Focus Humanitarian Assistance (FOCUS)

- International disaster planning, risk management and crisis response agency
- Provides emergency relief to all communities in its areas of operation
- Founded in 1994, in Canada by the Ismaili Community
- Units in Afghanistan, Europe, India, Pakistan, North America & Tajikistan
- An affiliate of the Aga Khan Development Network (AKDN)
Overview: Vision and Mission

VISION
• An organization that enables disaster-resilient communities and responds to disasters rapidly and effectively

MISSION
• To protect lives and property of target communities from natural and man-made hazards by developing organizational and community capacity, expertise and programs
**FOCUS: What We Do...**

- **Responds** to humanitarian crises, mobilizes volunteers and distributes vital relief.
- **Enables** transitions from emergency to long-term solutions; strengthens people’s capacity to respond.
- **Anticipates** disasters, helps communities identify and mitigate risks and prepare for natural hazards.
- **Helps** displaced people settle in new homes, and provides vocational training for a better future.

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FOCUS: Where We Have Worked...
1994 - 2009

North America
USA
• Response to Hurricanes, 2005 & 2008
• CERT – Training

Canada
• 13,000 Afghan Refugees Settled
• 1,000 Kosovar Refugees Settled
• Certified Emergency Response Training (CERT)
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1994 - 2009

Europe
Portugal
- Forest Fire Response, 2005
- Earthquake Safety Training

Russia
- Humanitarian Assistance of Economic Migrants from Central Asia

United Kingdom
- Search and Rescue Team Training (RAPID UK)
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1994 - 2009

Central Asia
Afghanistan
• Refugee Repatriation 50,000
• Shelters 8,000 (BPRM)
• CERT – Training
• Vocational Training
• Disaster Risk Reduction

Tajikistan
• School Safety Initiative
• Disaster Risk Reduction
• Responses to Earthquakes, Landslides & Avalanches
• Community Training
• Early Warning Communication Systems (CODAN), 294
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1994 - 2009

South Asia
India
• Earthquake Response, 2001 & 2005
• Tsunami Response & Rehabilitation
• Search & Rescue
• CERT – Training
• School Safety Initiative

Pakistan
• Disaster Risk Reduction
  Responses to Earthquake - 2005,
  Landslides & Avalanches
• Search & Rescue
• School Safety Initiative
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1994 - 2009

Middle East
Jordan
• Camp for Mothers and Children (UNHCR), 2003

Syria
• Displaced Persons
  Lebanese/Israeli Crisis, 2006

Africa
Kenya
• Post-Election Crisis, 2008

Madagascar
• Response to Cyclone, 2004
FOCUS Response Efforts

Earthquake Response
Nahrin, Afghanistan, 2002

Earthquake Response
Gujarat, India, 2002

Tents for displaced families
Syria, 2006

Marriott bombing response
Islamabad, Pakistan, 2008

Providing supplies, post 2nd Gulf War
Jordan, 2003

Humanitarian relief, Cyclone Gafile
Madagascar, 2004
January 2010: Hunza Valley Landslide
Northern Pakistan

Landslide in motion
Attabad

Houses submerged by the lake
Ayeenabad

FOCUS HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE
January 2010: Vanj Earthquake
Tajikistan

- In total 1,035 houses in 2 Jamoats of Vanj district sustained damage
- 264 houses were severely damaged; 28 destroyed, 106 on the verge of collapse, and another 130 houses are partially damaged (50%)