

Nadeem Mahsin, Director, Human Welfare Organization, Toba Tek Singh, Pakistan is reporting regularly for GRF Davos from the affected region in Pakistan.

He has been working as a deputy director in a local NGO and worked before for five years as a program coordinator. In addition he was president and full time worker in Pakistan for the International Young Christian Workers, Belgium.

Now, he is director of Human Welfare Organization, a non-government, non-political and non-profit organization which is working to eradicate poverty through awareness raising on the social issues, provision of basic needs to people and lobbying and advocacy at all levels on the social issues and rights. The main focuses of the organization are: welfare and development initiatives, human rights, disaster and emergency, human persecution and peace and interfaith harmony.

For the capacity building, he got trainings on human rights, peace building, worker's rights, democracy, environment, mediation, community organization and development, advocacy and lobbying, disabled children and women and gender in the country and from abroad: Thailand , Indonesia , Philippines, India, Germany, Belgium and the United States of America.

Currently he lives in Toba Tek Singh city, district Toba Tek Singh. This district comprised of three sub districts, sub-district Kamalia, sub-district Gojra and sub-district Toba Tek Singh. Kamalia sub-district is one of the sub-districts of Toba Tek Singh district which is located alongside the Ravi River. In 1996, Kamalia and its villages were badly affected by a flood. Toba Tek Singh sub-district , so far never was hit by a flood before because it is situated at a ridge and is far away from the rivers. The inhabitants of Toba Tek Singh are safe from flood but heavy rains left worse results causing damages to lives, houses, walls, property, roads and business.

Nadeem Mohsin and his family also are directly affected by the heavy monsoon rains:

“My house, we have three rooms in our house, all three rooms leaked when it rained. This is the first monsoon season that rain affected our house. Our cloths, beddings, and crockery affected. Rain water stayed on the flat roofs and we have to push the water towards downstairs so that roofs may not get affected more or fall down on the ground. It could cause deaths and big property loss. While it was raining last time, water arised in the streets and lanes one to two feets high, it entered into our rooms and we had to put mud and sand to stop water entering into houses.

My elder brother who started construction of his house in mid June, he had to face a lot of problems by the rain. Rains spoiled the cement, sand, doors and windows. As it rained sometimes 5 times in a week, he had to pay to the workers double wages to finish the work early. Now, he stopped the construction as the rains are still going with two or three day interval. He is waiting for the end up of the rainy season. Still lot of work is remaining, but he ran short of money.”