

# Report of SpeedTrust on Cyclone Sidr and Cyclone Aila: Emergency Response and Rehabilitation

## Introduction

Cyclone Sidr, Category IV, hit southern Bangladesh on November 15, 2007 crossing the Khulna and Barisal coasts around 7:30pm (local time) with a high tidal surge and winds of over 250 kilometers per hour.

Badly affected coastal administrative divisions of Barisal and Khulna include Satkhira, Khulna, Bagerhat, Borguna, Patuakhali, Perojpur, Jhalakati, Barisal, and Bhola. Initial reports suggest that the cyclone caused extensive damage to houses, crops, school buildings, roads, trees, and has disrupted electricity and telecommunication systems. People were evacuated to cyclone shelters, school buildings and other available facilities over the past two days. In many places, people are also living without shelter or protection.



Government and non-government sources have provided initial dry food rations, cash grants, cloth, blankets and drinking water.

## Action: Emergency Relief

According to the Contingency plan of disaster preparedness and management, speed trust took the following necessary measures.

- Formed an Emergency Monitoring Team on November 14 to maintain communication with project offices in the upazilas (sub-districts) of Kalapara, Dasmina, Galachipa, Bauphal and Patuakhali sadar of Patuakhali district.
- Speed trust staffs have already started the initial assessment of the damage caused by the cyclone and disseminate update information to upazila administration.



- Formed upazila-wise Emergency Relief Team along with local volunteers for next intervention.

As per the speed trust reports that ongoing four project areas such as Kalapara, Galachipa, Dasmina and Bauphal have been badly affected with people facing an acute shortage of food, shelter, clothing and water. First aid support and life saving medicine were not enough to address such situation.



On November 16, the emergency meeting of Board of Trustees at Barisal, it was decided and determine for a possible response through the speed trust’s resources until further commitment development partner agencies. During the period, rescued 235 Sidr affected people from different Chars of Dasmina and Bauphal upazila and started first aid support. In assistance with Mannusher Jonno Foundation (MJF), speed trust provided dry food ration to Bauphal, Galachipa and Dasmina.

On November 18, speed trust held a meeting with ActionAid Bangladesh and Concern Worldwide reviewed the latest situation and the initial plans for a response had been made. Under the PEER project, Concern Worldwide had agreed to provide relief intervention support for Kalapara, Galachipa, Dasmina and Bauphal and ActionAid also ensured to provide support for Kalapara and Amtali (partial).

On November 19, a staff orientation on Disaster Response was held and a plan of action along with the process of beneficiaries’ selection criteria. According to the field level instant assessment, speed trust was identified 13,500 household, those had been critically vulnerable by the Sidr and speed trust was principally to provide emergency relief response. The household selection process was considered the following criteria:

- Severely affected household by the Sidr;
- Women headed household;
- Disable family member’s household;
- Very old/divorce/separated women family;
- Poor option of earning source;
- Lost houses or domestic animals;
- Damaged income source;
- Died, missed or injured family.



Under the emergency relief intervention, speed trust was continued a program for next 45 days for 13,500 households at four upazilas with the following food and non-food items.

1 <sup>st</sup> Phase (from to) per HH			2 <sup>nd</sup> Phase(from to) per HH		
Sl.	items	Quantity	Sl.	items	Quantity
01	Rice	30 Kgs	01	Rice	30 Kgs

02	Pulse	3 kgs		02	Pulse	3 kgs
03	Oil (Soya bin)	2 Ltrs		03	Oil (Soya bin)	2 Ltrs
04	Salt	1 Kg		04	Salt	1 Kg
05	Suji	1kg		05	Suji	1kg
06	Sugar	1kg		06	Sugar	1kg
07	ORS	5 packs		07	Sharee	1 no
08	Soap (Landry & Beauty)	2 nos		08	Lungi	1 no
09	Shawl (Man & Woman)	2 nos		09	ORS	5 packs
10	Blanket	1 no		10	WPT	1 box
11	Mosquito Net	1 no		11	Soap (Landry & Beauty)	2 nos
12	Candle light	6 pcs		12	Tent	1 pcs
13	Matches	1 box				

