



SAVE THE CHILDREN ALLIANCE
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BANGLADESH CYCLONE SIDR

I. Save the Children
Response Overview

To date, Save the Children has provided emergency relief to more 130,000 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 42 child friendly spaces benefiting 4,500 children and is conducting health activities in partnership with local NGOs, community volunteers and the government health department.



Children under a makeshift shelter in Barisal

To date, Save the Children has distributed at least:

- Family food packs to 9,050 families
- Household items to 9,600 families
- High energy biscuits to 190,520 families
- Blankets to 7,668 families
- Water to 13,950 families
- Halo tabs for water purification to 9,332 families
- 28,000 oral rehydration solution packets

II. Situation Update

Save the Children staff in Barguna district (Barisal division) report that a large number of people from remote villages where aid has not reached are gathering near the main highway to ask for relief. They report entire villages being washed away with residents scattered by the floods and large numbers of people injured and missing. This indicates that there are a large number of people still in need of assistance.

The Government of Bangladesh announced that it will provide food assistance (15 kg of rice per family per month) to 2,590,000 people in 12 districts beginning on the first of December.

Government of Bangladesh (GoB) official estimates of cyclone Sidr damages stand at 6.7 million people affected with a death toll of 3,033 people, a further 1,828 missing and 34,511 injured. Over 363,346 homes were destroyed and a further 815,628 houses were partially damaged. More than 1.6 million acres of crops are damaged and over 462,815 livestock (a critical household asset) were killed. Extensive damage to roads and public buildings was reported, including 1,355 educational institutions destroyed and another 7,847 partially damaged.

Early recovery, logistics and information management meetings were held in Dhaka today.

III. Response by Sector

21 teams of Save the Children staff (about three people per team) are conducting assessments in 21 unions with a focus on Barguna and Patuakhali districts.

Food and NFIs

Distribution of 5,000 OFDA-supported "family food packs" (rice, lentils, cooking oil, salt and potato) was completed today. Save the Children is continuing to distribute rice provided by WFP as well as pulses and vegetable oil normally used for regular development programs in Barisal district. A contract is being negotiated with WFP to distribute 23,000 metric tons of food in January and February.

Field teams are currently finalizing items for shelter kit contents and are considering including wooden poles and corrugated iron sheets.

Water and Sanitation

Save the Children moved two water plants from Bhola and Jalakhathi districts to more affected areas in Barguna and Pathuakhali districts. An additional water plant has been installed in Barguna district. As of November 25, the plants have provided a total of 61,500 liters of water to 5,727 families. An additional four water plants are expected soon. A partner organization, Muslim Aid, is providing drinking water at a safe play space through a water purification plant in Bagerhat districts.

Field teams report that sweet water sources in Barguna district were made saline by floods following the cyclone. Save the Children has sent a team of staff from our local partner, NGO Forum, to test the salt level in local water sources and determine whether or not it is safe for use.

Health

Government medical teams are providing medical assistance at 12 child friendly spaces, along with Save the Children medical staff.

Medicines received from Americares are currently in Barisal. Save the Children is working with BRAC, a national NGO, to prioritize medicines for immediate use, including antibiotics, ORS and ointments for skin and eye infections. Five medical teams from BRAC,

15 from GK (a local NGO) and 22 from the Ministry of Health will screen cases and provide medicines accordingly in the worst-hit areas of Barguna and Pathukhali districts.

Save the Children's community health volunteers continue to distribute ORS, provide education about health and hygiene and conduct disease surveillance. About 300 volunteers are working to identify families for possible health interventions in 19 unions of Barisal division.

Protection

Forty-two child friendly spaces have been opened in five districts of Barisal and Khulna divisions benefiting 4,500 children. Thirty of these spaces are operated by a local partner in Barisal district (UDDIPAN). The remaining 12 in Khulna and Barisal divisions provide 3,000 children with one hot meal a day and basic medical care, in addition to play and recreational activities. Registration of children is underway at these 12 spaces.

IV. Security

The security situation in Save the Children's impact areas is currently stable. Telecommunications and internet in Barisal are functioning.

