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International Crisis Aid Distributes Food in Afghanistan

Over 5,000 Afghans receive aid to help survive the harsh winter

SAINT LOUIS, Missouri (February 27, 2009)—International Crisis Aid (ICA) led a food distribution to over 5,000 people in Afghanistan on February 10, 2009. ICA has fed an estimated 300,000 Afghans since Nov 2001.

On February 10, 2009, ICA—a St Louis-based humanitarian organization— distributed **865 packages** containing flour, rice, beans, oil, salt, sugar and tea. Food was distributed in partnership with Stop Hunger Now and International Crisis Relief to **865 families** (approximately **5,190 people**). In total, ICA delivered **70,411 pounds (35.2 tons)** of food. The area in which ICA did the food distribution is virtually unreachable. The people group are known as the Hazara people and are the most discriminated group in Afghanistan.

ICA President and Founder, Pat Bradley said:

“They said to us, ‘Our government or other Afghan citizens have never come here to see what help we need, but you came last year and as you promised... you came back.’ It is difficult to adequately describe how much this meant to the people and opened the door for ICA to continue sharing the reason we are here. We hope to continue this mission, with the help of our donors.”

ICA began work in the refugee camps of war-torn and politically ravaged Afghanistan in November 2001. Since that time, ICA has partnered with other organizations to feed thousands of Afghan families, delivering many hundreds of tons of food and other resources to people in remote areas where no other type of assistance is available. These areas are considered dangerous and/or “high risk” by the Afghan government. Therefore, other groups are reluctant to serve in this region. ICA continues to focus their feeding programs on the orphans, elderly, widows and handicapped. ICA has fed an estimated 300,000 Afghans since Nov 2001.

ICA is currently seeking funds for a matching gift opportunity in order to implement a water project in Afghanistan. This water project would provide clean water for over 1,500 families to use for clean drinking/cooking, but also to use for their crops. By implementing this project, ICA would enable these families to go a long way to become more sustainable through the winter months.

Individuals, foundations or companies interested in becoming involved in relief efforts and long-term solutions with International Crisis Aid are encouraged to contact the agency at 1-888-740-7779 or by email at info@crisisaid.org.

About International Crisis Aid (ICA)

International Crisis Aid is an international relief and development organization based in St. Louis, MO. Our purpose is to assist in sustaining life, bring encouragement to those suffering and to assist in facilitating with other relief organizations bringing necessary materials, foods and medicines to people who are in crisis situations where life and death situations exist. To accomplish this vision we will continue to target our efforts in no-go zones where other organizations cannot or will not go. Our programs and services have reached out to children and families in need from Cambodia, Ethiopia, Afghanistan, Pakistan, North Korea, Indonesia and Sudan. These programs include feeding, medical, orphanages, disaster relief, girls' schools, community development, rescuing girls from sex-trafficking, water projects, etc. For more information on International Crisis Aid, please visit www.crisisaid.org

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