

You will hardly have missed seeing the consequences of the devastating earthquake in Pakistan.

**Tens of thousands of people are dead or wounded.
Millions are homeless.**

Help is desperately needed.

That is why Bolidt has decided to support the victims in Pakistan by donating €0.10 for each of the 520,000 square metres of flooring it has sold over the past year.

The resulting €52,000 have already been transferred into the special 800800 account which has been set up for the relief effort. The Cooperating Relief Organizations (SHO) have confirmed to us, that this money will be spent on what is needed most in the disaster area: tents that will give people a roof over their heads and some shelter for the coming winter!

At the same time, Bolidt has decided not to send out Christmas presents and cards to its business contacts this year. This represents a total amount of €26,000 (€18,500 for Christmas presents and €7,500 for Christmas cards). We are confident that our business partners will sympathize with this decision. We would like to thank all architects, contractors and customers who have worked with us over the past year for putting their trust in Bolidt. We wish you a merry Christmas, a happy New Year and look forward to working with you in 2006.

On 27 October 2005, the Cooperating Relief Organizations sent us an e-mail to acknowledge receipt of the donation:

"We hereby acknowledge receipt of a sum of 52,000 Euros from Bolidt Kunststoftoepassing B.V. of Hendrik Ido Ambacht into the 800800 account of the Cooperating Relief Organizations. We would like to thank you for your contribution towards helping the victims of the earthquake disaster in Pakistan.

The member organizations of the SHO are hard at work distributing as many tents as possible in the affected area. Thousands of tents are transported both by helicopter and by road. Many tent suppliers in the area are working to capacity. Novib/Oxfam are working on a tunnel tent, as a temporary solution to the acute shortage of shelter for the millions of victims who lost their homes. The Dutch Red Cross have ordered 2000 tents. People in Need/Cordaid have bought a total of 4,200 tents in Turkey and Pakistan, 2,800 of which have already been delivered in Pakistan. A local Pakistani tent maker for Churchnaction and ICCO is turning out 300 winter-proof tents a day. According to the UN, an estimated 300,000 tents are needed to protect the homeless against the approaching winter."