3 <sup>rd</sup> Phase (from to) Per HH		
Sl.	Items	Quantity
01	Rice	30 Kgs
02	Pulse	4 kgs
03	Oil (Soya bin)	2 Ltrs
04	Salt	2 Kg
05	Suji (Cemoline Flower)	1kg
06	Sugar	1kg
07	ORS	10 packs
08	Sharee	1 no
09	Lungi	1 no
10	Blanket	1 no
11	Children Cloths	1 no
12	Utensils	1 Sauce Pan+ 1 Mug+ 2 Plate+ 1 Lighter+ 1 Pack Candle+ 1 liq. Antiseptic + 1pc cotton + 1plastic bowl
13	Sanitary Napkin	1 Pak

#### Location and coverage of relief goods distribution

Upazila	No. of unions	Coverage households	Frequency	Funding partners
Kalapara	5	5,500	2 times	Actionaid-ECHO Concern Worldwide BD-ECHO Aparajeo Bangladesh HSBC Bank & Campe jointly
Dasmina	3	2,500	2 times	
Galachipa	2	3,000	2 times	
Bauphal	3	1,500	2 times	
Amtali (Barguna)	2	1,000	1 time	

<b>Total</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>13,500</b>		
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### **Community participation**

In the Emergency Response, speed trust tried to ensure community participation and involvement of local volunteers with a view to quality emergency response and transparency. These were ensured in the following areas:

- Household selection through community-based Focus Group Discussion;
- Displayed the relief item with price list;
- Established options of quantity measurement of items;
- Established complain box;
- Ensured the presence of government officials, local government representatives and media people.

### **Relief is the right, not gift**

It was promoted in the grass-root level that the distribution materials of relief were not the gift for them; it was their right to receive such kind of materials during this period and they have the option to give their choice and decision regarding this matter.

During relief operation, speed trust considered the peoples' choice; those were the core beneficiaries of this program. Selection of item, quality and quantity were finalized on their necessary requirement by the community so that they were aware about the relief materials and optimum uses.

Respect to the beneficiaries was the significant issues during distribution and receiving of relief materials. The following arrangement had been prepared in considering of the beneficiaries' facilities, which addressed to ensure human rights.

- Arrangement of sitting corners for rest at the relief distribution place.
- Arrangement of child corners for children recreation.
- Arrangement of drinking water and dry food for children.
- Arrangement of sanitation facilities.
- Priority given to old, disable, pregnant and sick women.
- Established complain box and accordingly necessary measures.



### **Action: Rehabilitation**

After the completion of 2<sup>nd</sup> phase of Emergency Relief Response, it was seemed that a big number of people were living without any shed and most of them, specially the children and old women and men,

were suffering from fever, neimonia etc. they were not prepare themselves to start their livelihood as they had not sufficient capital for construction or repairing houses, latrines and livelihood related equipments. Considering their present situation, it was identified that houses construction for the vulnerable people, effected by the sidr, were more important and contribute a lot for starting livelihoods.

Under the phase-III and phase-IV on Rehabilitation program in partnership with Concern Worldwide Bangladesh and financed by European Commission, a field level assessment was made and accordingly three thousand houses along with latrine had been been constructed.

As per the plan, Upazila-based Rehabilitation teams were were formed and job specimen and job description were determined for duty bearers.



During the assessment, community-base participation had given priority to select the vulnerable household. The common criterion for providing housing support was in considering damage house by Sidr with following aspect:

- Poor families
- Women headed families
- Poor income source
- Families with disable people.

The houses with slab-latrine had been provided in the following Upazilas.

Sl.	Upazila	Name of Union	No. House	House specimen
1.	Kalapara	Laluya Mithagong Latachapli Nilgong, Dularshor Khaprabhanga	5,500	Size: 18 ft x 11 ft. Roof: CI sheet Pillars: 8 concrete (10 ft.0 Fence: Bamboo
2.	Dasmina	Ronogopaldi Basbariya Dasmina	2,500	
3.	Galachipa	Charkajol Charbiswas	3,000	
4.	Bauphal	Duliya Najirpur Kalaiya	1,500	
5.	Amtali (Barguna)	Boro Bogi Koraibariya	1,000	
<b>Total</b>			<b>13,500</b>	

## Learning

- Local peoples' participation ensure quick response;
- Qualitative relieve response could be possible through community participation in selection and distribution;
- Ownership of community in relieve response has been developed through community sharing and mutual understanding.

