



May, 2023 – CAPC 2022 Year-End Report for Our Donors

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As we look back on the year that has transpired, we are amazed at the many initiatives we have been called upon to carry out. We could not have accomplished these without the faithful giving of our donors and want to first convey our sincere gratitude! We thank God for you!

The year began with the monumental task of caring for the many Afghan refugees flooding into Pakistan. Between January 2021 and February 2022, UNHCR documented 117 547 new arrivals from Afghanistan in Pakistan, with a significant peak of 35,289 persons in August 2021. Many of these refugees had been associated with non-profit or Christian organizations before the withdrawal of the USA troops. Particularly those who were converts from a Muslim background (MBB) or from the Hazara group were in immediate and life-threatening situations. The funds CAPC received from Samaritan's Purse were crucial for their support and obtainment of housing for some. It was extremely difficult to find landlords who would take the risk of renting to Afghans as the Pakistani government took a stand against their citizens giving them aid of any kind unless it was through government approved initiatives.

The sensitivity of the issues related to Afghan Refugees is manifold. But when it comes to believers, it is thousand times more severe. The authorities are hard on NGOs and many churches or organizations work quietly to support these Afghan Christians with Muslim background. Vigilance, caution, and secrecy of the utmost level are required to work with Afghan refugees.

CAPC Stance

Mandated to serve persecuted Christians around the globe, CAPC initiated the measures to protect Afghan believers in Pakistan who are forced to face multiple threats.

During his 2 -month visit to Pakistan from December 2021-February 2022, Nadeem was able to set up contacts and networks to handle the Afghan refugees in dire situations without housing or means of purchasing food for their families. This was continued under the supervision of YDA (Youth Development Association) who took the time to gain the needed permission for food distributions in several refugee camps along the border.

Afghan Christmas and New Year Fellowship - January 9, 2022

During the Christmas season, CAPC decided to celebrate Christmas with such converts and cater a meal with Afghan Refugee believer families. The CAPC president was still on a visit to Pakistan but because of the afore mentioned risks, it was difficult to conduct any activity with them. For this reason, meetings were conducted with families on a one-to-one basis. Also, with risks, but by God's grace and provision, a focal person was able to facilitate a Christmas/New Years program at a local hotel considered to be a secure place. About 60 individuals participated in the program where Christmas songs were sung, and prayers were offered with great zeal and fervor as the believers got this long-awaited opportunity to say prayers from their heart.

After the meetings and distribution programs in Quetta, Islamabad, Attock and Lalma Camp, Nowshera, many Afghan families reached out to either our local partner or CAPC president through word of mouth. Since January 2022, beginning with 9 families, by November 55 families had been supported with monthly cash support. The newly arrived refugee families were supported with initial setup support followed by monthly support for house rent, groceries, education expenditure and medical care, which was also provided when needed. The number kept fluctuating due to risk to the families.

Around 10 families were helped with applying for humanitarian visas to Brazil. Out of 55 refugee families, 6 have arrived in Brazil. A family of three landed in Brazil on 24th November and was supported with air tickets in addition to monthly cash support. Two of the refugee believer families are now being accommodated in 2-bedroom/3-bedroom furnished flats. (Latest update is that all but one family has left the country safely!). One mother (Qudsia) & son went back to Kabul to look for her husband who was taken away by the Taliban.

Three special cases of safe births were considered and supported. Another family was supported for their child's neurological tests and treatment, and a bachelor Afghan refugee was supported for doctor consultations and physiotherapy for 2 months. However, many without any type of registration or documents are now in extreme need of support to either get documented or get their visa renewed. Visa extension for Afghan Refugees in Pakistan is prohibited if they are not registered.

Catastrophic Flooding

Also, during 2022, Pakistan was hit by the severest flood of its history. Most parts of Balochistan, Sindh, KPK and Punjab provinces were under the deluge starting from the last week of June 2022. Almost one hundred districts of four provinces were badly affected either by flash floods, riverine floods, or hill torrents. In some places, dams, barrages, and canals had to be breached to save populated towns.

