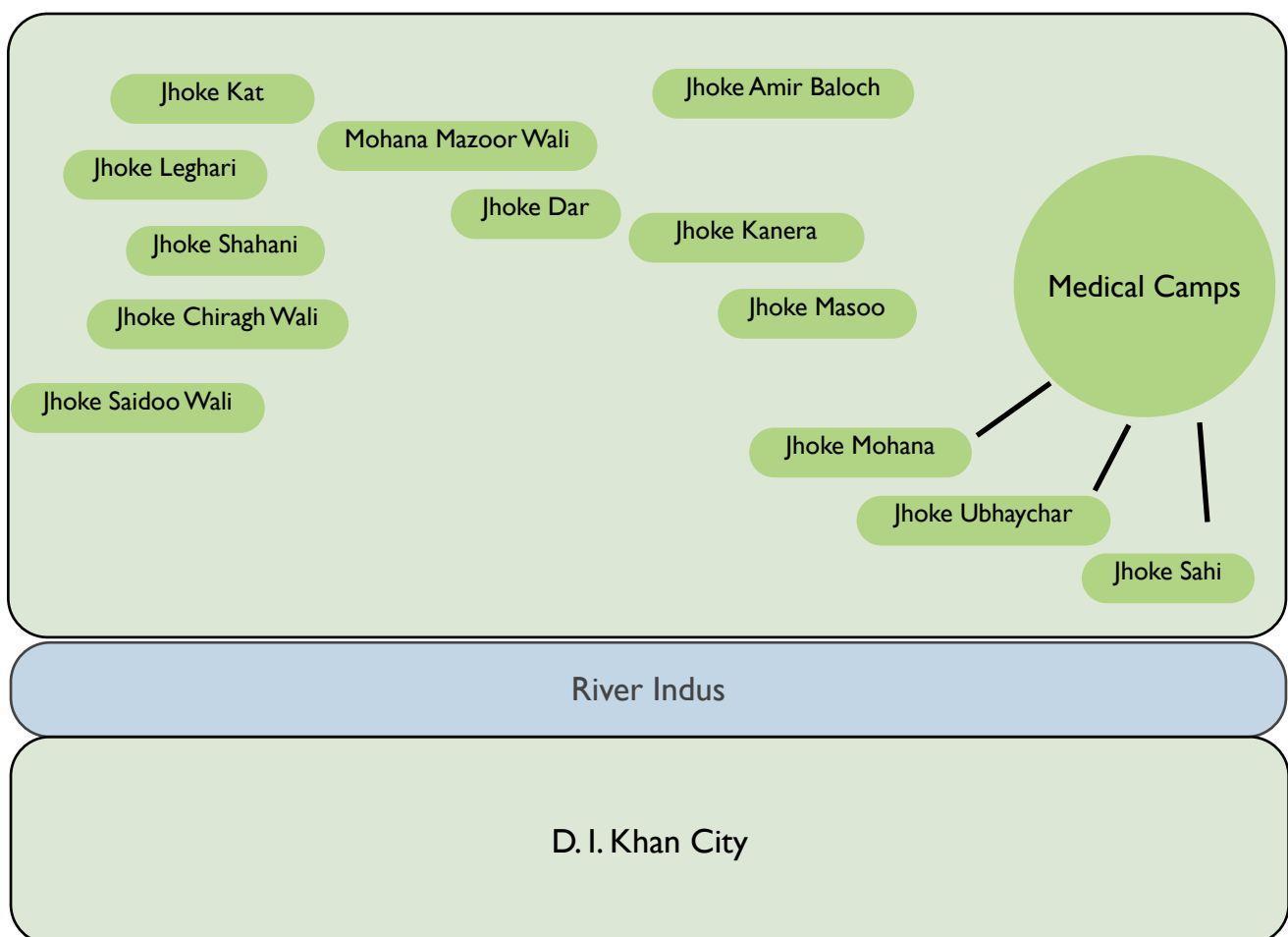
Camp Objectives

- To provide medical service and consultation to the villagers at their doorstep;
- To provide quality medicines, vitamins, antibiotics, etc. . . ;
- To increase awareness of basic hygiene and preventative health care;
- To determine the percentage of most common diseases among the villagers and assess their most pressing medical needs;
- To improve relationships between the community and public sector;
- To increase awareness of basic rights.

