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PAKISTAN: REFUGEES' MATERNAL HEALTH

VIDEO

TANKS / BATTLE SCENES

TAJ BIBI IN HER TENT

REFUGEES IN TRUCK

TAJ BIBI ON CAMERA

HOST FAMILIES

REFUGEE CAMP

AUDIO

NARRATION

The Pakistani Army offensive in May 2009 took Taj Bibi and her family by surprise.

She was nine months pregnant – and very vulnerable. (9")

They had just minutes to leave their village before the shelling started. Taj Bibi had to walk for a whole day before getting a ride south. (8")

TAJ BIBI: (Pashto) **F**

"It was very hard. I had to stop and rest many times." (4")

NARRATION

Two million people fled the Swat Valley. The vast majority found lodging with host families, in schools or in unmanaged settlements. (8.5")

But more than 200,000 of the displaced found their way to the many tent camps

that the Government was setting up with international support. Taj Bibi, her husband and daughter ended up at Yar Hussain, near Swabi. (12.5”)

SETTING UP TENTS /
REGISTRATION /
FOOD DISTRIBUTION

The scale of this joint relief operation is huge. UN and other humanitarian agencies have helped register people, provided tens of thousands of tents, set up mass feeding centres and arranged sanitation. (17”)

UNFPA CLINICS IN CAMP

Various groups address residents’ health needs. For expectant mothers like Taj Bibi, UNFPA, the UN Population Fund, has established well-equipped maternal health clinics in six of the camps. (12.5”)

TAJ BIBI WITH FAMILY IN CAMP

Taj Bibi went into labour soon after arriving at Yar Hussain. She was just a short distance from the camp’s new clinic, but stayed inside her tent due to modesty.

SOCIAL WORKER IN CLINIC

After two days of severe pain, a social worker found her by chance and brought her to the midwife. (17.5”)

BAGH-E-GUL, SOCIAL WORKER, ON
CAMERA

SOCIAL WORKER: (Pashto) **F**
“She was anaemic and dehydrated. She fainted every time she had a contraction. We feared she would not survive a trip to the hospital, so we made her feel comfortable and delivered the baby here.”

ULTRASOUND EXAMINATION

(11.5”)

NARRATION

CLINIC INTERIOR / MIDWIVES	It was the clinic's first birth but not the last. An estimated 70,000 displaced women are pregnant. Every day more than 250 give birth; 40 or more face potentially life-threatening complications. (15")
LABOUR ROOM / MEDICINE STORE	Female doctors and midwives stay in the clinic round the clock, ready to respond whenever a woman goes into labour. There is a clean delivery room, sterile instruments and plenty of medicine. (12")
PATIENTS BEING EXAMINED	Besides assisting deliveries, the clinic staff give mothers pre- and post-natal exams, and provide a full range of basic medical services for the entire camp community. (11")
EQUIPMENT IS UNLOADED AT HOSPITAL	Risky cases are normally referred to local hospitals. UNFPA is helping to upgrade their delivery rooms to handle the extra volume. (9.5") The already high risk of childbirth in this region is compounded by the hardships women endure during flight and in the camps – and by conservative traditions that restrict women to their homes or tents. (12.5")
WOMEN WEARING BURKAS AT CAMP / WOMEN IN CROWDED	Bakh Begum is eight months pregnant. Like Taj Bibi, she had to walk much of the

TENT way to Yar Hussain camp after fleeing the fighting in her village, near Buner. She lives in a tent with her husband and children. (13”)

BAKH BEGUM MAKES TEA IN TENT All three of her deliveries were at home. She never received any pre-natal care before her visit to the camp clinic. Even

BAKH BEGUM GETS EXAMINED IN CLINIC after meeting the midwife, she is not sure if she will use the clinic when her time comes to deliver. (13.5”)

BAKH BEGUM ON CAMERA BAKH BEGUM: (Pashto) **F**
“My mother-in-law helped deliver all of my children. She is not here, but my husband can help this time. He takes good care of me.” (7.5”)

HEALTH WORKERS AT CLINIC NARRATION
Managing Pakistan’s crisis is hazardous: on June 9 a bomb killed several humanitarian workers including three from the clinics support team. The medical services continued without interruption. (13.5”)

BAKH BEGUM WITH FAMILY IN TENT Thanks to these clinics and their dedicated staff, pregnant women like Taj Bibi and Bakh Begum have something they never had before: the chance to give birth in a sanitary place, assisted by a skilled health worker. (14.5”)

UN LOGO

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