

National Workshop on Sidr 2007: Early Recovery

A National Workshop on Sidr 2007: Early Recovery was held on 7 January 2008 at BIAM Auditorium in Dhaka. The Disaster Management Bureau (DMB), in collaboration with UNDP Bangladesh, as a lead agency of Disaster Emergency Response Coordination Group on Early Recovery organized the workshop.

In the inaugural session, the Secretary, Ministry of Food and Disaster Management (MoFDM) stated that the workshop aims to gain national momentum for addressing the post-emergency short-term needs of Sidr affected communities while the long-term comprehensive reconstruction and redevelopment is being planned.

Manoj Basnyat, UNDP Country Director, reaffirmed Government leadership throughout the response phase of Cyclone Sidr as well as the continuing support and participation of UNDP and other international partners in the early recovery efforts.

The Ministry of Planning underscored the importance of coordination and planning in early recovery and invited government counterparts to align their early recovery assessments, plans and programmes with the government.

The Secretary of MoFDM stated that the Government's policy to embark on early recovery, as an effort to augment ongoing emergency assistance through targeted and selective relief assistance, is to ensure the viability and sustainability of communities' spontaneous early recoveries, and to establish the basis for long-term reconstruction through formulation of an early recovery framework.



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Upcoming Events:

- 20 January: Release of the Early Recovery Needs Assessment Report.
- 27 January: Briefing to the Extended DER Meeting on the Early Recovery Action Plan

Five point Early Recovery Policy of the Government

The Government outlined a five point early recovery policy:

- Immediate implementation of localized quick-yielding early recovery measures
- Reorientation of ongoing emergency as well as development programmes
- Selective targeting and time-bound early recovery project activities
- Incorporating multi-hazard risk reduction and
- Government led coordinated early recovery efforts

"The Government is taking a comprehensive and 12-month loss recovery programme aimed at reducing the loss of cyclone survivors in the southwestern coastlines of the country"

*Dr Mohammad Ayub Mia
Secretary, Ministry of Food & Disaster Management (MoFDM)*

Key Websites

Disaster Management Cluster

<http://www.undp.org.bd/cluster.php?d=10>

CDMP

<http://www.cdmp.org.bd>

Latest Situation Reports

http://www.cdmp.org.bd/Situation_report.html

Local Consultative Groups

<http://www.lcgbangladesh.org/>

Relief Web

<http://www.reliefweb.int>

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Government's Areas of Priorities

Four priorities were set towards the implementation of early recovery programme:

- Residual emergency assistance to meet basic needs including food, health, shelter, clean water, etc.
- Appropriate shelter for those whose dwelling have been destroyed or damaged
- Income supplement or recovery for those whose livelihood have been significantly affected by Sidr; and
- Stimulation of community micro infrastructure rebuilding/repair to quickly reviving social and economic livelihood activities at a local level.

In the thematic group discussions and the subsequent plenary presentations, government agencies and international national counterparts discussed sectoral impacts of the disaster, jointly identified early recovery emerging needs and formulated initial proposals for quick-yielding project activities. There were ten thematic groups: Food Security, Transitional Core Shelter, Water-Sanitation-Hygiene, Health, Agriculture, Livelihood, Education, Governance, Environment, and Crosscutting issue.



Draft Recommendations:

At the conclusion of the workshop series of recommendations were made:

- New early recovery project activities including cash/food for work, alternative livelihood, etc
- Continuing emergency assistance on selective basis
- Supporting communities' spontaneous recoveries through livelihood and agricultural packages
- Taking into consideration and beginning initial steps towards long-term recovery in the planning of early recovery project activities
- Promoting and sharing comprehensive information management and exchange between the government, counterparts and non-government actors
- Integrate non-government counterparts in early recovery monitoring and evaluations
- Supporting the immediate recovery of targeted sector groups
- Establishing coordination mechanisms for early recovery between the government and counterparts through inter-sector synergy programme design and implementation
- Undertaking continuous monitoring of disaster affected people's basic needs
- Creating timely, comprehensive, and integrated resource mobilization for early recovery projects through the SIDR Early Recovery Framework.