

PAKISTAN



SHELTER
PROGRAMME

Background

Alight works to build healthy communities, which is the core of its vision for social transformation in society. By forging dynamic partnerships; from village committees to government agencies, Alight helps build means to improve peoples' knowledge, capacitate communities and develop local groups to bring positive transformation in the society.

Provision of shelter and Non-Food Items (NFIs) have been at the centre of Alight's activities in various emergencies including earthquake in 2005, Cyclone Yemyin 2007 and floods in 2010. Alight views shelter and Non-food items as a multi-dimensional issue, hence, it follows a community based participatory approach in its (shelter and NFIs) programs. It ensures implementation of interventions, which are high in quality with long term sustainability and relevant to the local context.

Alight's shelter and NFIs program emphasizes on addressing needs of disaster-affected communities through reinforcing and strengthening multi-sectoral programs and policies that aim to reduce suffering of affectees. Alight is also committed to implement shelter program in liaison with the Federal and provincial governments.

Alight's approach to shelter and NFIs is grounded in a broader philosophy of social inclusion. It is based on Alight's core values defining that all individuals have the right to achieve their full potential in social well-being and human development.

Key Shelter Issues

Millions of houses are damaged or destroyed by disasters worldwide every year. People are forced to leave their homes and seek refuge for short time and protracted periods based on the nature of the disaster and the extent of the damage done to the housing structures.

With the varying levels of affordability of the affected population as well as the external assistance, the time for reconstruction of houses takes months and even longer time. Such delays sometimes lead to reluctant relocation of the affected communities.

Pakistan remains home to the natural and man-made disasters, particularly during the last two decades including the devastating earthquake in 2005, Cyclone Yemyin 2007, armed conflict in 2009, raging floods in 2010-13, Newly Merged Districts insurgency in 2013, etc. All these disasters badly affected the human lives across Pakistan.

Over the years, floods have become a permanent feature in Pakistan and the suffering of the people living in down stream areas is a recurrent phenomenon. During floods, households are forced to leave and search for a safe places to carry on with their lives and livelihoods. Earthquakes and floods both affect housing structures.

Emergency or transitional shelters are a common issue in the aftermath of earthquakes and floods.

Despite limitations and challenges, Alight has undertaken initiatives to mitigate suffering of disaster-prone communities in the form shelters and emergency response across Pakistan.

Approaches

Alight's shelter and non-food items program is committed to providing services to effected individuals/ communities, especially women and children, following the "Sustainable



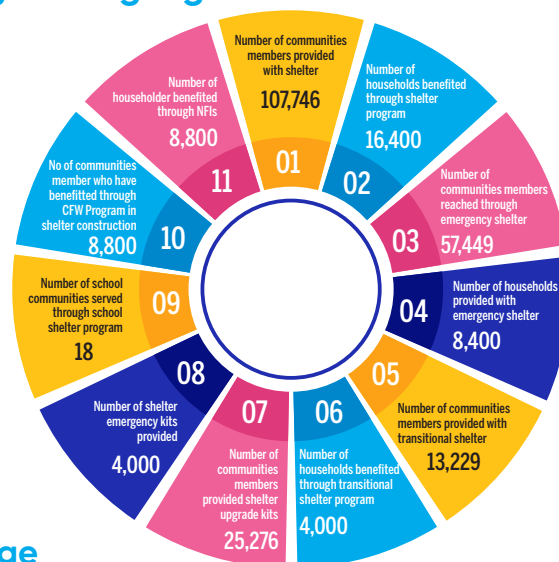
Development Goal 11".

Drawing on its global and technical expertise, Alight aims to improve communities access to comprehensive, integrated shelter and NFIs programs in a dignified manner in Pakistan.

Following are the core interventions of Alight with regard to shelter and NFIs program;

1. Provision of emergency shelters
2. Provision of transitional shelters
3. Provision of NFIs
4. Cash for Work (CfW)

Program Highlights



Coverage

Province	Districts
AJK	Bagh, Muzaffarabad
Balochistan	Naseerabad, Jaffarabad, Sibi, Kharan
GB	Gilgit, Skardu, Diamer
Punjab	Dera Ghazi Khan
Sindh	Jacobabad

Projects Completed

S.#	Title of the Project	Geographic Location	Donor	Duration	
				From	To
1.	GAAMZAN-Improved Access to Quality Education in Gilgit Baltistan	Gilgit Baltistan	USG	01-Oct-20	30-Sept-21
2.	Construction of NFS Shelters	D.G. Khan , Punjab	EAA	01-Jan-21	30-June-21
3.	Emergency Relief and Transitional Assistance for Flood Affectedes	Balochistan & Sindh	OFDA/USAID	01-Sep-10	31-Dec-11
4.	Sustainable Community Mobilization Program Through Participatory Approaches	Bagh, AJ&K	USAID	01-Sep-07	30-Jun-10
5.	Earthquake Response & Recovery	Bagh, AJ&K	USAID	08-Jun-09	15-Mar-10
6.	Shelter Construction	Bagh, AJ&K	US Embassy ODRP/LNO TEAM	29-Jan-09	31-Dec-09
7.	Earthquake Response & Recovery	Bagh, AJ&K	USAID/OFDA	10-Nov-08	10-Mar-09
8.	Emergency Shelter Distribution	Kharan & Noshki	USAID	15-June-07	14-Sep-07
9.	Integrated Transitional Response for Early Recovery	Bagh, AJ&K	USAID/OFDA	01-Apr-06	31-Oct-06

Emergency Shelter Distribution in 2007

Storms beginning on June 23, 2007 and Cyclone Yemyin on June 26, 2007 claimed approximately 300 lives across Pakistan. Baluchistan was severely hit by the calamity where it affected 1.5 million people, rendering 250,000 homeless and 300,000 displaced.¹ Alight provided emergency shelters to 7,600 families of district Noshki and Kharan covering 53,200 individuals.

