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# PAKISTAN: THREE YEARS AFTER A DEVASTATING EARTHQUAKE

<u>VIDEO</u> <u>AUDIO</u>

**NARRA**TION

SHAMIM BIBI LOOKING AT THE

PICTURE OF HER FAMILY

Shamim Bibi lost her daughter and husband during the powerful earthquake that hit Pakistan

on October 8, 2005. Her home district of

**BIBI DOING HOUSE CHORES** 

Muzaffarabad was close to the epicentre, and among the worst affected areas. Three years after

the quake, she still can't forget pulling her children

from the rubble. (18)

SHAMIM BIBI, EARTHQUAKE

SURVIVOR, ON-CAMERA

SHAMIM BIBI: (Urdu)

"When I went to school to check on my children,

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the school had already collapsed. I managed to

get two of my kids out of the rubble alive, but my

daughter died...after that, I went to check on my

husband, and he also died." (15)

NARRATION

FOOTAGE OF THE EARTHQUAKE

**DESTRUCTION** 

The earthquake destroyed and damaged around

600,000 homes and killed more than 73,000

people. (6.5)

Over 3 million were left without shelter.

AERIAL SHOTS, SHOTS OF DESTRUCTION, SHOTS OF REBUILDING.

The scale of the destruction, and the difficult mountainous terrain made reconstruction a daunting task. The government created the Earthquake Reconstruction and Rehabilitation Authority (ERRA) and launched a \$1.5 billion US dollar rebuilding program. (17)

VAR. SHOTS OF MEN AT WORK

With support from the World Bank, ERRA has helped some 600,000 people with nearly \$1.3 billion US in housing reconstruction grants. Today more than 300,000 houses have been reconstructed using new earthquake resistant building techniques. (15)

Jawad Latif, ERRA's District Housing Coordinator says 98% of the people have finished rebuilding their houses, or are in the process. (7.5)

JAWAD LATIF, EARTHQUAKE
RECONSTRUCTION AND
REHABILITATION AUTHORITY ON
CAMERA

JAWAD LATIF: (English) **M**"We are very much hopeful that most people will be in their houses before winter." (4.5)

TIGHT SHOTS OF MEN
BUILDING/HOUSING
CONSTRUCTION/TRAINING

## **NARRATION**

Under the programme, people managed the reconstruction of their own houses. They received grants in 4 instalments to pay for the construction and training in earthquake-resistant building techniques. Ayad Parvez is with the World Bank. (13)

AYAZ PARVEZ, WORLD BANK GROUP, ON CAMERA AYAZ PARVEZ: (English) M

"The best achievement of this program has been being able to bring about a culture of seismic resistance construction and that marks a big

### behavioural change." (7)

VARIOUS SHOTS OF HOUSES
UNDERGOING CONSTRUCTION /
NEWLY BUILT HOUSE

#### NARRATION

Parvez says ownership is the key to the program's success. Homeowners get grants to build quake resistant homes. And they get routine visits by inspection teams to ensure compliance with seismic-resistant standards. (12.5)

ASIM KHILZI, TECHNICAL EXPERT, UN HABITAT, ON CAMERA ASIM KHILZI: (English) **M**"We have architects, we have artisans like carpenters, steel fixers, masons, and we have common people who are responsible to build their houses. Around 100,000 people we have trained."

(16.5)

MAN WALKING INTO HIS HOUSE

### **NARRATION**

And people feel safer in their houses. (2.25)

MOHAMMED YOUSUF,
EARTHQUAKE SURVIVOR ON
CAMERA, WITH HIS FAMILY

(SOT) MOHAMMED YOUSUF: (Urdu) **M**"Before our houses were made poorly. Now we have made these safe houses according to ERRA's guidelines." (6.8)

MEN UNDERGOING TRAINING

#### NARRATION

To make all this happen, the government put a massive training program in place to help people understand earth resistant building techniques. 12 Housing Reconstruction Centres were set up to provide training and technical assistance to the people reconstructing their homes. Mobile teams go to each village and provide people with technical help. (18.5)

VARIOUS SHOTS – MEN AT WORK

WS. RUKHSANA BIBI'S NEWLY

**BUILT HOUSE** 

Because of all this, people are left with a better sense of security and a safer place to stay. Rhuksana Bibi, now lives with her mother, husband and two daughters in their newly built earthquake resistant house. (11.75)

RUKHSANA BIBI, EARTHQUAKE SURVIVOR ON CAMERA

(Urdu) F SOT, RUKHSANA BIBI: "I am happy when I see my kids playing in the house. This was not possible when we lived in the tent." (5)

### **NARRATION**

And Shamim Bibi agrees. (1.6)

SHAMIM BIBI ON CAMERA

**SHAMIM BIBI**: (Urdu) "We have built our house according to the design given to us by The Citizens Foundation. We have received all the payments. This is a much better house than before. We are now happy and safe." (12)

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RUKHSANA AND SHAHIM IN THEIR **NEW HOUSE** 

**NARRATION** 

These earthquake-resistant houses have given them a new sense of security. (6)

**UN LOGO** 

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