

PROJECT BRIEF




**HOUSING RECONSTRUCTION IN AWARAN
PROJECT**



Helping People Build Safer Houses

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Introduction

- After an earthquake in September 2013, Prime Minister of Pakistan visited Awaran and announced a package for Rehabilitation of the affected population.
- Disaster Management Agencies lead the early response while Army conducted damage assessment. NGOs helped with temporary shelters; projects initiated in Education, Health, Irrigation and Roads sector.
- In March 2014, the Government conceived a project for Housing Reconstruction in Awaran & Kech at estimated cost of Rs. 4 Billion (16000 Houses @ Rs. 250,000). The Federal Government shares 50% of total cost.

HRA Project - Scope and Approach

- HRA Project follows **Owner Driven Reconstruction** approach whereby people are enabled to build their houses by themselves. It is the first such experience in Balochistan and second in Pakistan.
- The Project offers an assistance of Rs. 220,000 per Family to build a house: it is paid through crossed cheques (in the name of beneficiaries) in three installments (Percentage of Grant – 40:30:30).
- We are also committed to provide solar energy facility in all completed housing units.
- The Project recommends building of smaller dimension rooms to ensure seismic safety; hence the demand for more housing units.

Housing Reconstruction in Awaran (HRA): Progress in Brief

- **Project** was approved by ECNEC on April 20, 2014 and Project Management Unit (PMU) established in June. Shaking Table Test was conducted at NED University Karachi. Project was launched in field in July 2014.
- **Housing Grants first installment** issued to 12600 beneficiaries till January 11, 2015. Of those, 1334 have received 2nd and 81 have received 3rd installment of housing grants. First house has been completed in Teertej.
- **Construction** of 25 Model Houses by HRA is completed. 3501 Houses by individual beneficiaries are in construction; most of the beneficiaries are facing issues in transaction processing at bank(s). Good masons are either not available around the earthquake affected area.

Housing Reconstruction: Compliance of Seismic Safety Standards

- **Brochures & Visuals** are used to disseminate required messages. Training sessions are arranged; senior Engineers from reputed universities give lectures and demonstrations on safe housing. Field support is extended to beneficiaries by HRA Project Staff.
- **Affidavit on Stamp Paper** is obtained from each beneficiary that s/he will comply with prescribed quality & quantity for safe construction.
- **Village Development Committees (VDC)** have been constituted and Orientation Sessions organized at Village level for Social Mobilization. MOUs between HRA Project and Community Organizations also signed.

Future/Next Plans

- **Housing Grants/Cheques:** 4500 more Family heads to be paid 1st installment by March 31, 2015. Payment of 2nd and 3rd installments continue to progressive builders.
- **Construction Materials Supply:** Serious shortages and quality issues exist; these are being addressed by deliberate intervention.
- **Orientation & Training** to the beneficiaries in relevant trades – Construction Methods, Advances Masonry, Seismic Safety Precautions and Solar Assembly etc.
- **Seeking Sponsors** for development schemes and urban facilities; incentivized construction of model villages
- **Revision of the Scope:** Project to accommodate pending case load (8000 Families Approx.)

Awaran: General Dev: Portfolio

- **Awaran Town Rehabilitation (Rs. 150 Million - ADP):** The CM Punjab had offered for Town Master Planning. PHATA Punjab team made their first visit on August 15 – 17, 2014.
- **Awaran Gas Plant (LPG):** Fed. Minister Jam Kamal Khan had announced for provision of Gas to Awaran town. SSGC team visited Awaran in August & October and finalized the site. Tenders floated and supply of pipes is in progress.
- **Education:** 22 schools under construction; 34 more to be reconstructed in the next phase (Tenders Floated)
- **Governance:** No projects conceived for Admn. Infrastructure. Offices, Residence & Levies Stations need reconstruction.
- **Health:** 07 Health facilities are under construction
- **Livelihoods:** Restoration of 25 Karez implemented by Irrigation Department. No projects in Agri: & Livestock.

Glimpses of Reconstruction Activities









