

## **Tree Plantation Campaign in flood affected areas of Pakistan**

UN-HABITAT's mission is to promote socially and environmentally sustainable urban and rural development. In this regard UN-HABITAT is launching a 'tree plantation campaign' from 15 January to 15 February 2012 in the flood affected areas to mitigate the negative impact of flood 2010, post disaster interventions and its associated consequences. UN-HABITAT has unique opportunity to launch massive tree plantation campaign due to its outreach to as many as 30,000 families (358 villages and 398 CBOs) in Sind, Baluchistan, Punjab and Khayber Pukhtoon Khawa. Taking this opportunity as well as need, it is proposed to plant trees at village levels with the involvement of beneficiary households, CBOs/CCB, school committee with the following objectives;

1. To compensate to/improve the greenery in the village.
2. To reduce the local environmental degradation.
3. To reduce the affect of harsh summer at household level.
4. To provide improved access to the fruit, fuel and fodder at the local level.
5. To raise awareness in the affected communities and promote a culture of tree plantation.

In this campaign beneficiaries and CBOs/CCBs will be supported to plant trees at household level besides public places where care taking structure is present (grave yards, schools, Mosques, public stand posts). Trees will be provided by UN HABITAT, while planting and protection will be the responsibility of individual households and communities. Four shady trees and six fruit trees (subject to availability of required minimum space) will be provided per household to plant care and protect. Similarly, six trees per mosque, 10 trees per school, and 10 per graveyard, 4 per public stand post shall be planted by the communities and protected by the local care taking structures. Appropriate type of trees will be selected in consultation with communities, forest and horticulture department. In this campaign 0.2millions trees will be planted. Prior to the plantation, communities will be sensitized, mobilized and trained through orientation sessions.

This campaign is launched by Community Infrastructure Unit of UN-HABITAT under Pakistan Settlement Flood Recovery Project (PSFRP) funded by Government of Japan. The strategic objective of the project is to plan and implement sustainable solutions with minimal environmental impact.