



Save the Children

SAVE THE CHILDREN ALLIANCE
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BANGLADESH CYCLONE SIDR

I. Save the Children Response Overview

To date, Save the Children has provided food, NFIs, water and health services to more than 300,000 people affected by cyclone Sidr, which struck the southern coast of Bangladesh on November 15, 2007.

We are working in eight districts of Barisal and Khulna divisions along the southern coast of Bangladesh (please see appendix A for details on distributions in each district). The agency has opened six safe play spaces benefiting 1,900 children and is supporting Government of Bangladesh health facilities with a water ambulance to transport ill and injured patients. A total of 498 people have been transported to date.

To date, Save the Children has distributed:

- Household items to 7,018 families
- High energy biscuits to 67,337 families
- Blankets to 850 families
- Water to 2,720 families
- Halo tabs for water purification to 405 families
- 8,000 oral rehydration solution packets

II. Situation Update

UN OCHA reports that more than four million people in 28 southern districts are now known to have been directly affected by cyclone Sidr. According to UNICEF, more than half of those affected are children.

The Government of Bangladesh (GoB) reports an increasing death toll of 3,447 people, with a further 2,062 missing. The Bangladesh Red Crescent Society has said it expects the number of fatalities to exceed 10,000. The GoB estimates that over 300,511 homes were destroyed and a further 626,088 houses were partially damaged. An estimated 870,000 acres of crops were damaged. Extensive damage to roads and public buildings is also evident, including 792 educational institutions destroyed and another 4,393 partially damaged. The worst affected areas include Bagerhat, Barguna, Barisal, Bhola, Gopalganj, Jhalkhati, Khulna, Mandaripur, Patuakhali, Pirojpur, Satkhira and Shariatpur districts.

Save the Children, along with local authorities, have conducted assessments in 37 upazilas (sub districts) in six districts of Barisal division. The assessments confirmed a death toll of up to 1,861 with 62,472 injured, and 1,870 missing in the 37 upazilas.

The disaster emergency response (DER) committee involving NGOs, UN agencies (led by WFP) and donor representatives in Dhaka is meeting every other day. The UN has established two clusters: health and water and sanitation which Save the Children attended.

Save the Children has agreed to allow the UN to place a repeater station on our radio tower in Barisal (the highest point in the area) to enable other agencies to utilize telecommunications facilities.

III. Response by Sector

Food and NFIs

Save the Children is continuing to distribute high energy biscuits, blankets and household items (please see appendix C for a full list of NFIs) in six districts of Barisal district. Food distribution is expected to begin tomorrow in Shoronkhola upazila, Bagerhat district Khulna division.

Water and Sanitation

Save the Children has installed two mobile water plants in Bhola and Jalakhathi districts, Barisal. The plants have provided a total of 30,400 liters of water to 2,720 families.



Discussions with the US Navy are underway regarding assistance in bringing two reverse osmosis water plants into severely impacted areas along the southern coast.

Health

In Barisal and Bhola districts, Save the Children is operating a water ambulance to transport injured and ill people to government health facilities. A total of 498 patients have been transported to date. We have partnered with one government medical team in Shoronkhola upazila, Bagerhat district and expect to begin work tomorrow.

Save the Children has an existing network of 3,000 community health volunteers (CHVs) in Barisal division. We are in the process of mobilizing the CHVs to assist with distribution of ORS and training on its use and diarrhea prevention. The CHVs will also help monitor potential disease outbreaks.

Protection

Six safe place spaces were opened in Shoronkhola and Pather Ghata upazilas (Khulna division) and are being used by 1,900 children. A fourth safe place is expected to become operational tomorrow. Each child is provided with one hot meal a day, drinking water, medical attention, sanitation facilities and medical attention. UNICEF has agreed to provide 100 "children's kits," each of which can be used by 25 children.

Before the cyclone, Save the Children's local partners were already supporting 50 children's clubs in Barisal division (Pirojpur, Barisal, Poruakhali and Borguna districts) and Khulna division (Baghethat district). At least three were badly damaged by the cyclone.

Appendix A

Details of Save the Children beneficiaries by district to date

Cyclone SIDR Distribution Summary

Status as of today:

District	NFI		HALO TAB		HEB		Blanket		ORS		Water supply		Health Service by WA		Leaflet	
	Pkt	# Family	Nos	# Family	Pkt	# family	Nos	# Family	Nos	# Family	Litre	# Family	# Person	# Family	Nos	# Family
Barguna	978	978	10000	500	138500	13850	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	500	500
Barisal	1800	1800	6000	300	140000	14000	300	300	0	0	0	0	218	0	0	0
Bhola	2300	2300	0	0	0	0	300	300	8000	TBD	24000	2400	280	0	0	0
Jalakhathi	140	140	0	0	23500	2350	50	50	0	0	6400	320	0	0	0	0
Patuakhali	1800	1800	400	20	230500	23050	200	200	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Pirojpur	0	0	0	0	140870	14087	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	7018	7018	16400	820	673370	67337	850	850	8000	0	30400	2720	498	0	500	500

Appendix B

Save the Children's assessment 37 *upazilas* (out of a total of 39) in six districts of Barisal division

Description	Name of District						Total
	Barisal	Patuakhali	Bhola	Jhalakathi	Barguna	Pirojpur	
# of affected Upazila	10	6	7	4	5	7	39
# of affected Union	85	64	39	20	39	36	283
# of affected Pourashava/Ward	11	27		54	45	10	147
# of affected village	1156	821		276	573	339	3165
# of death	94	282	23	36	1125	301	1861
# of injury	1491	8365	315	119	47160	5022	62472
# of missing	61	471	2	4	1314	18	1870
# of affected population	866140	797390	88331	445500	692746	692675	3582782
# of fully damaged house	123877	98091	11488	73950	133522	100255	541183
# of Cattle	603	29267	495	545	8542	2792	42244
# of Cattle (Goat)	495	29540	-	245	11250	1495	43025
# of poultry	70500	209100	5050	6550	604818	41660	937678
Damage of crop (fully) in Acre	116387	420623	134519	41045	215783	113212	1041569
# of affected people of most risk	17,704	8,893	11,935	15,600	141,290	1,430	196,852

Appendix C
NFI kit contents

Sl.	Description of items	Quantity	Remarks
01.	Rice Cooking pot (Medium)	01 Pc.	
02.	Curry pot	01 Pc.	
03.	Rice Spoon	01 Pc.	
04.	Curry spoon	01 Pc.	
05.	Plastic Bucket	01 Pc.	
06.	Melamine Plate	02 Pc.	
07.	Melamine Glass	01 Pc.	
08.	Plastic Bowl (Medium)	01 Pc.	
09.	Plastic Bowl (Small)	01 Pc.	
10.	Rope (Plastic)	250 gms	White soft, good quality
11.	Plastic Sheet (deep blue)	01 pc/15ft	
12.	Soap (lifebuoy)	02 Pc.	
13.	Candle	06 pc.	(Medium size)
14.	Match box	02 pc.	