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## Tando Allahyar



## EID WITH IDP CHILDREN

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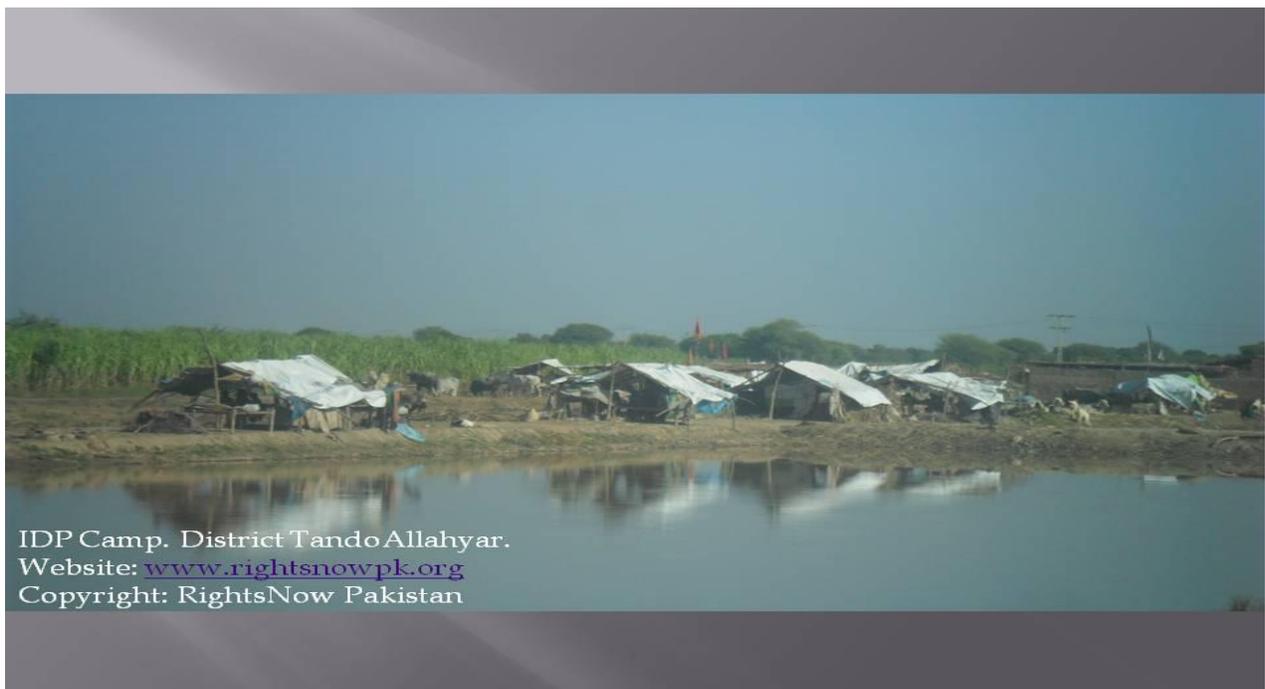
## **RightsNow Pakistan:**

RightsNow Pakistan is a Civil Society Organization registered under Societies Act 1860 and is operating in various Districts of Sindh including Tando Allahyar. RightsNow Pakistan envisions a just, equal, democratic, informed society that respects human rights, rule of law, values, diversity and acts non-violently. From time to time different interventions are made in order to achieve these visionary objectives. The key focus of RightsNow Pakistan is protection of human rights through raising awareness, legal proceedings, peaceful and non-violent tactics. It uses tested strategies for linking rights holders to duty bearers and different stakeholders and state.

RightsNow Pakistan Tando Allahyar Team, consisting upon Zulifqar Khaskheli, Saeedullah Jarawr, Syed Mansoos –ul-Hassan and Imdad Khaskhaly (driver) visited different rain affected areas of Tando Allahyar District to get firsthand knowledge of rain damages and to distribute toys among children living in camps.

### ***District Tando Allahyar, a tragic story of disaster:***

District Tando Allahyar is one of the richest and high revenue paying districts of Sindh, Pakistan. It is famous for its agricultural and fertile lands. People of the district were peacefully living their lives until the disaster occurred.



The recent heavy rainfall shattered life in various districts of Sindh including Tando Allahyar District, which received worst rain of the history. The catastrophe severely devastated life and it ruined many areas in few days. All 19 Union Councils of District Tando Allahyar are reported to have suffered and people have lost their homes, cattle, crops and other valuable belongings. The people could save only their lives and took refuge on roads where they are living in a very miserable condition.

