

PAKISTAN

Providing Real Opportunities for Shelter to Promote Early Recovery (PROSPER)



Young beneficiaries in their new home

CHF International is implementing the Providing Real Opportunities for Shelter to Promote Early Recovery (PROSPER) program, funded by the Office of Foreign Disaster Assistance, to alleviate human suffering and provide comfortable and flood-resistant shelter within the flood-affected areas of Sindh Province, Pakistan. The program is designed to provide 3,000 shelters throughout the area, affecting 31,500 individual beneficiaries.

We are working to provide access to suitable shelter that meets humanitarian standards, incorporating flood-resistant upgrades while promoting preparedness for future disasters; Ultimately, CHF's humanitarian assistance will address immediate needs while laying the foundation for long-term re-settlement and rebuilding of the area, as the economy cannot truly re-start until the population is no longer refugee.

Sindh Province was heavily affected by the 2010 flooding: according to Pakistan's National Disaster Management Authority, 876,249 housing units were damaged or destroyed. To date, over a million people are still in need of shelter. There are currently 250 refugee camps and spontaneous settlements, with over 170,000 people in Sindh Province, and the displaced continue to return as the flood waters recede. CHF International is implementing the PROSPER program to improve the quality of life and allow those refugees to have homes again.

LONG-TERM PRESENCE, LONG-TERM EXPERTISE

The PROSPER program builds on CHF International's experience implementing similar programs worldwide. The SHELTER program provided similar humanitarian assistance benefits to the displaced and vulnerable populations in Iraq's restive Anbar province, and CHF International has been a major contributor to rebuilding and shelter efforts in Haiti and Indonesia.

In addition, CHF International maintains constant engagement with local governance, doing all of its work through, and simultaneously strengthening, local powers to assist in public outreach, beneficiary selection, and community participation. PROSPER has also implemented a cash-for-work program as well as utilizing local unskilled labor to build the shelters, providing immediate income relief to vulnerable families.

By engaging community leaders and working with the support of the local villages, CHF has begun construction on over 150 shelters, on track to complete the target 3,000 by the end of the program.



Shelters in various stages of progress in Beero Khan ghadi