

ISLAMABAD: In a handing over-taking over ceremony at the WHO Country Office, Officials of Saudi Fund for Development handed over Ambulances, Emergency Health Care kits, Diarrhea Disease kits, Secondary Care kits, Female hygiene kits, IT equipment and vehicles for surveillance officers to the officials of District Health Departments of Khyber Pukhtunkhawa and FATA . Guest of honour, Chief Engineer Abdullah M. Al-Shoaibi from SDF handed over keys of ambulances to the respective Health Department representatives of KP and FATA.

In this handing over ceremony, SFD handed over 26 ambulances – 20 to Depart of Health, KP and 6 to FATA health secretariat, 105 Emergency Health care kits, 79 Diarrheal Disease Kits, 21 Secondary Healthcare kits, 8000 female hygiene and hygiene kits and IT equipment and Vehicles (12) for surveillance officers of DEWS.

The Saudi Fund Development (SFD), has given the grant of US\$ 9,554,988 for World Health Organization (WHO) project, “Provision of Comprehensive Primary Health Care (PHC) interventions including MNCH/RH, EPI, psychosocial support and referral for emergency health care through the assistance given by Saudi Fund for Development for the purchase of medicines, vehicles, essential and specialized equipment, construction, reconstruction and rehabilitation of health facilities and 7 warehouses along with establishment of 10 stabilisation centres to facilitate the conflict affected population in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa (KPK) and FATA, Pakistan.”

Speaking on the occasion Dr Guido Sabatinelli, WHO Representative for Pakistan, thanked Saudi Fund for Development for graciously granting WHO the opportunity to facilitate the conflict affected population of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa and FATA. Dr. Guido informed that the project was initiated last year in August and is expected to be completed in September 2011. He further added that major components of SDF are Provision of essential medicines, Ambulances for Department of Health, Nutrition Stabilization Centers, WASH interventions at health facilities – water supply and healthcare waste management, IT equipment for Surveillance officers and vehicles for Disease Early Warning System.

Chief Engineer Abdullah M. Al-Shoaibi reiterated the support of the Saudi Government to WHO and laid emphasis on saving the lives of people living in the conflict areas and providing them health care facilities.

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