

## Village Shelter Program for Households Affected by Floods

Heritage Foundation (HF) is pleased to report that work has begun on the project being sponsored by Ms. Safeeyah Moosa of Spiritual Chords from South Africa. The generous funding provided will enable HF to build over 100 shelter units, a primary school, a health facility, a mosque and beginnings of a mobile dispensary with satellite clinics in selected villages.

Initial meetings with the community in Kakoo Wasan, Tando Allahyar, Lower Sindh, have been held by CEO, Heritage Foundation and Humanitarian Assistance Coordinator Naheem Shah. A site map based on Google Earth has been prepared which shows the village clusters comprising 104 families. The layout of houses has begun. Mud bricks mixed with lime are being produced and excavations are being undertaken. The work will be in full swing after Eid ul Azha.

The one room units are being built according to HF's programme *Build Back Safer with Vernacular Methodologies*, incorporating the Lari principles for DRR-compliant structures, resulting in low carbon footprint eco buildings. All units are being supplemented with eco-toilets, solar lamps, platforms for food safety and shared hand pumps. Areas are being demarcated to separate the livestock and elevated earth platforms as cultural nodes are being built which will double up for safety of livestock feed during floods.

The present conditions in village Kakoo Wasan, and the low-carbon footprint, disaster risk resistance (DRR) driven structures built by Heritage Foundation in the first Karavan Eco-Village Mohak Sharif, have been well documented by a team sent by Ms. Moosa, that was led by Mr. Mohammad Variawa from South Africa. Heritage Foundation acknowledges with deep gratitude the effort expended by Ms. Moosa in propagating HF's DRR-compliant eco-building techniques and her profound commitment to provide relief to those affected by floods in Pakistan.



Site map of Village Kakoo Wasan cluster.



Present living conditions of villagers of Kakoo Wasan.



Type of shelters built by Kakoo Wasan families.