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JAMES CAAN'S PAKISTAN FLOOD VILLAGE 'RE-BUILD' PROJECT COMPLETES FIRST HOUSES IN TIME FOR HIS 50TH BIRTHDAY

The first houses have been completed in Jan Lunda, part of the Pakistan based Build A Village project undertaken by BBC Dragons' Den star James Caan - just in time for his 50th birthday on the 28th December.

"There is no better birthday present than seeing all of these families get their lives back. " says James Caan.

Mr. Caan was in Pakistan with his family monitoring the building project before his 50th birthday.

A total of 120 houses are planned for the first village after they were destroyed or severely damaged in Jan Lunda.

The completed village will include a mosque, girl's school, clean water and access to toilet facilities, as well as a program to get people earning their own living.

The principle partner in delivering the project is Islamic Relief who is on the ground constructing the homes alongside the villagers from Jan Lunda itself. Halcrow Engineering has been appointed by the JCF to monitor progress on the ground and report back to James and the team in London regularly.

After this first village is "tried and tested", James' foundation plans to facilitate the building of a further 2 more villages.

Mr. Caan is personally funding all expenses pertaining to the project so that all funds can be funnelled directly towards the reconstruction on the ground. The cost of each house is just under £1,200 to build.

Transparency is the key to the project, so the foundation being able to cover all of its costs independently gives donors an added level of comfort knowing their money is going directly to those who really need it.

Mr. Caan also met with Pakistani Cricket legend Imran Khan last week in Islamabad to discuss both their work to help those affected by the floods.

After 20 million people became homeless and jobless when floods hit Pakistan in July 2010, James Caan undertook the rebuilding programme.

Donations can be made on the website of The James Caan Foundation www.thejcf.co.uk
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