



**PUBLIC HEALTH SITUATION AT A GLANCE  
SUPER CYCLONE 'SIDR': BANGLADESH  
16 JANUARY 2008, 20:30 HRS (BDST)**



**Public Health Situation in 9 Districts: (Since 27 December 2007 to 15 January 2008)**

- Total severely affected Districts: 9
- Total severely affected Upazilas: 57
- Total severely affected unions: 438
- Total Cases (From 26 November 2007 to 15 January 2008): 1,11,304
- Apart from Government facilities, BDRCS treated 41,095 (20 Nov to 16 Dec) and BRAC treated 26,552 patients (29 Nov to 19 Dec) respectively
- DGHS Medical Team: 690
- Doctors working in Medical Team: 1204 including specialist physicians

*Source: DGHS, MoH&FW*

**Public Health Situation Highlights:**

- **Highlights during 27 December 2007 to 15 January 2008 in 9 districts**

Disease	Number of Cases
Diarrhoea	3572
ARI/Pneumonia	3210
Skin Disease	7538
Eye Infection	2309
Fever/Typhoid (Clinically suspected)	10359
Jaundice	44
<b>Total</b>	<b>27032</b>

- Bagerhat district still showing highest number of cases during post disaster situation.
- Disease trend remain unchanged.
- Fever/Typhoid (Suspected) followed by Skin diseases still shows high trend.
- In Bagerhat district, 50% cases reported were of less than 14 years age group.

**Public Health Intervention:**

- 5 Health Cluster meetings, Local Consultative Group, Disaster and Emergency Response (DER) sub-group have taken place during 2007. 6<sup>th</sup> Health Cluster meeting is scheduled to be held on 17 January 2008.
- At field level, health cluster meeting has started in SIDR affected districts (Total 9).

Barisal district - 4 HC meetings have taken place.  
Bagerhat district - 1 HC meeting has taken place  
Jhalokathi district - 1 HC meeting has taken place  
Barguna district - 1 HC meeting has taken place  
Patuakhali district - 1 HC meeting has taken place  
Pirojpur district - 1 HC meeting has taken place

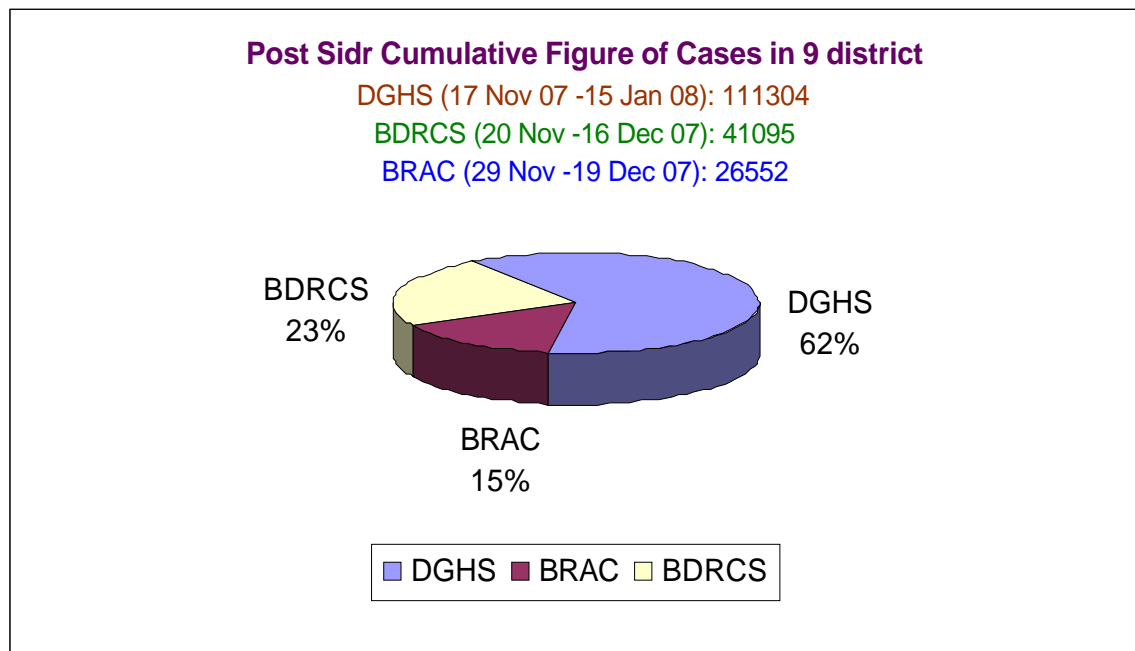
- Case definition for priority diseases has been finalized. Disease Surveillance format has been revised with special emphasis on age and gender segregation to identify vulnerable groups and NGOs are also providing report in the same format to the Civil Surgeons of respective districts.
- First training on "Capacity Building of Senior level health managers" of SIDR affected districts in Barisal division took place on 9-10 January, 2008 and the second one for Khulna Division will be held during 27-28 January 2008.