## Action: Livelihood

During the rehabilitation process was going on, another demand came from the community level on economical linkage based on economical sustained for the Sidr affected people. Under these activities, around 3500 Families had been received following support and 20 skills staff were involved at Kalapara Upazila. This project was supported by Actionaid Bangladesh and funded by Disaster Emergency Committee (DEC).



Health				
SL	Activities	Particulars	Number of Beneficiaries	Remarks
01	Human Health Camps	08 Camps	1,815 Persons	11 Villages in 2 Unions
02	Eye Camps	04 Camps	747 Persons	11 Villages in 2 Unions
03	Cataract operation	04	104 Persons	11 Villages in 2 Unions
04	eye glasses	04	135 Persons	11 Villages in 2 Unions
05	Referral Support for Pregnant women	Before & After 3 Months respectively	20 Women	11 Villages in 2 Unions
06	Assistive Devices for PWD	Wheel Chair; Scratch	10 Persons	11 Villages in 2 Unions
07	Iron, calcium and multivitamin tablets for women	3 Months	420 Women	11 Villages in 2 Unions
Water/sanitation				
SL	Activities	Particulars	Number of People	Remarks
01	New Water Sources (Tube wells)	16 nos	420 Families	11 Villages in 2 Unions
02	Awareness training	16 nos	420 Families	11 Villages in 2 Unions
Agriculture				
SL	Activities	Particulars	Number of People	Remarks
01	Plantation Drive	18000 Saplings	2,500 Families & 4 Road Side	11 Villages in 2 Unions
02	Promotion of Kitchen	8 varieties vegetables	2,500 Families	11 Villages in 2 Unions

	garden	Seed		
03	Animal Health camps & Immunizations	04 camps	2,627 Animals	11 Villages in 2 Unions
04	Improved cattle shelter		01	1 Union
05	Poultry for the all of the households	10,000 Poultrys	2,500 Families	11 Villages in 2 Unions
06	Agriculture seed support to farmers	15 Kgs of BRRI Seeds	227 Farmers	11 Villages in 2 Unions
<b>Livelihoods</b>				
<b>SL</b>	<b>Activities</b>	<b>Particulars</b>	<b>Number of People</b>	<b>Remarks</b>
01	Cash for work with material of wage component	45 days	355 Family	11 Villages in 2 Unions
02	Support to the fisher folk	25 Boats	50 Families	11 Villages in 2 Unions
03	Small livelihood support to families	70 Cows	35 Families	11 Villages in 2 Unions
<b>Education</b>				
<b>SL</b>	<b>Activities</b>	<b>Particulars</b>	<b>Number of People</b>	<b>Remarks</b>
01	Education Kits for Children	Bag; Water pot; Note Books; 2 set School Uniforms; Pens; Pencils; Scale; Eraser; Sharpener;	540 Students	2 Unions
02	Extracurricular activities for schools in the Sidr affected area : Library/ramp etc	Balance-1; Sladier-2; Cradel-1; a Library with furniture and 796 books and Some playing instruments	3 Schools	2 Unions



### **Seed distribution and technical support**

In cooperation of Helen Keller International (HKI), rice seed and vegetable have been distributed to the small farmers and poor households with a view to recover their livelihood through such interventions. Under this activities around... people received rice seed and ....people received vegetable seed. Besides these, every recipient also got technical support at the domestic level for the six

months. A five member staff was engaged in the process for providing technical support in respect of bed seed preparation, cultivation, fertilizer and water management and market linkage and as a result expected productions have been achieved in terms of economical benefit and growth.

