



SAVE THE CHILDREN ALLIANCE
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BANGLADESH CYCLONE SIDR



Recreational activities for girls at a child friendly space in Padma Slulizd



Hot meal at a child friendly space in Zia Maiden

I. Save the Children Response Overview

To date, Save the Children has provided emergency relief to more 90,000 families 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 ten child friendly spaces benefiting 3,000 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 8,549 families
- High energy biscuits to 90,010 families
- Blankets to 3,941 families
- Water to 4,222 families
- Halo tabs for water purification to 2,730 families
- 8,000 oral rehydration solution packets

II. Situation Update

The Government of Bangladesh (GoB) Ministry of Food and Disaster Management shared a Status Update which highlighted Barguna, Bagerhat, Patuakhali and Pirojpur as the worst affected districts. The report stated that 5.48 million people have been affected in 30 districts. Search and rescue, first aid and distribution of water, food, clothing, blankets and other relief were identified as immediate priorities.

A disaster emergency response (DER) meeting was held in Dhaka today. The government announced that it will start a Vulnerable Group Feeding (VGF) program in the affected areas in December. They also said that India has lifted its ban on food export so they are optimistic about the possibility of food being imported from India. Food stocks in country will last until March but the next harvest is not until May. Therefore, there is a food gap of at least two months. Further, it is not clear whether the estimates cover all food in country or only food which is in government stockpiles and able to be distributed in affected areas.

UNICEF hosted an education cluster meeting where agencies shared concern about the lack of data regarding the cyclone's impact on schools. UNICEF proposed that Save the Children take the lead in conducting an education assessment, which is currently being discussed by Alliance partners in country.

The FAO announced that cyclone Sidr affected the livelihoods of over 6.7 million people. The main annual rice crop was in the field at the time of the storm and up to 95% damaged in some areas.

Initial reports from Kholna division indicate that a large number of children have lost one or both parents. In Southkali, for example, 400-500 children have lost parents and are now living with relatives. The financial cost this imposes on already poor families increases these children's risk of child labor, trafficking and other forms of exploitation.

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.

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 51,200 liters of water to 4,222 families.

Discussions continue with the US Navy as to how they can support distribution of fresh water. Because their reverse osmosis plants require some technical expertise to operate, the idea of desalinating water aboard their ship, then transporting it to shore in large bladders, was proposed.

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.

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

Ten child friendly spaces (previously referred to as “safe place spaces) have been opened in two districts. 100 “children’s kits,” each of which can be used by 25 children, were provided by UNICEF. In addition to providing children with one hot meal a day and play and recreational activities, the spaces are being used by other partners to reach children and families. The Ministry of Health, for example, is using the spaces to screen patients and treat minor injuries.

Appendix A

Details of Save the Children beneficiaries by district to date

Cyclone SIDR
Distribution Summary
Status as of November 22,2007

District	NFI		Halo Tab (WPT)		HEB		Blanket		Water supply		Health Service by WA	
	Pkt	# Family	Nos	# Family	Pkt	# family	Nos	# Family	Litre	# Family	# Person	# Family
Barguna	1400	1400	14000	700	285000	28500	0	0	0	0	0	0
Barisal	1800	1800	14000	700	140000	14000	1200	1200	0	0	218	0
Bhola	2500	2500	10000	500	0	0	1600	1600	34300	3300	280	0
Jalakhathi	200	200	3000	150	50000	5000	100	100	16900	922	0	0
Patuakhali	2199	2199	6600	330	250000	25000	391	391	0	0	0	0
Pirojpur	450	450	7000	350	190100	17510	650	650	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	8549	8549	54600	2730	915100	90010	3941	3941	51200	4222	498	0

Appendix BSave 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.	