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### NCHD develops health, education plan for IDPs

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ISLAMABAD, May 25: The National Commission on Human Development (NCHD) has developed an emergency health and education relief plan for the internally displaced persons (IDPs) of militancy-ridden Swat region.

The plan was approved in a meeting headed by Special Assistant to the Prime Minister on Social Sector Shahnaz Wazir Ali here on Monday.

Meanwhile, a delegation of the NCHD also visited the medical base camp and mobile health camps in Mardan.

An NCHD spokesman told *Dawn* that the decision was made to assist the Mardan district government which was facing sudden influx of the dislocated persons of Swat, Buner and Lower Dir.

He said the NCHD had already been working in the area for the last five years on the same programmes.

The commission has set up a

medical base camp at the Labour Colony relief camp, Mardan, and has provided medical relief to over 3,500 IDPs. Besides, it has activated 12 mobile health units for 20 union councils.

The NCHD has sought assistance of the executive district officer (EDO) education to cater to the education needs of the internally displaced persons.

He stressed on the need for co-ordination and collaboration with other humanitarian agencies, donors and government line agencies for the success of the plan.

Currently, eight transition schools had been activated in which over 1,000 students had been enrolled, he added.

He said the directors of Pakistan Human Development Fund (PHDF) have so far pledged Rs5 million and the GlaxoSmithKline (GSK) has donated medicine worth Rs500,000 for the refugees.