Response to Floods in 2010

Pakistan experienced the worst floods in its history when the Indus River burst its banks and inundated vast areas of the country in 2010 monsoon season. From Khyber Pakhtunkhwa floodwaters travelled downstream, leaving behind a trail of destruction until they reached the Arabian Sea in Sindh around seven weeks later.

These floods affected more than 18 million people in 78 districts of the country, representing one-third of Pakistan's entire geographical area.

Alight responded this emergency by provision of transitional shelter to 4,000 families, shelter upgrade kits to 4,000 families, emergency kits to 800 families and NFIs to 8,800 families.

NFS Shelters in South Punjab

Literacy & Non-Formal Basic Education Department was created in

2002 to provide basic education to school missed out or drop out children (5-14 years) and impart literacy to the illiterates (15 years and above) in the Punjab province. More than 3 million kids have availed facility of literacy & basic education up till now.

As many as 12,259 primary and 1,260 feeder schools are operational with 441,572 kids under PNFEF & TSKL projects of Literacy & Non-Formal Education Department, Punjab.

Most of the non-formal schools in Punjab are functioning in teachers' homes or in community donated spaces/shelters with less space, poor ventilation and inadequate lighting that severely affects teaching and learning outcomes.

The government of the Punjab intends to develop a standardized non-formal school shelter model that later can be adopted and replicated in other areas as well.

Alight Pakistan and Literacy & NFBE Department Punjab are piloting five models of NFS shelter in DG Khan districts; among these one is hybrid model with mix material of bamboo, steel and local material and the second one is of pre-fabricated model. Two shelters of hybrid model have already been installed while the installation of three pre-fabricated models is in process.

Alight Pakistan is also in the process of conducting a study to

¹ https://www.sheltercluster.org/sites/default/files/docs/pakistan_cyclone_yemyin_2007.pdf

assess issues and challenges facing in current NFSs premises/shelters and to identify the region-wise environmentally, economically, culturally and aesthetically-appropriate standardized NFS shelter models across Pakistan that government and NGOs can use for establishment of NFSs according to the local needs.

School Shelters in AJ&K

In partnership with National Education Foundation (NEF), Alight Pakistan established two shelter schools in as many distant villages of Muzaffarabad, Azad Jammu & Kashmir in 2016. Equipped with safe drinking water and proper sanitation services, these schools comprised pre-fabricated structures, which were weather-friendly and provided comfort to the pupils in case of extreme cold or hot weather. The enrollment in these two schools catered educational needs of more than 160 deserving students from these two villages and adjoining areas.

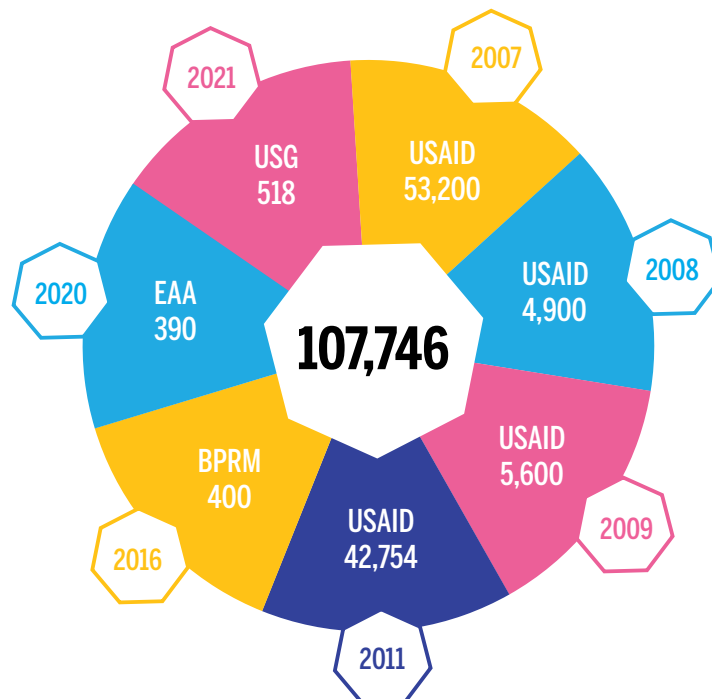
Shelter Schools in Gilgit

Alight Pakistan is implementing GAAMZAN project in Gilgit-Baltistan to address the issue of out of school children. This project focuses on educating out of schools students through non-formal

education and schooling. Along with other technical and material support to these schools, Alight provided shelters classroom in schools. Provision of shelter not only assisted teachers in enrolling more students but also increased the level of interest of community people towards education. Alight Pakistan provided 12 shelters to non-formal schools in Gilgit-Baltistan. These schools were identified through field assessment considering availability of classrooms and students' strengths. It is amazing to see how communities contributed from their own side in some locations to the interventions, indicating the interest and excitement they have due to these interventions.



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