

Bangladesh Cyclone SIDR, WASH cluster.

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Temporary/short term sanitation. An information, analysis and discussion paper

Focusing on 5 most affected districts of Barguna, Patuakhali, Pirojpur, Bagharhat and Jalokati

1.0 Overview

More two weeks after the cyclone many people temporarily displaced have now returned to the remains of their homes. In these locations the work is already underway to support them rebuilding houses, their livelihoods, and also their latrines. However there are limited numbers of people remaining in what is best described as temporary locations. In these locations, typically along roadsides, they may either live there or they may be moving there during the day (and back to their homes at night) to be better placed to receive ongoing relief assistance. The duration which they may remain in these locations is very unclear and it appears as if such people are already reducing in numbers even over the past few days. However these people are likely to be particularly vulnerable to diarrhea diseases as they are likely not to have access to adequate sanitation due in part to their temporary displaced status. (It is understood that water availability is not a major concern for these people, but household water storage and use may be.)

2.0 Assessment

These areas are therefore likely to need some short term temporary measures in order to help clean up the surrounding areas and provide materials and assistance to have temporary latrines. Health is not the only issue here and women's and girls dignity is also crucial, for without privacy they will suffer further. The complexity of land ownership and permission to construct latrines also needs to be considered. For example public places such as markets and embankments are under the jurisdiction of government so perhaps only DPHE is able to work in such locations. Some attention is being focused on these groups by DPHE, Oxfam and perhaps other NGOs (no further information is available to the National WASH cluster at this point). Known major groupings are as follows;

District	Upazila	Union	Numbers	Status	Assistance with temporary sanitation
Barguna	Barguna	On road between Barguna and Naltona	1,000 families (last week around 3,000)	Quite spread out on road	??
Barguna	Patharghata		500 families (last week around 1000)	This area quite critical as population concentrated	Oxfam assessing
Bagharhat	Sarankhola		Hard to establish but around 2000 families	600 families in problematic condition	DPHE submitted proposal for 200 temp latrines Oxfam planning

			along road, of which 600 families in poorer sanitation conditions		for 100 temporary latrines
Barisal	Barisal	In shanty type areas around the town	No estimation		??

3.0 Conclusion

There appears to be a need for work to be undertaken for the people on the road South of Barguna and at this stage there does not to be any agency considering sanitation activity here. Both Patharghata and Sarankhola appear to have some activity in hand between DPHE, and Oxfam. DPHE who have submitted funding proposals to UNICEF, may need some additional funding support. As noted above, DPHE would be best placed to deal with or at least assist NGOs where government land ownership /public places make this an issue only Government agencies can resolve. The shanty type areas around Barisal may need work undertaken but numbers of people, condition and how what responsibility Barisal municipal authorities are bearing is unclear.