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Following on from our partnership in Pakistan with Australian Aid International (AAI) in December 2005, SkyJuice has returned to Pakistan in association with Oxfam International to the earthquake devastated area of northern Pakistan.

In December 2006 Larry James from the SkyJuice Foundation worked in partnership with Oxfam International to install SkyHydrant water filtration units in badly affected areas of northern Pakistan. Located some 100 km North East of Islamabad, the capital of Pakistan, lies the most devastated earthquake areas of Bagh, Muzaffarabad and Balakot.

At Bagh, the Sarsaydan Community of 4,000 suffered many casualties and loss of infrastructure and housing. A joint Oxfam - SkyJuice program to restore and supply safe drinking water using SkyHydrant water filtration units was undertaken in December 2006 as part of a water-pumping scheme on the Jhelum River where some 60,000 litres of drinking water is now supplied each day.

Further north in Muzaffarabad area, some 10,000 people still live in tented communities of displaced persons on the Kishanganga River where a SkyHydrant water filtration program was installed to supply 150,000 litres per day of safe drinking water.

Further north again lies the town of Balakot in the so called 'red zone', the most devastated area. Three nearby communities, numbering about 9,000 persons were incorporated in a program to supply 140,000 litres of drinking water per day from the Kunhar River using SkyHydrant water filtration units.

With the massive loss of school buildings in these areas, many hundreds of schools hold their lessons in the open where portable blackboards and chairs are used and when its raining or snowing the children huddle in makeshift shelters and tents for protection.

Poor quality drinking water is commonplace and the SkyJuice Foundation together with UNICEF, is currently planning programs to provide SkyHydrant water filtration units for many of these temporary schools so that the children will have access to continual safe drinking water.



Devastated town of Balakot, Pakistan



SkyHydrant Installation in Bagh