Beneficiary Story from KPK Province, Pakistan

Bakht Meena and her husband have 8 children. When the floods hit her village in July 2010, she and her family fled their house to the streets and started living on the Peshawar Motorway. They returned to their village when the water receded, only to find their house completely damaged.

They are beneficiaries of the Pakistan Settlements Flood recovery Project funded by the government of Japan. Her husband and her 18-year-old son participated in the building of their shelter, and they learned construction techniques from available technical guidelines and through the master masons. In June 2011, they were living in a tent, while the construction of their shelter was ongoing.
Four months later, Bakht Meena and her family are smiling in their new shelter. They are extremely grateful that they can sleep peacefully inside a sturdy shelter, which withstood the heavy rains during the monsoon season of 2011 and will continue to provide a roof over their head.

The shelters are designed with Disaster Risk Reduction measures, which give them added sense of safety for the years to come.

Bakht Meena, her husband and her children along with other children in the same community