

Kashmir International Relief Fund (KIRF) is a non-profit and non-governmental charitable organisation, registered with Azad Jammu and Kashmir Council Islamabad under registration number 242/2005. It has been working in Azad Kashmir since 1992, to uplift the poor and unprivileged segment of the society, especially in rural and far-flung areas of the state by providing health, education and skills to women.

One of the objectives of KIRF is to provide necessary emergency relief to the affected people in case of natural disasters especially in times of floods and earthquakes. In the past KIRF has played a considerable role in assisting thousands of people in dire need of emergency for food, clean water, shelters and medical treatment particularly after the destruction caused by the earthquake of 8th October 2005.

Similarly, the same services were provided after the destruction caused by the earthquake of 24th September 2019. Hundreds of precious lives were saved by providing emergency treatment to the victims in KIRF Community Hospital Jatlan. Despite medical treatment, tents, food items and clean drinking water were provided to victim families on an immediate basis.

Moreover 88 victim families were financially assisted by Rs.50000/- to each family for their rehabilitation with the cooperation of PakTrust London and Waltham Forest Islamic Association (WFIA) London. KIRF has also distributed Rs. 5000/- aid to 174 families financially affected by COVID-19 with the donations from PakTrust London.

In the field of health KIRF has been operating 70 beds KIRF Community Hospital at Jatlan District Mirpur Azad Kashmir. The hospital is located by the Canal Upper Jhelum and confluence of District Mirpur Azad Kashmir, District Bhimber Azad Kashmir, District Gujrat (Punjab Pakistan) and District Jhelum (Punjab Pakistan).

Its Foundation was laid on 30th March 2003, and building was completed during September, 2005. 90% of the construction cost of the building is part of donations by overseas Kashmiri and Pakistani brothers and sisters residing in the UK.

The hospital is fully functional in obstetrics and gynaecological, general surgery, paediatric surgery and paediatric medicine department, in patients wards operative rooms delivery suit and A&E unit. General and specialised medical care free of cost to poor and on subsidised rates to others are being provided around the clock at the doorstep of the Community of the rural area.

Furthermore, a kidney dialysis centre along with the hospital is being established, construction work of the building has been completed, 4 kidney dialysis machines donated by Waltham Forest Islamic Association London and one by PakTrust London have been received and are in installation process. In Sha Allah the centre will be operational very soon and free of charges dialysis facility will be provided to patients.

KIRF is also focusing on children's education in rural and far-flung areas where there is no such institution to educate the children. Similarly, technical skills are being enhanced for the unprivileged women of rural and remote areas, so that they could earn with dignity and become an honourable member of the society.