Few camps have been established in schools and other govt buildings, which are no way sufficient to host such large number of IDPs. Casualties have also been reported to occur due to house falling, drowning and disease. Women, Children, older people and other vulnerable people are suffering more in the process of receiving aid, shelter and food. In this situation, these vulnerable groups particularly children are exposed to different threats including child labor, sexual abuse, harassment and domestic violence. RightsNow Pakistan Tando Allahyar made visit of Shalamar Camp, Oatha Camp, and other places where displaced people have found shelter and observed that human rights are the main casualty in the disasters. Particularly the children of poor and low caste hindu families living in the camp or with their relatives.

### ***RightsNow Pakistan team:***

In gloomy situation of post disaster, Rights Now Pakistan Tando Allahyar chapter felt the gravity of the situation and made an effort to bring a little smile the faces of the little angles living in camps. The core group of Tando Allahyar decided to celebrate the eve of Eid-ul-Fitr with the rain affected children living in different camps and/or on roads.



**RightsNow Pakistan team with IDP Children presented them Eid gifts.**

First of all, RightsNow Pakistan, carried out a fund raising campaign in Tando Allahyar district. All the segments of the society were requested to contribute in the campaign. A good response was obtained and various schools, professionals and individuals contributed in the fund. The collecting was made on person to person contact basis.

RightsNow Pakistan identified the camps in the district and intended to spend limited resources on children where they are most needed. Taluka Chamber of District Tando Allahyar Sindh Pakistan were chosen for visit and distribution of gifts among children. The villages and camps visited by RightsNow Pakistan team included Village Naseer Khan Laghari (Three camps), Village Dalel Abad (Four camps), Village Kauro Khan Daudani (Four camps), Village Ghulam Hussain Wasan (IDPs on roads), village Sanjar Chang (Three camps).

Keeping in view the interest of the children, food and non food items were purchased and packets were prepared with the help of volunteers. Each packet contained items like biscuits, toffees, chocolates, chips, cakes, dry fruit. Each bag also contained one toy.

The team of Rights Now Pakistan distributed the gift packs among rain affected children in camps on Eid days. Team performed duly task of not only distributing gifts among children but also they were entertained through various activities in order to get them out of trauma and depression. These little roses showed their beauty even in camps and they happily presented songs, dances, jokes and self introduction. RightsNow Pakistan teams told it is your rights not charity. RightsNow Pakistan team also told them about rights of the children.

## IDP Children Situation in Camps:

The team also assessed the situation of camps and the area. The parents of these children told that, after many days, they have seen their children happy and enjoying. “We though happiness



has become angry with us and will never come back to us.” Shared Mrs. Rani, mother of one children.

One boy Chetan said, “We love toys and books with pictures.” 9 years Nasima shared that she wants to study but rains and poverty always shatter her dreams.

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Tears of a woman were trickling down her cheeks when she was telling story of her hungry and sick child. She said we are not getting proper food here in the camps which have destroyed our health. RightsNow Team observed that the condition of health & hygiene were poor at alarming

level. Displaced people were badly missing their homes. They still seemed to be frightened while talking about rain. It was observed that various rights of these poor souls were not granted to them. Right to food, health, education, safe drinking water, privacy & protection were denied to them. Only influential people and people supported by influential people are receiving aid.

Another question disturbing them is about uncertainty about return to their homes. They do not know how long would they stay there in camps and who was going help them to get their ruined homes back? It is need of hour that government and civil society organizations should take immediate action for these children as save them from any physical as well as psychological harm. RightsNow Pakistan found that there is fear, insecurity and feeling of deprivation in children which is adversely affecting children and their personality.

### **Recommendations:**

- Human rights of displaced people need to be monitored regularly and protected by both national institution and international NGOs.
- Musical and other entertainment and sport events should be organized inside the camp to alleviate the pains of displaced people particularly children.
- Protection groups should be formed in the camps for children and women; they must include women.
- Awareness about women harassment and about laws protect women from harassment should be given to women living inside the camps.
- Malnutrition and diseases are affecting children and women's health in the camps. Prompt response is needed from the government and NGOs for it.
- Police should visit IDP camp regularly or provide few hours presence near the camps so criminal actors should not roam around the camps.