Preparations began for supplying relief and food packages, and after a thorough process of consultations and briefings, CAPC's local partner YDA was given permission to intervene in the affected areas. The result was that 350 families (2450 individuals) were provided with emergency relief.

Pictorial Glance:



Left: A makeshift shelter, and a completely destroyed home.

Distribution of emergency kits of food/dry rations, hygiene supplies and kitchen items



Our Ongoing Humanitarian Support for Families

Let me also give you a short update of the cases we have been able to support monthly on a compassionate and needs basis: **At this time the requirement is \$2500 per month.**

Mehik and her mother Tehira: After giving birth to a baby girl who is now around 2 years old, this family has been moved to better living quarters and Mehik and her sister, Chashman are doing beautician classes in the morning and attending a tuition academy in the evening to continue with their education.

Tehira, who was shot in the legs in spite, has recovered sufficiently after some physiotherapy to be able to babysit little Zarish. Unfortunately, the abuser, who was finally arrested, has been



Mehik and Zarish



having his cohorts continue with threats to their safety and well-being, so they will likely have to be moved to another city. **Help us move them: \$3000.**



Mahaam (L) and family



Aliza (L) and family



Mehik and Chashman in class

Aina (3) and family

Maham (13), Aliza (8) and Aina (3) and their families are still receiving some financial help as the families either continue to live in poverty, or their jobs have been terminated unjustly. Rubina also visited them in June and was able to give some money for new clothes as well. Aina's family was relocated within Lahore city, due to threats and pressure by community leaders and politicians to pardon the culprit. Her father Chand was laid off from work for his refusal to reconcile and withdraw the charges. The whole family was under heavy pressure, but Aina's parents decided to continue seeking justice. **A rickshaw for Chand, would enable him to provide for his family in the new location. (\$2000)**



The man who was completely bedridden due to a head injury over a land dispute has made a good recovery. Azeem Masih and his family are happy that they got support for physiotherapy for over 16 months (March 2021 - June 2022). He was a tailor before his injury and while he hasn't recovered his fine motor skills to be able to do the tailoring himself, he has the knowledge and ability to supervise others and run a productive and successful business. We are looking into how that could become a reality for him and his family to help them become self-sufficient. **An amount of \$10,000 would help him set up a tailoring business.**

Concern For Refugees

Pakistan is going through a lot due to the huge influx of Afghan refugees and political unrest, followed by the devastating flood. In the wake of a fragile economy, the Pakistani government in a recent drive has warned the international community to fulfill their pledges to take the refugees, or the country will either deport the paperless refugees back to their homeland or put them in jail.

<https://www.cbc.ca/news/politics/afghan-migrant-refugee-canada-pakistan-1.6645091>

As well as concerns for the refugees within Pakistan, CAPC has been in contact with, and given limited support to some refugees who have escaped Pakistan to third countries. Some have languished for many years without the ability to have jobs to sustain their families, lack of

educational opportunities for their children and often also experiencing discrimination and persecution even within these countries because they are Christians.

Regarding this issue, there is SOME GOOD NEWS! CAPC has recently been given an opportunity to co-sponsor two small families (2 and 3 people) but need to raise the necessary fund to bring them to Canada and support them for the required year.

If you can help us in the raising of \$45,000 for this critical step, please visit our website at www.capc.life and click on Donate.

You can also send an e-transfer to capersecutedchristian@gmail.com.

If you prefer to give by cheque, please address to
Canadian Aid to Persecuted Christians
P.O. Box 38086 Preston Crossing
Saskatoon, SK S7N 1H2 All donations will be receipted.

Thank you for your ongoing prayers and support. We are truly grateful and realize that we cannot continue to meet these urgent cries for help without your help.

Blessings always,



JoAnne Fredlund, Treasurer
and

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