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PAKISTAN: INTERNALLY DISPLACED STRUGGLE IN MAKESHIFT CAMPS

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NARRATION:

AHMAD PLAYING WITH FATHER

Like so many Pakistani boys, five-year-old Ahmad likes nothing better than playing cricket with his father. (7)

The youngest of eight children - Ahmad and his family walked more than 60 kilometres to escape military strikes in their hometown in north Waziristan. (9)

WOMEN IN SCHOOL IN BANNU

Leaving everything behind, they now live in a local government-owned school in Bannu, a neighbouring province. (7)

AHMAD WITH FATHER

Soon after he arrived in Bannu, Ahmad started vomiting and suffered a severe case of diarrhea which left him hospitalized says his father, Taj Ali Khan. (9)

TAJ ALI KHAN ON CAMERA

TAJ ALI KHAN: (In Local Dialect) M

"I was very worried for my child. His condition was serious and I was told he might not survive. Thank God I was able to get him to hospital and he has recovered...but it was serious." (16)

NARRATION

CHILDREN PLAYING

Many other children of IDPs or internally displaced people like Ahmad are facing risks to their health due to unsanitary conditions in crowded camps. (9)

SCHOOLS

Due to sensitivities around privacy especially for women, most IDPs are choosing to live in schools that are not equipped to deal with such an influx of people. // A lack of clean water and sanitation facilities means more IDPs are likely to suffer from diseases that can spread very quickly. (22)

WASHING PANS

UNICEF FIELD WORKERS

To address these basic health issues, UNICEF and the World Health Organization, together with local partners have implemented a project called WASH or Water and Sanitation Hygiene. (11)

WATER TANKS

In places with a high concentration of IDPs, new water tanks and motor pumps are being installed to provide safe water for drinking and bathing. IDPs are also provided with solid waste management bins. (13)

BINS

To further help IDPs, each family receives their

BRIEFING SESSIONS

own hygiene kit, which includes towels, toothbrushes and soap. Distribution of these non-food items or NFIs are followed by briefing sessions says WASH Coordinator Zaki Ullah. (15)

ZAKI ULLAH ON CAMERA

ZAKI ULLAH: (In English) M

"... they take the sessions with females and males to try and reinstate the message each time they come here and witness their practices...it takes some time to bring them up

to speed." (13)

MOHAMMAD QASIM ON CAMERA

MOHAMMAD QASIM: (In English) M

"Ornamental plants are destroyed, very beautiful lands are destroyed". (6)

NARRATION

SCHOOL

Principal, Mohammad Qasim, says he never thought his classrooms would become temporary shelters. And the impact of housing over 175 adults has been guite challenging. (11)

QASIM ON CAMERA

"They belong with the periphery and far-flung areas so they don't know the etiquettes of a Government institution and how to use that the right way. We provide them with all the facilities - the washrooms are properly washed by

MOHAMMAD QASIM: (In English) M

UNICEF every few days." (19)

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And it's not only schools that are bearing the

STREET SCENES

burden but also host communities accommodating IDPs. // This is putting a major strain on existing infrastructure such as water and electricity. (13)

CHILDREN WASHING THEIR HANDS

WHO staff also provide education sessions and test water quality in certain communities and water points throughout Bannu. (8)

AHMAD WITH FATHER

Back in the makeshift shelter, Taj Ali Khan says he's grateful his family is able to access clean water and he's hopeful that Ahmad will now remain healthy for as long as they remain here. (12)

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