

## YOU SAY...

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# ON THE SPOT



ON THURSDAY

## Is the cash getting there?

Can you be sure money given in Bradford to the earthquake appeal goes directly to the worthier causes?

**A Brown, e-mail**

The Human Relief Foundation is primarily concentrating on the running of its 2,000-plus refugee-populated tent village in Thuri Park which is on the bank of the River Neelum in Muzaffarabad, Kashmir. This is the only recognised and official camp in the region due to its people, who range from the disabled to orphans and to widows. For the foundation, it is these people who are identified as being in more desperate and dire need. Therefore, by providing food, water, shelter, health-care, sanitation and education to these displaced individuals in collaboration with other international non governmental organisations it makes it more than a worthier cause. To vouch for the money donated in Bradford through the foundation, I can assure the community that every penny is being spent effectively and efficiently. Anyone is more than welcome to our offices to see the evidence of our village in operation, and I'll be more than happy to speak regarding my time spent out there!

**Roughly, how much would it cost to make a real difference to the life of just one victim of the earthquake over a year?**

**Charlotte Baker, e-mail**

If we take into consideration that these victims will have spent only six months in the tent village and eventually will have moved back into their homes for the remaining six months of the year and then permanently stayed there, then I would put the approximate figure at £30 a month. This equates to around £360 a year which is a mere fraction for us fortunate ones but a dream for these innocent Kashmiris. This figure would provide food, clean water, bedding, clothes, health-care, sanitation and education. The Human Relief Foundation does operate various monthly sponsorship schemes for the orphans as well as poor families in general.

**Does it take a disaster like this to jolt us into thinking of Third World problems?**

**Brenda Cook, Shipley**

In reality, we should be thinking about Third World issues at all times but I agree a disaster of this magnitude as well as the Tsunami does make one wonder and at times feel guilty, for not doing, or thinking that little bit extra about the innocent civilians that get caught-up in these powerful natural disasters.