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## Editorial

This month's News letter covers not only what happened at home, but covers memorandum of understanding between Pakistan's and Turkey to build an educational facility in earthquake affected area of VAN Turkey, where ERRA was bestowed the responsibility of representing the Government of Pakistan in a symbolic gesture to stand by people of Turkey in times of needs, as they did in 2005. ERRA's success story is about ERRA's efforts at National and International level as an expert organization, well recognized for its professional and strategic approach towards post disaster reconstruction and rehabilitation. Open communication with stakeholders, taking respective governments on board and making informed decisions lie at the heart of ERRA Strategy. Enjoy this month's News Letter and keep us posted with your comments.  
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# Newsletter

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## Message

ERRA over the years has evolved as mature professional organization which has made its mark as the only organization in Pakistan which has successfully implemented 12 different strategies in AJ&K and KP. With 63% projects completed out of its reconstruction portfolio of over 14,000 projects, ERRA due to economization, rationalized reconstruction strategy and revision of cost estimates. ERRA has successfully completed nearly 1700 projects during year 2011 -2012.

Today ERRA on average is completing 4 projects per day while no other organization is doing this. Social impact of ERRA strategies is visible in earthquake affected areas, e.g., with over 2000 new educational institutions reconstructed the enrolment rate today is 30% higher compared to pre-earthquake enrollments records. Similarly completion of 156 new roads and bridges had given a boost to tourism in the area, due to new Athmuqam road this year Neelum Valley was visited by 400,000 tourists giving economic boost in the area.

ERRA is not only brick and water, but its about changing lives, and with continued support of Government of Pakistan, Respective Governments and developmental partners ERRA can take any challenge in future.



Maj Gen Muhammad Azeem Asif

## Projects Portfolio for the Month of December 2012

Sector	Total Projects	Completed		New Projects in the Month of Dec
		30 <sup>th</sup> Nov/12	31 <sup>st</sup> Dec/12	
Education	5,701	2,441	2,474	33
Environment	466	231	233	2
Governance	701	438	438	0
Health	306	180	181	1
Livelihood	2,349	1,180	1,350	170
WatSan	4,720	4,438	4,442	4
Total	14,243	8,910	9,118	210

210 Projects have been completed in the Month of December



## Chairman and Dy Chairman ERRA Visit Turkey

Chairman ERRA Hamid Yar Hiraj and Dy. Chairman Maj. Gen Muhammad Azeem Asif visited Turkey to sign letter of intent (LOI) to construct an educational facility with cooperation of IFAD in earthquake affected areas of Van, Turkey. The gesture symbolizes Pakistan Turkey friendship that stands firm in any catastrophe. It's a gesture



of gratitude from Government of Pakistan for Turkey's un-relented support in reconstruction and rehabilitation in Earthquake affected areas of AJK and KP. IFAD will construct the facility while ERRA will ensure smooth implementation of project.



Govt High Secoudary School  
Baffa, KPK

## President & Prime Minister AJ&K visit ERRA Headquarter

A high level meeting to review the work on City Development Projects was held at ERRA HQ, where President AJ&K Sardar Yaqub Ahmed Khan, PM AJ&K Ch. Abdul Majeed, Chairman ERRA Hamid Yar Hiraj, Dy Cahirman ERRA Maj. General Muhammad Azeem Asif along with other high officials were present.

ERRA is reconstructing three cities in AJ&K i.e Bagh, Rawalakot and Muzaffarabad under its Urban Development Programme. The AJ&K governments continued support was appreciated and officials agreed that timely and smooth flow of funds were necessary for successful completion of projects, Chairman ERRA Hamid Yar Hiraj assured that Govt of Pakistan was fully committed to reconstruction and rehabilitation of



the earthquake affected areas of AJ&K. Govt of AJ&K assured ERRA of fully support and that impediments to speedy reconstruction will be removed soon.



Civil Hospital  
Baffa, KPK



Govt Science College  
Balsari, AJ&K

## Donors Conference

ERRA Donors and Sponsors Conference with the theme "**Partners in serving humanity**" was held at Islamabad Club in Dec. Ambassadors of Cuba and Bosnia Herzegovina, Canadian High Commissioner, Head of Aid Italy, Regional Director SPAPEV and Country Program Manager UN Habitat. Representatives of Embassy of Saudi Arabia, Embassy of the Russian Federation, Italy CIDA, ADB, USAID, UN agencies, Japan, Brunei, along with and a large number of international NGOS attended the function. The representatives from Ministry of Interior KSA, Chief Secretary AJK and large number of government officials also attended the conference. The aim was to update



international partners on recent progress on ERRA projects and to pay tribute to all international donors and sponsors for their unflinching support to people of earthquake affected area. Chairman ERRA Hamid Yar Hiraj thanked it was the