## Cash for Work

The event on cash for work has been implemented in seven unions at Kalapara Upazila in cooperation with Helen Keller International supported by Save the Children USA. Under this project 2000 people, especially women use to involve in daily activities for minimum 100 days each with a view to the following:



- Sidr affected people earn a capital to start their regular and normal livelihood;
- Venerable people have an opportunity to participate in the community development work so that they will be linked with economical activities for their better livelihood;
- Re-excavation of pond and fitter road development will contribute their livelihoods and reinforcement their existing living quality; and
- To cooperate the local government in some extends of development.

The scheme was selected in community participation. Through the Focus Group Discussion community identify the schemes and priorities these as their importance in respect of economic and community benefit. For the particular scheme, community prepare a tentative work plan along with worker list, those are interested to work in the community. A scheme management committee is formed for each particular scheme to supervise and monitoring where community takes key responsibilities and speed trust the facilitation responsibility to completion the scheme.



The following schemes have been taken under Cash for Work:

- Fitter road repaid and development;
  - Pond re-excavation ;
  - Local schools repairing;
  - School ground development;
- Cultivation of road saplings;
  - Union Parishad road development etc.

Each worker has to identify by the local community and the respective community people are involved in the scheme and a Job Card has been issued for every worker for monitoring the wages and payment. As per the decision of the community, wages have been paid in weekly basic at the scheme area so that all sorts of problems have been solved through community participation.

During the period the following schemes have been implemented at Kalapara.

## Development partners and Resources

SL	Project Name	Funded	Budget (Taka)	Working Areas	Duration
1.	Preparedness for Effective Emergency Response (PEER)	Concern Worldwide/EC	45,000	Bauphal, Dashmina, Golachipa and Kalapara upazila of Patuakhali district	10 December 2006 onwards
2.	Cyclone Sidr Emergency Response Program-Phase-I	Concern Worldwide/EC	23,668,275	Bauphal, Dashmina, Golachipa and Kalapara upazila of Patuakhali district	22 <sup>nd</sup> November 2007 to 12 <sup>th</sup> December 2007
3.	Cyclone Sidr Emergency Response Program-Phase-II	Concern Worldwide/EC	17,596,175	Bauphal, Dashmina, Golachipa and Kalapara upazila of Patuakhali district	10 <sup>th</sup> December 2007 to 31 <sup>st</sup> March 2008
4.	Post SIDR Rehabilitation Project-Phase-III	Concern Worldwide/EC	12,065,275	Kalapara upazila of Patuakhali district	1 <sup>st</sup> March 2008 to 31 <sup>st</sup> July 2008
5.	Post SIDR Rehabilitation Project-Phase-IV	Concern Worldwide/EC	19,661,760	Bauphal, Dashmina and Golachipa	15 <sup>th</sup> May to 15 <sup>th</sup> October 2008
6.	Cyclone Sidr Recovery Program	DEC & ActionAid	13,258,610	Kalapara upazilla of Patuakhali district	1 <sup>st</sup> February 2008 to 31 <sup>st</sup> December 2008
7.	Aid Tracking	ActionAid	559,300	Kalapara upazilla of Patuakhali district	April 15, 2008 to November 15 2008
8.	Livelihood Recovery Program through DAP Emergency Fund	Helen Keller International	2,80,60,000	Kalapar upazila of Patuakhali district	November-08 to July 2008
9.	Post Sidr Seed Stack Replacement	Helen Keller International	1,210,000	Kalapar upazila of Patuakhali district	July-November 2008
10.	Emergency Recovery of Cyclone Sidr Affected Fishing Community	American Jewish World Service (AJWS)	8,34,900	Kalapara upazilla of Patuakhali district	1 <sup>st</sup> May 2008 to 1 <sup>st</sup> January 2009
11.	Contingency fund of Promoting Good Governance	Manusher Jonno Foundation	1,92,000	Bauphal of Patuakhali	
<b>Total</b>			<b>BDT 11,71,51,295</b>		

### Our direct partners in SIDR intervention

- **Actionaid**
- **Concern Worldwide**
- **Helen keller International**
- **American Jewish World Service (AJWS)**
- **Manusher Jonno Foundation (MJF)**