- WHO received 4 water treatment plants and other accessories from Norway and distributed to Sidr affected areas. Concerned DPHE Engineers and other personnel have received Operational training on Mobile Water Purifying Plant by Norwegian technicians that has been completed with the technical support of WHO.
- Post SIDR Health Needs Assessment of DGHS, MOH&FW has been started in 9 SIDR affected districts by Merlin with technical assistance from WHO and IEDCR. The final report will be available by 2<sup>nd</sup> week of February 2008.
- Health Cluster has represented in Early Recovery National Workshop on 7 January 2008 and provided Health Chapter and Early Recovery Detailed Project Plans for unmet needs by the MOH&FW recently.  
Next Early Recovery National Workshop will be held on 20 January 2008
- For the health sector reconstruction & rehabilitation, WHO is providing technical support to the World Bank in DNA (Damage Needs Assessment) in most affected districts affected by Cyclone Sidr.

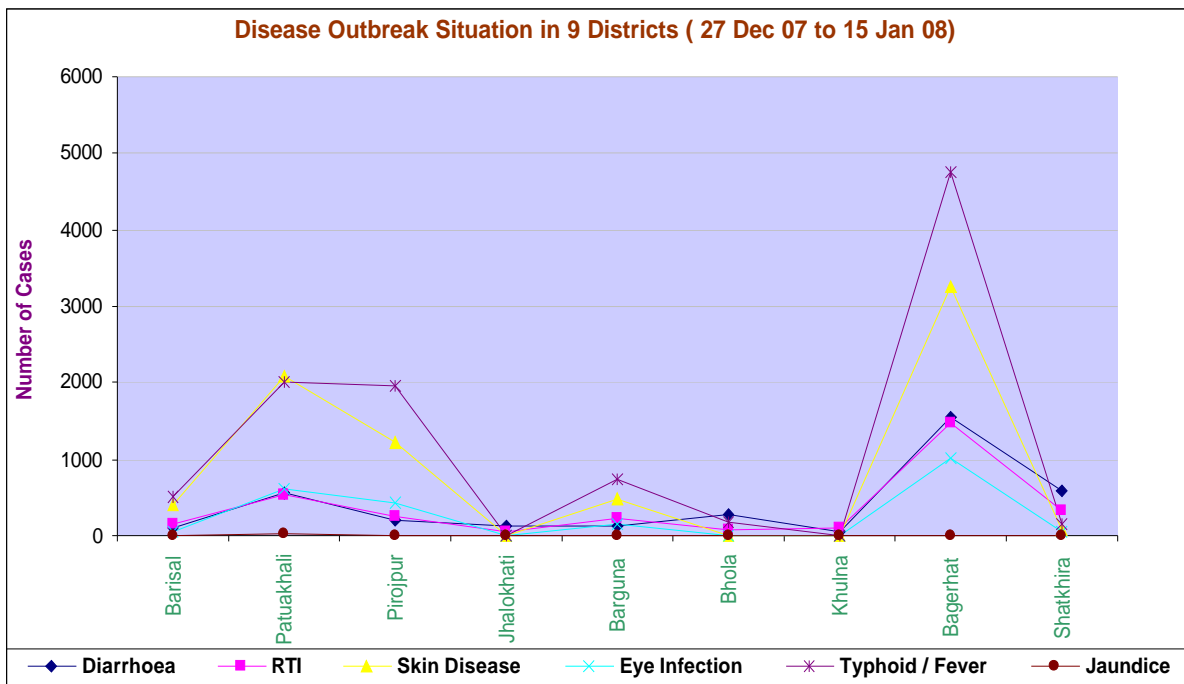
### Challenges and Priority Action:

- Training on Capacity Building through initiating the process of establishment of Health Disaster Management Institute
- Piloting of emergency Public Health interventions in the affected areas to replicate the successful interventions in other affected areas
- Provision of rapid transport on road, river and air way for health sector.

