

# Assam (India) Flood Disaster

## 137 New Homes & Food Camps for Victims

**M**ore than 70% of Assam's Muslim population live below the poverty line. Around 30% of its poor rural population is in essence, homeless living in temporary shacks. Muslim Hands has been working with some of the poorest people in this region since 1994.

A medical centre, vocational skills training center and One-to-One Orphan Sponsorship, are some of the projects that we have currently running in Assam.

Although flooding is not uncommon in this part of the world, the flooding of the Borak Valley in May 2000 affected more than 100,000 people. Most of them lost their crops, live-stock and even their homes. Muslim Hands responded immediately via our office in Assam with the distribution of Family Food Parcels in the

Karimganj and Cachar areas where the flooding had been most severe.

Our clinics in Assam rushed to treat around 300 people for injuries and various medical conditions.

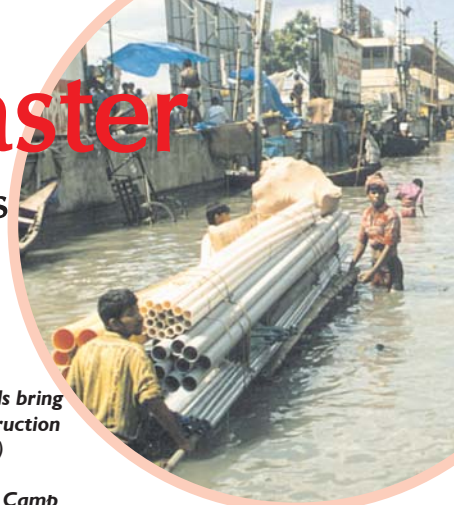
The clinic also became the centre for distribution of clothing and blankets.

Immediately after the floods receded, Muslim Hands undertook the construction of new homes. Forty-seven new low-cost homes had

**Floods bring Destruction** (right)

**Food Camp & Clothing distribution** (below)

been constructed and around 90 more are planned in the immediate future. (see article on shelter below)



# Low Cost Housing Project

## A Sadaqah Jaria Project (continuous charity)

**S**helter, food and clothing are the universal bare essentials that we all need to survive. Sadly, in much of the developing world, wars and natural disasters leave tens of thousands of needy families without shelter every year.

Muslim Hands Low Cost Housing Project in which poor families are helped in the repair of or rebuild

of their homes. This was started in Bangladesh three years ago after the disastrous floods of 1998. Initially only 50 homes were built, but since then the housing project has Al-Hamdulillah developed substantially and the **scheme now provides around 100 new family homes per year.**

The shelter project is now also

running in India and Mozambique. The houses are often small two-bedroom units built using local materials and technology, and are well suited to their occupants. In Mozambique for instance a typical house is built using wood, mud and zinc roofing and lasts around 30 years! House building is an excellent way in turning your donation in to Sadaqah Jaria (continuous charity).



Location of New Family Home	Cost of Building One Complete New Home
Bangladesh	£200
India	£200
Mozambique	£300