

Update on Cyclone Sidr Disaster Response
Concern Worldwide, Bangladesh
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Concern Worldwide, Bangladesh is continuously monitoring the situation and has deployed Concern staff and partner organisation staff to assess the extent of the disaster and identify the areas and communities which need help acutely, keeping in mind the need to avoid duplication with relief operations by other NGOs.

Concern with funding from ECHO (Euro 580,000) and Concern General Donations (Euro 100,000) has started relief operations in Barguna and Patuakhali districts for 26,000 extreme poor families. It has been estimated that over 250 thousand families have been affected, death toll so far 1903 in these two districts. Concern sets priority to assist those families who have the least coping capacity and in areas where the response by other organisations may be limited. The relief package being given includes both food and non-food material (see details in Map). The relief package fixed according to international Sphere Standards will provide food for 15 days for each family. The relief operation will be implemented through three partner organisations – Speed Trust (Patuakhali), Dhaka Ahsania Mission- DAM (Barguna) and Sangram (Barguna).

The relief package for each family include: 30kg rice, 3kg pulses, 2 litres vegetable oil, 1 kg salt, 1 kg semolina, 1 kg sugar, 5 packets of ORS, 2 pieces of soap, 1 blanket, two shawls, 1 mosquito net, 6 candles and 2 boxes of matches.

Details of working location and number of families to be covered

District	Upazila	# of families to be supported	Implemented thru Partner NGO
Barguna	Patharghata	5,000	SANGRAM
		1,000	DAM
	Sadar	4,000	SANGRAM
		1,000	DAM
	Amtali	4,000	SANGRAM
		1,000	DAM
Sub-Total		16,000	
Patuakhali	Kalapara	3,000	SPEED-Trust
	Golachipa	3,000	SPEED-Trust
	Bawfal	2,500	SPEED-Trust
	Dasmina	1,500	SPEED-Trust
	Sub-Total		10,000
Grand Total		26,000	

It is expected that the first distribution will take place on Thursday 22nd Nov'07.