

A quick Report
on
Emergency response of Save the Children Sweden- Denmark to the cold
affected people in northern districts of Bangladesh 2007

Distribution at a glance

| Name of the District | Name of the Up-zilla | Village Covered | Blanket | Woolen cap | Shawl | Sweater |
|----------------------|----------------------|--|-------------|-------------|------------|-------------|
| Kurigram | Razibpur | Kodalkathi, Marichakandi, Helipad, College para, Battali | 400 | 400 | ---- | 550 |
| Lalmonirhat | Aditmari | Masterpara (east and west), Chawratari, Pathatari, Mandal para | 400 | 400 | ---- | 550 |
| Panchagar | Sadar | Hariyasha, | | | 500 | 161 |
| | | Hafijabad | 515 | 500 | | |
| Total | | | 1315 | 1300 | 500 | 1261 |

Save the Children Sweden-Denmark came forward to stand by the people affected by cold wave of northern districts of Bangladesh with emergency response. Different kinds of man made and natural miseries and disaster afflicted these people and rendered them not helpless every year. Here rate of poverty is also higher in comparison to any other areas of Bangladesh. Thus while bone chilling cold wave starts to heat in the northern areas at the beginning of this year, SCSD with quickly responded distribute warm cloths among the most destitute families and children. Having realized the gravity of the situation some other govt. organization, NGO, media and civil society separately distribute warm cloths all over the country.

After preliminary assessment, SCSD decided to extend its hands to the villagers of Lalmonirhat, Kurigram and and Panchagar districts. There different team from NGO representatives (Solidarity and Bikash Bangladesh) conduct door to door survey and list out the name of family where children and old people are found helpless living without any warm cloths. After that SCSD staffs along with partner staff revisit and recheck those houses and provide a token to those families. Old aged women, ill and disable children and families who have no property or even house are prioritized from the list. In Rajibpur of Kurigram district and Aditmari Upzilla of Lalmonirhat district, adolescent children of children organization were involved to prepare the list and in distribution also. Each family or person got one blanket, one woolen cap and one sweater for their children through out this emergency support. Local community people and govt. people were present in the warm cloths distribution.

Around 400 blankets, 400 woolen caps and 450 sweaters were distributed in Masterpara (east and west), Chawratari, Pathatari, Mandal para in Sarpukur union in Aditmari upazilla of Lalmanirhat district and 400 blankets, 400 woolen caps and 500 sweater were distributed in Kodalkathi, Marichakandi, Helipad, College para, Battali villages in Rajibpur thana of

Kurigram district and 515 blankets, 500 shawl, 500 woolen caps and 161 sweaters were distributed Hari vasha and Hafizabad union of panchagar district. Overall 1,315 blankets, 1,300 woolen caps, 1,261 sweaters and 500 Shawl were distributed among the 2000 destitute families.

The community people, local govt. official, legal authority appreciated the overall distribution as it involves community people and children and the neediest people are selected through the process. Though the number of SCSD cover is not much but it was a very effective and quick response in time.



Figure 3 -- Warm cloths are waiting for distribution



Figure 1 -- Please give your token



Figure 2 -- Please Come with queue!



Figure 4 -- Acknowledged that you have received



Figure 6 -- Return home with warm cloths



Figure 5 --Waiting for receiving warm cloth



Figure 12 -- We are here just to support you



Figure 8 -- A team member is saving him from cold wave!



Figure 11 -- Please keep discipline



Figure 10-- I am happy!



Figure 9 --Why we don't have card??



Figure 7 -- A girl with disability receiving warm cloth

All the distribution start from 15th January and completed by 21st January 2007.