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VERTICAL WALKS

Vertical Walks is a Pakistan based adventure sports and travel club established by a group of Pakistani adventure lovers to create a network of volunteers for launching different child focused social projects by generating funds through adventure sports and travel events by utilizing the extraordinary land structures of Pakistan, for the domestic as well as international community.

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BACKGROUND OF THE PROJECT

Millions of people have started fleeing the areas of Swat, Dir, Buner and Bajaur where the military has resumed its operations after the collapse of the peace deal.

So far a number of 1.5 million IDPs (Internally Displaced People) have been announced by the authorities who have managed to arrive in the settled areas of NWFP, hundreds of people are still stuck in the conflict areas and waiting for transportation to vacate their homes and migrate to a safe place.

80 percent of these IDPs have choosed to live in rental houses in and outside Peshawar however, the remaining 20% of the IDPs have no other choice to live but to choose any of the IDPs camps organized by various humanitarian organizations around Peshawar, Mardan, Takht Bhai, Swabi etc.

OBJECTIVES

Children are usually among the most innocent affected community of wars and conflicts. In the case of Swat conflict millions of children have been displaced and they have been badly suffered by the war traumas.

Vertical Walks, following its charter have launched this fundraising campaign with the objectives to launch a project which will focus the traumatized children of the conflict area who are trying to settle in their new Tent villages for IDPs. The project will establish a Temporary Learning Centre in any potential IDPs camp which will be identified after assessment and coordination with the other agencies and government partners.

The Temporary Learning Centre (TLC) will be provide basic learning, playing and teaching facilities to the children of the community living in the particular IDPs camp. The TLC will equipped with the colorful and attractive objects to attract the affected children towards the school and will help them overcome their psychological disorders through healthy activities at the TLC.

STARTEGY

- A. The Vertical Walks volunteers are already mobilized in the field to conduct the following activities:
 - Fundraising for the implementation of the project
 - Facebook Cause Page Link:
<http://www.facebook.com/event.php?eid=79768563595#/event.php?eid=79768563595&ref=share>
 - Information collection and assessment for identification of suitable camp for the establishment of TLC

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The volunteers are working on the above major tasks and both the activities are conducted parallel so that the children of the IDPs can be supported with the immediate response to the crisis.

B. After the completion of the Fundraising campaign VWs Volunteers will follow the following strategy for the implementation of the project:

1. Preparation of *TLC Kit
2. Procurement of TLC Kit
3. Arrangement of Transportation
4. Mobilisation of Volunteers for Installation of TLC
5. Handover of TLC to the Camp Management authorities/organization
6. Monitoring and Evaluation
7. Final Report

*** A TLC Kit includes:**

- A Large size (18' x 42') Shelter accommodating 30 – 40 students
- Plastic Mats/Flooring
- Drinking Water Coolers
- Ceiling Fans
- Learning Charts
- Learning Objects
- Sports Kit (Badminton, Football, Cricket, Skipping Rope kits)
- Teaching Kit (Chair, Table, Blackboard, Chalks etc)

Optional Contents (Subject to availability of Funds)

- Furniture for the students
- Water Tank with Taps (for Washing and Sanitation)
- A Temporary UNICEF standards Pit Latrine

OUTCOME OF THE PROJECT

Children are among the most vulnerable individuals who get easily affected by the psychological effects of the war or a conflict in a particular region. The children of Swat, Buner, Dir and other areas of Malakand have also been found badly affected by the war trauma and are in desperate need of psycho-social care through different methods.

Vertical Walks has designed the project which in the initial phase will establish a base for the psychological counseling of the children through games, books, objects, charts etc. And this TLC established by Vertical Walks will also work as a base for the other organizations or government education department to arrange their child related activities e.g. teaching, playing etc.

Since most of the children schools in Swat have been bombed therefore the TLC will be an immediate alternate after their migration and the children will take it a positive outcome after their long suffering by losing their schools. The TLC will also be a good opportunity for the youngsters who will provide their volunteer teaching services to the children.

PROBLEMS/CONSTRAINTS

Following are the expected problems/constraints of the proposed project:

- Due to the heavy influx of IDPs, the camps are extremely populated and during the emergency phase there is a high risk of the hijacking of the TLC Tent facility by the community for their family use.

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- The community may not show a deep concern about the idea of a school when they will be running for the arrangements of basic commodities
- The IDPs children are already traumatized by bombing of their school and due that the children might be very unwilling to rejoin a gathering which has already been targeted
- The TLC will require an authority to look after it and a volunteer teacher on a regular basis in order to gather the children on a daily basis. The volunteer teachers are not very common among the IDPs and the teachers from the surrounding communities may not provide a long-term volunteer service.

SOLUTIONS TO THE CONSTRAINTS

- The TLC will be established after proper coordination with the Education Department, Camp Management Organisation/Authority to ensure the proper usage of the TLC facility
- Different organizations have already deployed their staff to accommodate different needs of the IDPs therefore the IDPs can be convinced with counseling to utilize the TLC facility for its desired purpose and will be informed regarding the importance of the TLC for their children.
- The children and parents both will be slowly convinced through counseling and the children will also be attracted by providing a friendly environment and the VW volunteers will arrange frequent visits to the facility to arrange different interesting activities which will attract the children to the learning activities.
- The camp management will look after the TLC after signing the handover document. The TLC will be visited by the VW volunteers from time to time in order to ensure the proper maintenance of the facility.

OTHER INFORMATION

Pictures and Final reports will be shared with the individuals and business entities who actively supported the project.

Please contact us for your donations of the current and future child-focused projects of Vertical Walks.

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