Basic Health Unit  
Sachah Kalan, KPK



Govt Higher Secondary  
School Patika, AJ&K





3D View of District Complex Rawalakot



3D View District Complex Bagh



Naluchi Bridge, Muzaffarabad



DHQ Hospital Authmuqam, Neelum Valley AJ& K



Govt Fatima Jinnah Post Graduate College Muzaffarabad

unconditional support of international community and resolve of Government of Pakistan, that ERRA has been able to achieve its targets. He said that today ERRA is an expert authority on post disaster reconstruction and rehabilitation and soon after completing the task ERRA will be entrusted with country wide responsibilities and its new name will be National Reconstruction and Rehabilitation Authority (NRRA).

Deputy Chairman ERRA Major Gen Azim Asif, after welcoming the guests gave a detailed briefing on the current progress and shared the latest updates. ERRA, said Asif, was a unique organization which has won the trust of international partners due to dedication and commitment of ERRA team and commitment and resolve of the government of Pakistan. The UN awarding SASAKAWA Award to ERRA for its rural housing program is also a proud moment for the nation. He also said that with experience and commitment ERRA has shown its metal in past and in future can be utilized for sustainable reconstruction and rehabilitation programs and best engineering solutions in case of natural disasters all over the country.

## 19th Steering Committee Meeting for Urban Development

19<sup>th</sup> Steering Committee on Urban Development Programme was chaired by Deputy Chairman ERRA, Maj Gen Muahmmad Azeem Asif, at ERRA Headquarters'. Additional Chief Secretary AJK, Sect: Works AJK and other officials of AJK and ERRA attended the meeting. Welcoming the participants Deputy Chairman appreciated the support of Government of AJ & K specially the President and Prime Minister of AJ&K, who played vital role in addressing impediments in Urban Development Programme. "Personal commitment of President and Prime Minister of AJK have given a boost to Reconstruction in cities of Muzaffarabad, Bagh and Rawalkot, while mobilizing Governments machinery to ensure encumbrance free land" said Maj Gen. Muhammad Azeem Asif. ERRA as part of its implantation strategy has to rebuild three cities of Bagh, Muzaffarabad and Rawalakot in AJK. The Major impediments in Reconstruction were weather, difficult terrain and availability of encumbrance free land. The 19<sup>th</sup> Steering committee approved projects which included Batching Plant for Langer Pure Satellite Town, Construction of Link Road Boys College to Nindari, Ring Road Bhout Bridge to Numanpura Bridge and Construction of Rest House Bagh.



## ERRA signs MoU with Riphah Univesity

A MoU was signed between ERRA and Riphah International University to initiate awareness raising research, collaborative diplomas in the field of disaster preparedness here at ERRA Headquarters today. MoU was signed by DDG (KMC) ERRA, Col Muhammad Akmal Khan and Mr. Hassan Muhammad Khan, Deputy Managing Trustee/Pro-Chancellor, RIU and IIMCT. Deputy Chairman ERRA Maj Gen Muhammad Azim Asif was also present at this occasion. Welcoming the participants, Deputy Chairman ERRA Maj Gen Muhammad Azim Asif said that ERRA was an example of best civil military and international partner's collaboration in handling disasters. Highlighting importance of training youth in the field of disaster management he said that it is important for effective disaster management in future.

Deputy Managing Trustee Syed Asad Hussain, RIU lauded ERRA's role in reconstruction and rehabilitation of earthquake affected areas. He also appreciated ERRA's efforts and its vision of creating linkages with academia and industry for research and capacity building activities on disaster related subjects.





## Events & Meetings



Group Photo of Chairman and Dy Chairman ERRA along with President AJ&K



Chairman and Dy Chairman ERRA Meeting with Ukranian Ambassador



Inauguration of BHU Sachan Kalan by Abdullah M. Al Shoabi (SFD)



Dy Chairman Meeting with Ms. Lynn Hasting (UN OCHA)



Dy Chairman Meeting with Saudi Fund for Development Delegation



Dy Chairman Meeting with Mr. Richard Albright (USAID)



Dy Chairman with Chinese delegation Mr. Wang Wi -Vice President and Mr. Chan Wang- Vice Chairman CXB

## ERRA Board Meeting

ERRA Board Chaired by Chairman ERRA Hamid Yar Hiraj where Government Officials of AJ&K and KP, Representatives of Civil Society and Ministry of Finance, Economic Affairs Division and Planning Division meet to approve projects and administrative matters.

ERRA Board Meetings are comened regularly to have consented effort and decision making while taking all stakeholders on board.



## We Served Together

