



# Appeal to All the Member Organisations of ICA

## Earthquake that Shook Kashmir in India & Pakistan



Dear Members,

You all know that the recent devastating earthquake on 08 October 2005 shook and shivered the hilly terrain of Kashmir in India & Pakistan by killing more than 13,000 on Indian side and 79,000 on Pakistan side of Kashmir. Several thousands of dead and affected had belonged to the primary cooperatives in these areas.

Main areas affected on Indian side fall in Uri division and on Pakistan side fall in Abbotabad, Mansehra, Koshistan, Batagram, Haripur, Bunair, Swat and Shangla. There are just rough estimates available on the scale of the disaster due to extremely difficult terrain and slow rescue operations. However, the authorities in Pakistan have reported the number of affected co-operatives close to 1440 with a membership base of approximately 70,000 families. The estimates are changing every day with the recovery of more and more dead bodies from the wreckage.

We at the ICA Asia Pacific appeal to the fraternal co-operative community through our Member Organisations (MOs) to please come forward generously in helping the most severely damaged cooperatives and the unfortunate victims of the co-operative community in these areas.

Please send your contribution offer either directly to National Co-operative Union of Pakistan addressed to Mr Nasser Anwar, Secretary NCUP, Tel: 0092-51-921 7523, Fax: 0092-51-2822 635, email: [ncup@isb.paknet.com.pk](mailto:ncup@isb.paknet.com.pk) or to International Co-operative Alliance, New Delhi, India: E-mail: [info@icaroap.coop](mailto:info@icaroap.coop).

We shall be willing to share all the details on the list of members who contributed alongwith the quantum of funding. In case you want to specify the usage of your contribution, it would be accordingly instructed to the agencies in India and Pakistan.

ICA Asia Pacific on its own would also ensure best value to the contribution for the relief of affected communities.

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