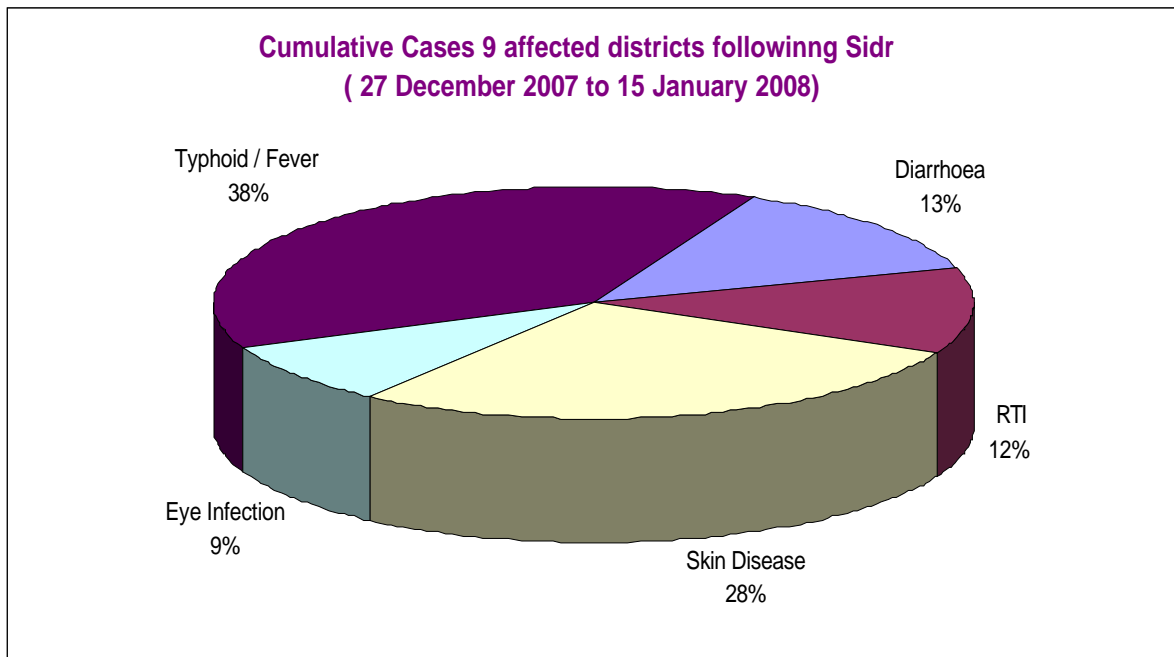
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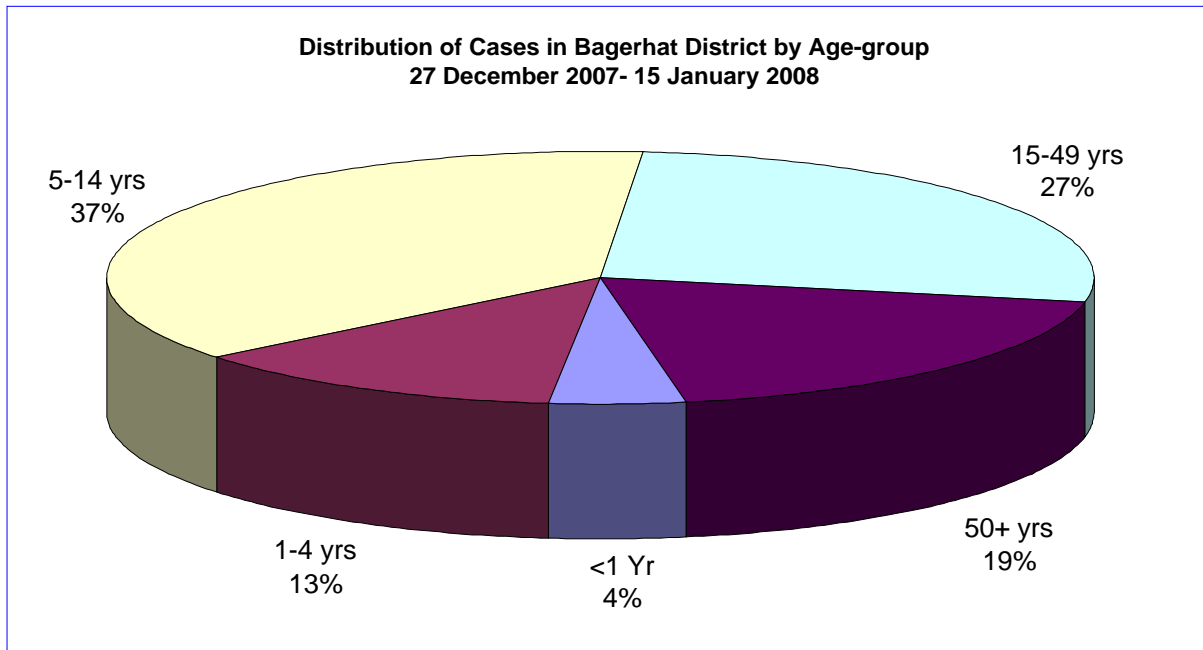
