

SAVE THE CHILDREN ALLIANCE  
SITREP # 12 - 7 DECEMBER 2007  
BANGLADESH CYCLONE SIDR

I. Save the Children Response Overview

To date, Save the Children has provided emergency relief to more than 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 53 child friendly spaces benefiting 9,600 children and is conducting health activities in partnership with local NGOs, community volunteers and the government health department.



Children in a Safe Space managed by Save the Children

To date, Save the Children has distributed:

- Food rations (rice, pulses, salt and edible oil) to more than 26,000 families
- Household items to more than 13,800 families
- 2.3 million packets of high energy biscuits
- Blankets to more than 10,000 families
- 774,000 liters of fresh water from water purification plans
- Halo tabs for water purification to more than 11,000 families
- 28,000 oral rehydration solution packets

II. Situation Update

The latest UN situation update (December 3) reports that Cyclone Sidr has affected 8.6 million people in 31 districts, with 3,292 people killed, 52,808 injured and 871 still missing.

The Government of Bangladesh (GoB) estimates that 563,887 homes were completely destroyed (939,675 damaged) with 2,400 educational institutions totally damaged and 12,399 partially.

Approximately 690 government medical teams (consisting of medical doctors and paramedics) are working in the affected areas. A high prevalence of typhoid fever and skin diseases has been detected in Bagerhat district. It is anticipated that water borne disease as well as ARI/Pneumonia cases may increase due to lack of food, safe drinking water and poor sanitation, inadequate shelter and a shortage of warm clothes, especially for children.

Although UN OCHA has not formally activated the cluster system, logistics, health, early recovery, shelter, protection and education clusters are meeting informally. Under the leadership of the government, Disaster Emergency Response (DER) general coordination meetings and information management meetings are being held about once a week. Save the Children is actively participating in all clusters. This week, cluster meetings focused largely on the use of the Who, What, and Where templates, the need for further joint assessments and how to best support the GoB response plan. At the same day, the World Bank has called a meeting to discuss assessments and further cooperation, with a special focus on recovery.

Relief assistance from international donors now totals USD 233.5 million. The World Bank has pledged funding of up to USD 250 million, and the Asian Development Bank is formulating a relief and reconstruction proposal worth USD 150 million, potentially above USD 200 million, pending co-financing arrangements.

### III. Response by Sector

Four boats provided by DFID are expected in Barisal by Friday, December 7<sup>th</sup>.

#### Needs Assessments

A rapid needs assessment was conducted in Sharonkola and included discussions with community groups and children. The assessment is currently being compiled and translated into English. Initial findings include reports of increased domestic violence since the cyclone and concern about a lack of shelter (children commented that the places they were living now were very cramped, damp and difficult to sleep in). These difficult living conditions may be causing an increase in domestic violence. Children also said they had little to do because schools are not operating and they have no idea when schools will start again, which is causing an increased sense of insecurity. Separated and unaccompanied children are an issue - they have been absorbed into the community/extended family but there is concern about the capacity to care for these children and thus an imperative to register and monitor the situation of these children.

#### Food and NFIs

The next major round of NFI distributions is being planned, with 11,000 household kits including two blankets per kit. 10,000 more kits are in the process of being procured. Food has been distributed to 21,000 households (rice, oil and pulses). SC is in the process of having 1,500 metric tons of wheat milled into flour so it can be distributed.

### Protection

Training for 21 safe space facilitators was developed and piloted in the Sharonkola district. A training for 20 adolescent girls on protection (vulnerabilities of adolescent girls and how to support each other) and hygiene was implemented before distribution of hygiene kits. On Friday, December 7<sup>th</sup> a meeting of Alliance members was held in Dhaka to formulate an agreed upon strategy and basic minimum standards for safe spaces, and to clarify and come to an agreement on common terminology. The key deliverable from this meeting will be a standardized training manual looking at minimum standards in the design, implementation, and management of safe spaces.

### Health

Half of the 27 metric tons of AmeriCares medicines have been distributed (see last sit rep for a list of health teams). An initial report states that 15 BRAC teams have provided healthcare to 851 people in Barguna Sadar and 1,496 people in Pathergatha. VP5 (high energy biscuits for pregnant/breastfeeding women and young children) distribution was completed with 51 metric tons provided to 25,000 households.

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## Appendix A

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



Cyclone SIDR  
Distribution Summary  
Status as of December 06,2007

District	Household Kits	High Energy Biscuits		HALO TAB		Blanket (1 per family)		Freshwater from water purification plants		Water purification leaflet		Family Food Packs		Food (rice, pulses, salt, oil)		Plastic sheet (OFDA)		Plastic Balti		Jerrican (OFDA)	
	# Family	Pkt	# family	Nos	# Family	Nos	# Family	Litre	# Family	Nos.	#family	Quantity	Family	Quantity	Family	Allocati on (Pkt)	Distribut ed ( HH)	Allocati on (Pkt)	Distribut ed ( HH)	Allocati on (Pkt)	Distribut ed ( HH)
Barisal	1500	697500	56000	53000	2650	3300	3300	528050	52805	2650	2650	3000	3000	6000	6000	900	900	1000	1000	400	400
Barisal	1800	447500	34500	20000	1000	1200	1200	0	0	1000	1000	0	0	3030	3030	0	0	100	100	0	0
Barisal	2500	0	0	20000	1000	1600	1600	64500	6450	1000	1000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Barisal	601	50000	5000	5000	250	100	100	33200	3320	250	250	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Barisal	2199	850000	74000	83500	4175	2993	2993	101750	10175	4175	4175	2500	2500	6133	6133	600	600	400	400	500	500
Barisal	1000	490100	37510	54000	2700	1300	1300	0	0	2700	2700	0	0	6064	6064	0	0	0	0	0	0
Barisal	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	46500	4650	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>9600</b>	<b>2535100</b>	<b>207010</b>	<b>235500</b>	<b>11775</b>	<b>10493</b>	<b>10493</b>	<b>774000</b>	<b>77400</b>	<b>11775</b>	<b>11775</b>	<b>5500</b>	<b>5500</b>	<b>21227</b>	<b>21227</b>	<b>1500</b>	<b>1500</b>	<b>1500</b>	<b>1500</b>	<b>900</b>	<b>900</b>

## Appendix B

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

## Appendix C

### List of household kit contents

<b>Sl.</b>	<b>Description of items</b>	<b>Quantity</b>	<b>Remarks</b>
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.	