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Nomination of Heritage Foundation: UN Sasakawa Award for Disaster Risk Reduction 2015

IOM has been associated with the Heritage Foundation since 2011 to develop the technical and training components for the One Room Shelter (ORS) Program and Women Centered Community Based Disaster Risk Management Program. With the continuation and growth of this partnership, the Heritage Foundation remained instrumental in implementing innovative solutions for the reconstruction of shelters in flood-affected areas of Pakistan and in providing essential training, mentoring and monitoring to IOM's Implementing Partners.

The Heritage Foundation methodology strongly encourages rebuilding shelters through the provision of sustainable and low cost options derived from traditional techniques and participatory mechanisms. With this approach, local communities revitalize traditional construction practices and materials central to their heritage, incorporate vital DRR techniques and low cost sustainable materials into the construction process and subsequently build and hone their own skills and capabilities. More than 38,500 vulnerable families affected by the 2011 and 2012 floods in Pakistan have been reached to build back safer since the inception of this programme.

In view of these achievements, IOM proposes to nominate Heritage Foundation, Pakistan for the Sasakawa Award 2015. Additional resources are also being submitted directly by the Heritage Foundation in support of this application.

Please do not hesitate to get in touch in case further information is needed.

Best Regards,

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