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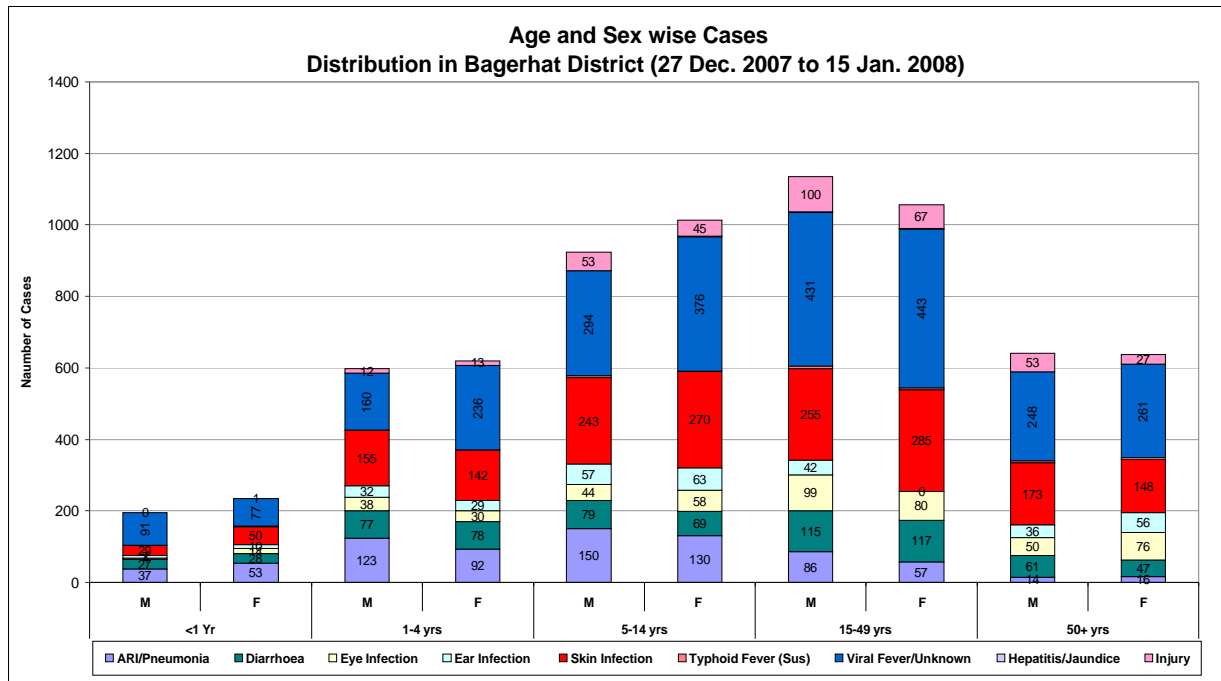
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