

**Long term and follow up treatment is a must for the severely injured people at the tornado affected areas**

According to the newspaper sources and other eyewitnesses the effect of tornado has still its impact upon the people of the affected areas. The injured people of the tornado-affected areas are returning to their shattered households with primary medical treatments from hospitals. The physically and mentally distressed people. The physically and mentally distressed people need proper assistance for healing of their wounds. From earlier incidents it was often seen that people affected from any sudden disasters were given immediate responses without further following up of their conditions afterwards. Disaster Forum thinks that any sort of assistance both relief and rehabilitation programmes along with medical support should definitely need proper following up. ***The people those who were critically injured and took treatment from hospitals in the tornado-affected areas surely need long term follow up treatment after releasing from hospitals.*** As per our previous experience it was found that the severely injured people of the tornado struck areas such as ***Saturia*** of ***Manikganj*** and ***Mirikpur*** of ***Tangail*** later had been amputated after 8 or 9 months of their treatment without proper following up. The affected limbs of the affected people started to rot afterwards due to the lack of regular treatments and proper dressings which ultimately led them to a crippled life. Thus a large number of people became fully disabled. This especially happened in the case of children and adolescence girls where they could not go for further treatment on their own. ***Disaster Forum now suggesting to its member organizations and other local NGOs and government organizations who are involving in the relief and rehabilitation at the tornado hit areas for taking initiative to select teams for following up of their programmes and appointing medical team for providing follow up treatments.***

Moreover the children need special attention, as they become very traumatic due to the severity of the tornado. In this context the children should be engaged in different types regular activities like education and playing to overcome their trauma as soon as possible.

***We would now request the VIP officials not to visit the tornado-affected areas frequently at this moment, as the local administration would be busy maintaining their protocol and security for them rather concentrating upon the rehabilitation activities of the local people in the affected areas.***

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