

GIVE BACK GRANT KASHMIR



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FROM FRAGILE SHEDS TO SAFER HOMES

In Kashmir's mountainous regions, winters bite hard, and livelihood becomes fragile. In these circumstances, a safe home offers security, dignity and peace of mind.

Enter the **Kashmir Shed Upliftment Project**, delivered in June 2025 and completed in December 2025. The project was a compassionate response to families living in unsafe and inadequate shed structures.

Rather than replacing homes, this project focused on uplifting existing shelters, transforming fragile sheds into safer, more dignified living spaces. Through targeted improvements, families were able to remain in their homes while experiencing meaningful improvements in their daily lives.

THE HOUSING CHALLENGE

Nobody deserves to call a shed a long-term home. These structures are not designed for permanent living. They offer little protection from extreme weather and pose serious health and safety risks due to:

- Structural instability
- Poor insulation and ventilation
- Roofing not resistant to weather
- Unsafe flooring and walls.

This leaves families consisting of **children, women, the elderly and people with disabilities exposed to cold, rain, illness and ongoing insecurity**. Living in such conditions not only affected physical health but also eroded privacy, dignity, and emotional well-being.



Examples of the temporary sheds set up in Kashmir's mountainous regions.

OUR RESPONSE

Guided by compassion and practicality, the Kashmir team chose upliftment over demolition. This approach allowed limited grant funds to go further **while delivering immediate and meaningful improvements.**

The project focused on:

- Reinforcing existing shed structures
- Repairing or replacing roofing
- Strengthening walls and improving flooring
- Enhancing overall safety and livability

This approach ensured families could stay in their homes throughout the process, minimising disruption while maximising impact.



Construction underway at several temporary sheds. A total of 18 households were supported.

Through a planned, phased approach, ensuring quality, safety, and efficiency at every stage, the project delivered:

- Initial assessments to identify the **most urgent needs**
- Careful planning and prioritisation of upgrades
- Procurement of suitable construction materials
- Physical upliftment work carried out in phases
- Continuous community engagement and feedback

The Who is Hussain Kashmir Team, alongside local skilled workers, volunteers, and community members, **worked hand in hand to deliver the project.**

This collaborative effort ensured that upgrades were culturally appropriate, practical, and completed to a high standard.

A SUSTAINABLE FUTURE BUILT ON DIGNITY

The project directly **supported 18 households, improving the lives of 84 individuals.**

For these families, the impact was immediate and deeply felt. Homes that once leaked during rainfall and shook in strong winds became safer, warmer, and more secure.

The improvements restored not just physical shelter, but also a sense of dignity and peace.



A snapshot of the renovations and upliftments achieved on the sheds, upgrading the structure to a livable standard.

SOME WORDS FROM THE GROUND...

The true success of the project is reflected in the voices of those it served. One beneficiary shared:

“Our house is now stronger and protects us from rain and wind. We feel more secure and dignified.”

These words capture the heart of the project—transforming structures into homes, and vulnerability into stability.

Beyond the direct beneficiaries, the project demonstrated a cost-effective and replicable model for addressing unsafe temporary housing.

By extending the lifespan of existing structures rather than rebuilding from scratch, the project:

- Maximised the value of grant funding
- Reduced future maintenance needs
- Improved safety, health, and dignity
- Created a scalable model for similar communities

This strategic approach offers long-term value and learning for future housing upliftment initiatives.

In itself, the upgrades provide a medium to long-term solution. With basic maintenance, the improved sheds are expected to serve families safely for many years, reducing the need for frequent repairs and ongoing emergency interventions.

Families are now, with your support, able to live with dignity - thank you.

THANK YOU