

Charity helping people return home

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A Bradford charity is looking at ways of providing long-term support to survivors of the South Asia earthquake.

The Human Relief Foundation (HRF) based in Great Horton set up a tent village in the district of Muzaffarabad in Kashmir to provide food and shelter to 2,116 people.

Now, five months since the earthquake struck, the government is urging earthquake survivors to return to their homes in the city of Muzaffarabad.

However because of the devastation caused by the earthquake many people will find their homes have been destroyed or are not fit to live in.

Project manager for HRF Yousaf Razaq, pictured, explained that the villagers had been told they needed to leave the site by March 31.

Mr Razaq is planning to visit the camp before the deadline so that the charity can help the survivors rebuild their lives and homes.

"About 40 per cent of the survivors living in the village will go back to their homes and find they need to start again from scratch because their homes have been completely destroyed," said Mr Razaq.

Each household is expected to receive a grant from the Pakistan government of about £1,700 to help with the rebuilding process.

Mr Razaq said: "Now it's the time to help the survivors get on with their lives and HRF will be there to help them do that."

The charity expects to spend a fur-



ther three months in the region helping the survivors to rebuild their properties and get back to work.

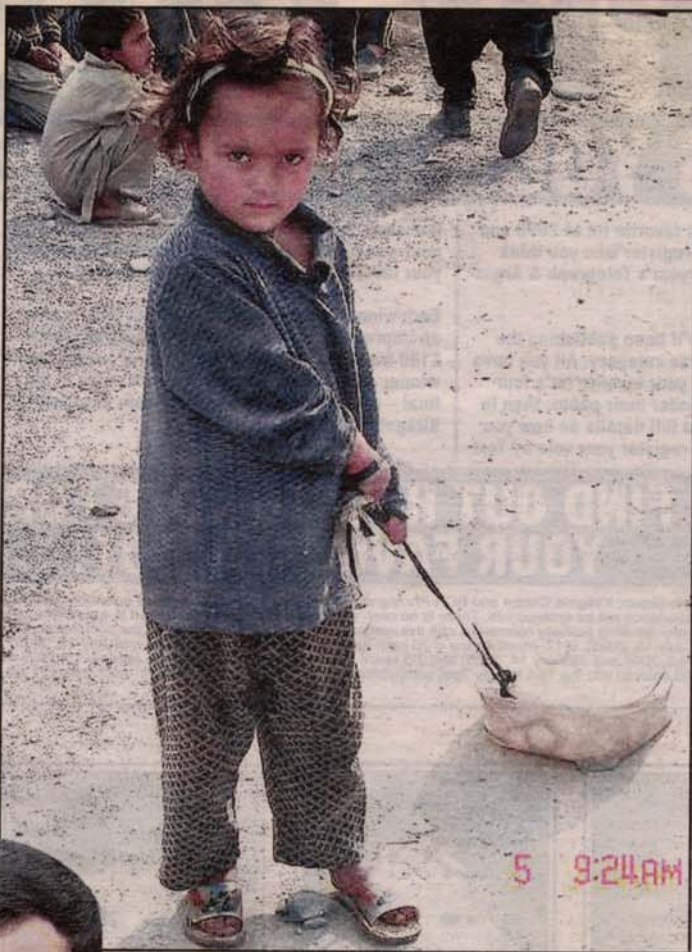
However, to continue to provide the support needed to help these widows, orphans and families, the generosity of Bradford residents needs to continue.

Mr Razaq said: "The Bradford community has been very generous with their donations but in order to continue helping the survivors of the earthquake we need that money to keep coming in."

Men living in the tent village have been able to develop and improve their woodworking skills as lessons have been held at the camp in the hope that these skills will come in useful when they rebuild their homes.

Donors should make cheques payable to the Human Relief Foundation and send them to: HRF, Freepost BD3125, PO Box 194, Bradford, BD7 1BR, visit www.hrf.co.uk, or telephone 08700 117 112. You can also give directly to the HRF at Barclays Bank, a/c 70 55 40 22, sortcode 20-11-81.

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