

SAVE THE CHILDREN ALLIANCE
SITREP # 13 - 14 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).

In the past week a DFID-sponsored boat safety training was successfully conducted for 15 staff. Additionally an orientation session for 100 Imams (Muslim religious leaders) from Dhaka and Barisal was held. Islamic Foundation, and Save the Children was invited to make a presentation on our emergency response to the cyclone as well as SC's longer term development programs. The Imams expressed their gratitude to Save the Children for the support that has been provided to the people of Bangladesh.



A safe water distribution point in Barguna district

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 20,000 families
- 2.3 million packets of high energy biscuits
- Blankets to more than 10,000 families
- More than 1.5 million liters of fresh water from water purification plans
- Halo tabs for water purification to more than 11,000 families

II. Situation Update

The latest UN situation update (December 10) reports that Cyclone Sidr has affected 8.9 million people in 31 districts, with 3,347 people killed, 55,282 injured and 871 unaccounted for.

The Government of Bangladesh (GoB) estimates that 563,887 homes were completely destroyed (955,065 damaged) with 4,231 educational institutions totally damaged and 12,723 partially.

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 feedback from initial assessments and discussion of outstanding or unmet needs. INGO coordination is also taking place, with discussions focusing on how to best coordinate with local partners.

The Early Recovery Assessment, lead by the Early Recover cluster, will bring together over 60 Government and NGO representatives who will conduct assessments in 6 districts, 12 upzillas, and 36 unions. The findings of the assessment will form the core of the early recovery strategic plan, and will be undertaken in early January.

Relief assistance pledges from international donors now totals USD 237.8 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. The top five donors are: Saudi Arabia (USD 102.7 million), United States (USD 19.5 million), Japan (USD 18.0 million), UN (USD 15.4 million, incl. CERF), United Kingdom (USD 14 million), and Kuwait (USD 10 million).

III. Response by Sector

Food and NFIs

The past week was spent preparing for the next round of food distribution, which is planned to take place during upcoming Eid holiday in all of Save the Children's impact areas. Plans for the next round of NFI distributions have been made. A total of 10,000 household kits and 5,000 shelter kits will be distributed in six unions.

Protection

During the past week members of the Save the Children Alliance began formulating a strategy on how to transition children from safe spaces back into the formal education while still meeting their emergency needs. A strategy document, recommendations, and work plan are currently being finalized and will be rolled out in the coming weeks.

Health

Clean community birth kits were delivered to 2,000 pregnant women. At the same time, newborn baby kits are being procured and will target 1,260 beneficiaries. Hygiene kits have been distributed to 30,000 households and 5,000 more kits are being procured. Government- and NGO-sponsored mobile medical teams continue to operate with support from Save the Children in the form of medicines.

Water

To date a total of 1,667,200 liters of fresh water have been provided, covering 99,863 households in four districts. Mobile water delivery units are also operational. The communities are highly appreciative of the water supply, with community demand continually increasing. Save the Children will also begin pond cleaning operations in order to reduce the levels of contamination.

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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 14,2007

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
	# Family	Pkt	# family	Nos	# Family	Nos	# Family	Litre	# Family	Nos.	#family	Quantity	Family	Quantity	Family	Allocation (Pkt)	Distributed (HH)	Allocation (Pkt)	Distributed (HH)	Allocati on (Pkt)
Barguna	6,303	697,500	56,000	53,000	2,650	3,350	3,350	999,550	99,955	2,650	2,650	3,000	3,000	6,000	6,000	900	900	1,000	1,000	400
Barisal	1,800	447,500	34,500	20,000	1,000	1,200	1,200	0	0	1,000	1,000	0	0	3,030	3,030	0	0	100	100	0
Bhola	2,500	0	0	20,000	1,000	1,600	1,600	64,500	6,450	1,000	1,000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Jalakhathi	601	50,000	5,000	5,000	250	100	100	33,200	3,320	250	250	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Patuakhali	8,399	580,000	47,000	83,500	4,175	2,993	2,993	203,150	20,315	4,175	4,175	2,500	2,500	6,133	6,133	600	600	400	400	500
Pirojpur	1,000	490,100	37,510	54,000	2,700	1,300	1,300	0	0	2,700	2,700	0	0	6,064	6,064	0	0	0	0	0
Bagerhat	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	223,000	22,300	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	20,603	2,265,100	180,010	235,500	11,775	10,543	10,543	1,523,400	152,340	11,775	11,775	5,500	5,500	21,227	21,227	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500	900

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	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

List of household 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.	