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Pakistani community join Deepak Obhrai, MP Calgary East, to appeal for help for victims of the Pakistan floods

(Calgary - August 23, 2010) Deepak Obhrai, MP for Calgary East, joined local groups today to appeal to Calgarians, and Canadians, to donate to the victims of Pakistan's worst ever floods.

"In support of the people of Pakistan after the terrible flooding, we need to stand up and help meet the urgent need arising out of this disaster," said Mr. Obhrai. "I urge everyone to donate to the effort, and those dollars will be matched by the Canadian Government for maximum effect."

Ban Ki-Moon, secretary general for the UN recently held an emergency meeting in New York. "Make no mistake, this is a global disaster, Pakistan is facing a slow-motion tsunami. Its destructive powers will accumulate and grow with time."

MP Obhrai was joined by The Red Cross, The Pakistan Canada Association, the National Federation of Pakistani Canadians, The Muslim Council of Calgary, The International Development & Relief Foundation (IDRF) - Calgary Chapter, The Islamic Circle of North America (ICNA), The Children of Islamic Nation (COIN), The Ahmadiya Movement in Islam Calgary, and The National Indo-Canada Council - Alberta chapter to call for support.

"In the past Calgarians have risen to the challenge when disasters strike around the world" said Mr. Obhrai. "It is my sincere hope that they can support these efforts."

Those wishing to help can donate to the Red Cross, International Development and Relief Foundation, or Human Concern International, among others.

Pakistan continues to experience its worst floods in decades, with more than 1,500 deaths and close to 16 million people affected.

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