Team Members

S/No	Designation	Number
1	Male Doctors	3
2	Female Doctors	2
3	Paramedics/ Volunteers	12
	Total	17

Map of Medical Camps Area



Conducting the Camps

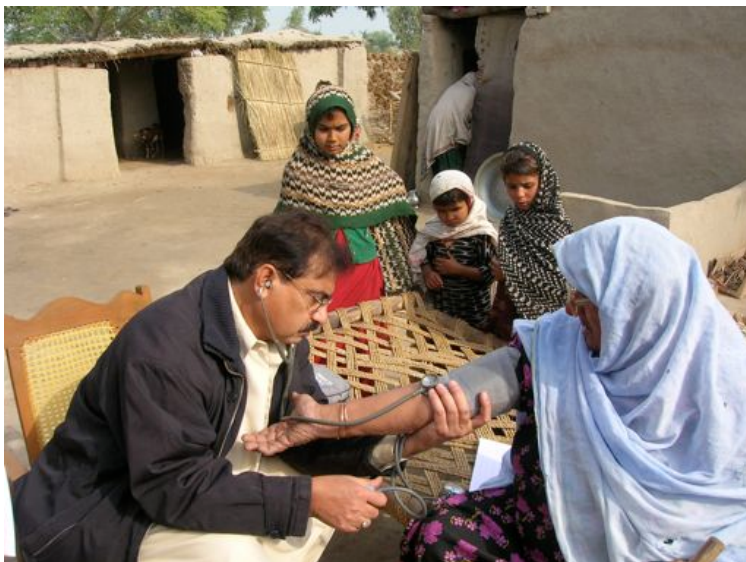
Members of the Village Organizations (VOs) announced the date of the medical camps to the community weeks in advance. FIDA's social organizer, Shazia Gul, took on the responsibility of arranging the General Practitioner and Physician for the camp. FIDA volunteers, Sikandar Hayat, Malik Imran and Ghulam Fareed, went to the Kacha area four days in advance to assess the total number of patients expected to attend the camp and also to finalize all arrangements required to conduct the camp.

Early morning on the 10th of December, three vehicles left from D.I. Khan with the doctors, volunteers and boxes of medicines. The VO members had already been given the blank "Case Papers" so that they could begin recording the names, personal data and health status of the villagers in advance. The people of the area were suffering from viral influenza, malaria and illnesses inflicted by cold weather. Many people complained that there had been no real relief effort following the summer floods and that contaminated water was still causing health problems.

At 10.30 a.m. the villagers assembled outside the Government Primary School Jhoke Ubhaychar, sitting systematically as instructed. As their names were called out from the papers, they checked in with the organizers and proceeded to the doctors seated outside the classrooms. By 2:30 p.m., all the patients had been examined and prescribed with necessary treatments. Thirty-nine patients were identified who required surgical treatment. Dr. Tariq Miankhel is looking into their needs and has called them to District Hospital D.I. Khan for further treatment.

The volunteers and social organizers used the camp as an opportunity to raise awareness on basic medical issues, hygienic and unhygienic behaviors, and preventative health care. The villagers responded positively to the discussions and expressed their appreciation that an effort was being made to bring attention to such issues. It was also a chance for FIDA to collect data on the villages and the main concerns of the people in that area.

Overall, the medical camps ran smoothly and were deemed a success by all involved. FIDA is immensely grateful to Dr. Tariq Miankhel (DMS DHQ D.I. Khan), Dr. Kiramat Ullah Khan (District Hospital Khan), Dr. Ahsan Khan (District Hospital D.I. Khan) and Sister Kulsoom for volunteering their time and professional expertise. The VO members and volunteers also did an excellent job in organizing and maintaining the medical camps.



FIDA hopes to continue this work to reach the many thousands of people who still need medical treatment and access to other basic necessities of life. FIDA will also continue to mobilize the communities and advocate for their rights. Overall, the medical camps ran smoothly and were deemed a success by all involved. FIDA is immensely grateful to Dr. Tariq Miankhel (DMS DHQ D.I. Khan), Dr. Kiramat Ullah Khan (District Hospital Khan), Dr. Ahsan Khan (District Hospital D.I. Khan) and Sister Kulsoom for volunteering their time and professional expertise. The VO members and volunteers also did an excellent job in organizing and maintaining the medical camps.



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