



THE CAMP NEEDS:

- **Medicine:** Bath
Soaps, Insecticides,
Sanitary Napkins.
- **Food Commodities:** Dry Milk,
Cooking Oil, Flour,
Rice, Pulses, Spices.
- **Clothes:** Males
Females and
Children.

PRAYER REQUEST

For the Displaced Families: that they get the strength to bear this challenge.

For the Diocesan Senior Management, Relief staff and the Volunteers to effectively serve these people.

For all our Friends as they strive with the Church to care for the displaced people of Swat and FATA area.

For the Military operation in the Province, that Peace may prevail and the people would return to their homes.

The Diocesan IDPs Are Optimistic Of Their Return

Government Announces the return of the IDPs.

The Government of Pakistan has announced the return of the IDPs back to their homes in Swat and Malakand areas. The Return of IDPs is scheduled from July 13, 2009. The Government announced that the IDPs will return home under the security umbrella of the Pakistan Armed Forces. However, despite reassurances from the Government majority of the IDPs are reluctant to leave the safe heaven of the Relief Camps. Most of them are assessing the ground realities of the war torn area before returning to their homes.

Diocese of Peshawar is looking after one hundred and three (103) Christian Displaced Families from Swat and Malakand regions. The families, although, are happy of the Diocesan care yet they long to return to their sweet homes. Since the Government's announcement, the IDPs at the Diocesan Camp are jubilant and for the first time they felt relieved. However, the Diocesan Senior Management and the Members of the IDP Committee are evaluating the situation in Swat and closely monitoring the return of the IDPs from Government Camps. The IDPs are looking forward to return to their homes in the lush Green and cool valley of Swat.

Bible study for the IDP Youth at the Diocesan Relief Camp, Mardan.

The Diocesan Relief Camp has One hundred and Nine (109) girls and One hundred and twenty-nine (129) boys. Bible classes are arranged on daily basis. During the two hour Bible study they discuss and share their experiences.



IDP Girls and Boys reading Bible and sharing their thoughts.



Development and Relief Field Staff Serving the Homeless



Rabnawaz (Left) and Riaz (Right) The Diocese is proud of its Field Staff.

Diocesan Development and Relief is actively engaged in caring seventy-four (74) Christian families that are staying at Christian

Vocational Training Center, Mardan. While another twenty-nine (29) Christian IDP families, staying with their relatives, are supported by the Diocese of Peshawar.

At CVTC Mardan the Diocesan Field staff, Rabnawaz, and Riaz are residing with the IDPs at the Diocesan Relief Camp to ensure that the IDPs are getting proper attention. The

Diocesan Field Staff is assisted by the local Diocesan Volunteers, while the Senior Development staff supervise and monitor the overall progress of the Camp activities.

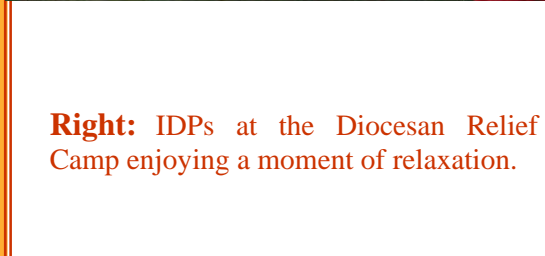


Field Staff with local Volunteers

Picture Gallery



Right: Mr. Pervez Masih, an IDP from Swat, shifted from the Diocesan Relief Camp to the Mission Hospital, Peshawar. He is under treatment for paralysis.



Right: IDPs at the Diocesan Relief Camp enjoying a moment of relaxation.



Left: An IDP family staying with their relatives in Peshawar.

Other Needs of the Relief Camp:

Sports equipment for the boys and girls.

Books, Notebooks and stationary for the boys and girls to read and write.

Below: IDP Children cleaning the Diocesan Relief Camp at CVTC Mardan.



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Diocese of Peshawar is one of the eight (08) dioceses that make up the Church of Pakistan. Its Pastoral care area covers the entire **North West Frontier Province** of Pakistan. The Province is home to Seventeen million conservative Muslims of which One hundred thousand are **Christians**.

The Diocese is serving the people of the Frontier Province through its **educational, health and community development programs**. Diocese of Peshawar is privileged to provide Relief and Rehabilitation to the October 8, 2005 earthquake victims. In addition Emergency Relief was provided to:

- > the Afghan Refugees in the time of need.
- > the Flood affected people of the Province.
- > the people of the Federally Administered Tribal Areas of Pakistan during the military operation against the Talibans.

Now, once again, the Church of Poor, Diocese of Peshawar, is challenged to cater the needs of the **Internally Displaced Persons** of the Frontier Province.



A Story from the Diocesan Relief Camp

The Diocesan Development and Relief arranged a Cricket match between the **Swat** and **Malakand Youth**. The IDPs from Swat and Malakand were enthusiastic of the sports activity.

After winning the toss, **Malakand Youth** elected to bat first. In a stipulated twelve over match, they set up a target of seventy-four (74) runs for the Swat team. Initially the **Swat Youth** was struggling in their chase to achieve the target. However, in a nail

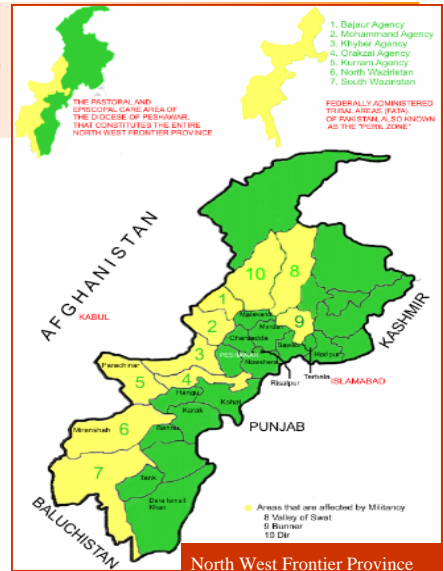
Glimpses of the match



biting finish, **Swat Youth** managed to grab the victory and the gold medal. **Malakand Youth** tried their level best to create some situation to draw the match, but the luck was not on their side.

The Elders from both the sides awarded medals to the participating youth and appreciated the Diocesan effort.

Malakand team, the runner ups.



The Winners: Swat team with their elders

