

Newsletter on RIPORT/ Conflict Victims Support Program (CVSP) Baseline Survey for IRD

Introduction

Regional Institute of Policy Research and Training (RIPORT), Peshawar conducted a baseline survey in 10 districts of KP over two and a half months ending on 21st Sept 2012. The aim was to obtain the views of the communities that became victims of terrorism and counter terrorist activities in the region. The project was funded by USAID, and RIPORT was tasked to carry out the survey as a partner of International Relief for Development (IRD) organization. The RIPORT project was divided into three main phases i.e. baseline survey that RIPORT has successfully concluded, Mid-term survey that will be conducted in Jan 2013 and End line survey that will be conducted after the program ends.

CVSP Goals

The goal of CVSP is to provide more equitable and transparent assistance to civilian victims of conflict related violence so as to revive the victims and their families.

Program Components

The following are the three main components of CVSP activities to be implemented:

- Component 1: Physical and social (medical) assistance
- *Component 2:* Livelihood Programs
- Component 3: Assessment of long-term support needs

RIPORT in CVSP

To contribute to CVSP goals RIPORT conducted baseline survey in 10 districts of KP and visited 751 household of Victims of Conflict (VOC) and acquired their opinion about the assistance package provided by Government of Pakistan (GoP). During the survey the perception of the communities about the perceptions about USAID was also solicited.

The survey was based on quantitative and qualitative research where Individual

Questionnaires and Focus Group Discussions (FGD) were carried out.

During the project 19 FGDs were conducted in 10 districts of KP.

The picture below shows a FGD in progress in a KP community.



To achieve the project goals, RIPORT conducted interviews of 751 households. More than 90 questions were asked from each respondent. The following are some of the main findings of this survey from perceptions of victims and the affected communities in KP.



Two remarkable aspects of this survey were that it was conducted during Ramazan and secondly lady enumerators interviewed males and also conducted male FGDs, thus contradicting the stereotype of KP as conservative and backward.

It also showed that women were respected in the performance of their duties.

Areas of Research

The survey was conducted to examine the efficacy in the following areas of victim support:

- 1. Availability of medical assistance
- 2. Adequacy of state compensation
- 3. Presence of credible data
- 4. Access to information
- 5. Transparency in support procedures
- 6. Regional/gender disparities
- 7. Victim exclusion
- 8. Efficiency of relief system
- 9. Media's role in awareness formation
- 10. Perception about USAID's work in KP

Main Findings

The following were the top four indemnities reported in the survey out of thirteen categories:

-	Injured	(49.4%)
-	Deaths	(30.1%)
-	Property damage	(6.1%)
-	Both injury & property loss	(5.1%)

- 29% of the victims were illiterate
- Frequency of installment payments was once in 68% of the cases
- 91.6% casualties were male while female casualties were 5%
- 79% of persons had received compensation
- 73.3% of persons were not aware of government compensation policies/procedure
- 65% respondents were satisfied with compensation process
- 31.6% respondents faced difficulties in accessing the compensation system
- 95% respondents felt that lack of information delayed them from receiving compensation
- Communities were receptive to receiving any assistance from US AID to improve their lives and were thankful for such help.

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RIPORT/CVSP activity Pictures









