

## **\$6.2 Million Awarded for AKF USA’s Multi-AKDN Agency Response to Floods in Pakistan**



The Office of U.S. Foreign Disaster Assistance (OFDA) at U.S. Agency for International Development has just granted Aga Khan Foundation U.S.A. (AKF USA) \$5.2 million for the Foundation’s multi-AKDN agency response to the Pakistan floods. AKF USA will have to contribute \$1 million as a match to secure this level of funding in an agreement signed by its Chief Executive Officer, Mirza Jahani, pictured with Mark Ward, head of OFDA, at the Foundation’s offices in Washington DC on October 26, 2010. The Relief and Early Recovery Program (RERP) is a new humanitarian assistance project designed to benefit communities in Pakistan affected by floods that have devastated the country. The program will address needs in six sectors, including immediate material assistance, health care, provision of shelter, infrastructure repair and water and sanitation assistance, targeting about a quarter of a million people in Gilgit-Baltistan, Chitral, and Thatta areas. RERP will involve the Aga Khan Planning and Building Services (AKPBS), the Aga Khan Health Services (AKHS), Focus Humanitarian Assistance (FOCUS), and the Aga Khan Rural Support Programme (AKRSP), each working within its operational mandate, to deliver support to the affected population. Due to the wide variety of needs, the duration of project activities varies from three months to one year. FOCUS’ food distribution is already underway and this grant will go toward replenishing their depleted stocks. AKU’s health teams are already serving thousands in government and UN health camps across the country.