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Appendix A

Details of Save the Children beneficiaries by district and *upazila* to date

Districts	Upazilas	Distribution as of 25 November									
		NFI		HALO TAB		HEB		Blanket		Water supply	
		Pkt	# Family	Nos	# Family	Packet	# family	Nos	# Family	Amount	# Family
Barisal	Barisal Sadar	-	-	-	-	30,000	2,000	-	-	-	-
Barisal	Bakergonj	800	800	6,000	300	120,000	10,000	600	600	-	-
Barisal	Mehendigonj	-	-	2,000	200	95,000	8,000	-	-	-	-
Barisal	Hizla	-	-	-	-	52,500	4,500	-	-	-	-
Barisal	Muladi	600	600	8,000	400	30,000	2,000	500	500	-	-
Barisal	Babugonj	400	400	2,000	150	22,500	1,500	100	100	-	-
Barisal	Gaurnadi	-	-	2,000	150	22,500	1,500	-	-	-	-
Barisal	Agailjhara	-	-	-	-	22,500	1,500	-	-	-	-
Barisal	Banaripara	-	-	-	-	30,000	2,000	-	-	-	-
Barisal	Wazirpur	-	-	-	-	22,500	1,500	-	-	-	-
Barisal District Total		1,800	1,800	20,000	1,000	447,500	34,500	1,200	1,200	-	-
Bhola	Bhola Sadar	600	600	-	-	-	-	200	200	65,800	6,580
Bhola	Daulatkan	200	200	-	-	-	-	150	150	-	-
Bhola	Burhanuddin	500	500	10,000	600	-	-	350	350	-	-

Bhola	Tazumuddin	260	260	-	-	-	-	100	100	-	-
Bhola	Lalmohan	300	300	-	-	-	-	100	100	-	-
Bhola	Char Fasson	140	140	-	-	-	-	200	200	-	-
Bhola	Monpura	500	500	-	-	-	-	500	500	-	-
Bhola District Total		2,500	2,500	10,000	500	-	-	1,600	1,600	65,800	6,580
Patuakhali	Patuakhali Sadar	400	400	11,600	580	90,000	8,000	400	400	-	-
Patuakhali	Bauphal	-	-	-	-	7,500	500	200	200	-	-
Patuakhali	Dashmina	-	-	1,000	50	30,000	2,000	193	193	-	-
Patuakhali	Galachipa	800	800	-	-	190,000	16,000	500	500	-	-
Patuakhali	Kalapara	599	599	8,900	527	135,000	12,000	300	300	-	-
Patuakhali	Mirjagonj	400	400	9,000	450	60,000	40,000	300	300	-	-
Patuakhali District Total		2,199	2,199	30,500	1,525	512,500	78,500	1,893	1,893	-	-
Barguna	Barguna Sadar	500	500	5,000	250	195,000	15,500	300	300	-	-
Barguna	Patharghata	500	500	5,000	250	90,000	17,000	700	700	-	-
Barguna	Amtali	500	500	8,500	525	240,000	20,000	400	400	-	-
Barguna	Betagi	-	-	-	-	10,800	720	75	75	-	-
Barguna	Bamna	-	-	-	-	11,250	750	100	100	-	-
Barguna District Total					925					-	-

		1,500	1,500	18,500		547,050	53,970	1,575	1,575		
Jhalakathi	Jhalakathi Sadar	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Jhalakathi	Nalchiti	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	33,200	3,320
Jhalakathi	Rajapur	200	200	3,000	150	-	-	100	100	-	-
Jhalakathi	Kathalia	401	401	5,000	250	50,000	5,000	-	-	-	-
Jhalokathi District Total		601	601	8,000	400	50,000	5,000	100	100	33,200	3,320
Pirojpur	Pirojpur Sadar	500	500	3,000	150	97,000	8,000	400	400	-	-
Pirojpur	Bhandaria	-	-	2,000	100	95,000	7,000	200	200	-	-
Pirojpur	Mathbaria	300	300	-	-	150,000	12,000	500	500	-	-
Pirojpur	Kawkhali	-	-	-	-	37,500	2,500	-	-	-	-
Pirojpur	Nesarabad (Swarupkathi)	-	-	-	-	60,000	4,000	-	-	-	-
Pirojpur	Nazirpur	200	200	2,000	100	20,000	2,000	200	200	-	-
Pirojpu District Total		1,000	1,000	7,000	350	145,000	14,500	1,300	1,300	-	-
Grand Total		9,600	9,600	94,000	5,282	1,702,050	186,470	7,668	7,668	99,000	9,900

Additionally, in Potuakhali, Pirajpur and Barguna, Save the Children has distributed

- High energy biscuits to 4,050 families (Total 16,200 packets)
- Water to 4,050 families
- Halo tabs for water purification to 4,050 families (40,500 tablets)
- 43,860 oral rehydration solution (ORS) packets

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.	