

Welcome to Monga Presentation September 2007



Outline

- Why did we initiate Monga study?
- What is the nature of challenge?
- What is being done by GOB? NGO?
- What are the recommendations?



Why do this study?

- **establish a comprehensive data base on: Monga vulnerability, coverage of safety net programmes, and interventions being currently undertaken;**
- **assess the effectiveness of the 2006 Monga response, and explore the potential for better coordination of efforts at the district level;**
- **Hold a national workshop in 2007 to present approaches and results; and develop a comprehensive anti-Monga strategy under Government leadership.**



- **The Concept of Monga: *Four Faces of Vulnerability***
- ***A long-term, anticipated vulnerability arising from a lack of seasonal employment;***
- ***Unpredictable year-to-year variation;***
- ***Area-specific ecological vulnerability arising from unpredictable river erosion etc;***
- **A general poverty problem of *high landlessness*.**
- **The 2007 flood impact: 1,373,962 people have been affected; it is most likely that the monga will be a severe one this year**

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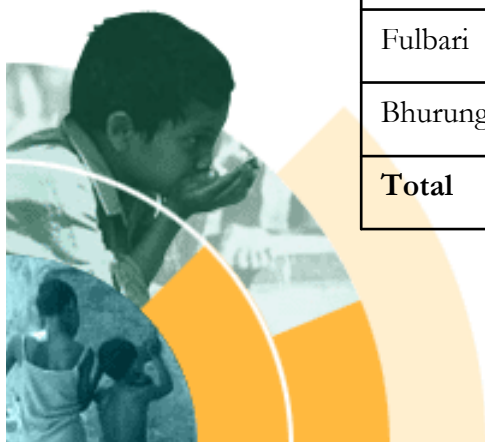
Database is developing

- Pally Karmo Shohayok Foundation (PKSF)
- Chars Livelihoods Programme (CLP)
- Grameen
- CARE
- BRAC
- Power and Participation Research Centre (PPRC)



Vulnerable Villages of Kurigram District

<i>Upazila</i>	<i>Total No. of Villages</i>	<i>Number of Vulnerable Villages</i>	<i>%</i>
Nageshwari	422	113	26.8
Rajarhat	109	37	33.9
Rajibpur	115	32	27.8
Raumari	195	67	34.4
Sadar	310	58	18.7
Chilmari	152	47	30.9
Ulipur	422	112	26.5
Fulbari	193	36	18.6
Bhurungamari	190	55	28.9
Total	2058	557	27



Types of Vulnerable Household in Kurigram District: 376,985

<i>Vulnerable Category</i>	<i>District Estimate (Number of households: Extrapolation from the Sample Survey of 33 villages)</i>
Chronic food deficit hhs (VGD clientele)	52,334
Seasonal food deficit hhs (VGF clientele)	4,724
Embankment Squatter households	6,333
Household without own homestead land	41,488
At-risk population in eco-vulnerable villages	90,811
Agri-labour households	111,294



GOB contributions in Kurigram in 2006

- 7 GOs disbursed 718.7 million Takas: 55.4% on relief, 28.5% on temporary employment, 15% on credit.
- Reached 438,056 beneficiaries (ie 24.6 ?) population of the district.
- Leakages
- **VGDs and VGF Allocations:** The mis-match
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NGOs Contributions in Kurigram in 2006

- 218.99 million taka spent on anti-*monga* programmes
- 54.4 percent - asset transfer, primarily livestock; The next 36.7 percent – went on temporary employment.
- NGO contributions are roughly 30% of the GOB and reached around 15% of the total populations.
- Issues: definition, multiple vulnerability, approaches, targeting,



Towards a Comprehensive Strategy:- thinking about interventions

- *Livelihood diversifications*
- *Improving Physical Protection for the identified eco-vulnerable micro regions*
- *Safety net portfolio*
- *Innovations on workfare i.e. short-term employment opportunities*



Towards a Comprehensive Strategy: Thinking about interventions (continued)

- *Greater attention to sustainable community asset creation*
- *Settlement for river-eroded households and households no homestead.*
- *Recommend to launch a coordinated regional comprehensive action plan using PPRC monga data-base*
- *Monga Region Annual Monitoring*

