

GOVERNMENT OF PAKISTAN
ECONOMIC AFFAIRS DIVISION

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Subject:- POLICY FOR GRANT OF INTERIM PERMISSION TO INTERNATIONAL NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS (INGOs) ENGAGED IN RELIEF WORK FOR EARTHQUAKE AFFECTEES

In order to streamline and facilitate the process of granting interim permission to the International NGOs who are desirous of initiating/undertaking relief efforts in the wake of earthquake, the competent authority in EAD has been pleased to prescribe following criteria for compliance/strict observance by all concerned:

1. The INGO should submit an application addressed to the Secretary, Economic Affairs Division, seeking permission to work in Pakistan in connection with the relief activities for the earthquake affectees. The application should be accompanied with the following documents:
 - a) Proof of registration in the country of origin;
 - b) Letter of recommendation/endorsement by a competent officer of the respective embassy in Islamabad; and
 - c) Programme/profile of proposed projects the INGO wants to pursue with specific location where INGO will operate; and
 - d) In-hand human and financial resources/capacity for carrying out operations.
2. After analysis of the documents and subsequent approval, time-bound permission will be granted to the INGO to work for relief operations in the specified earthquake affected areas.
3. INGOs intending to get involved in the rehabilitation effort, should enter into an MOU with the EAD as per the existing policy.