

Bangladesh Red Crescent Society

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MONTHLY ACTIVITY REPORT DECEMBER, 2013

ADMINISTRATION DEPARTMENT

In December 2013, the Department distributed visiting cards to BDRCS officials at National Head Quarter (NHQ), Units, Maternal Care Hospital, Blood Donation centre and others. A total of 250 staff have been reached till date.

As a regular activity, the Department prepared 10 days roster for guards and security persons for ensuring office and asset security of National Headquarters (NHQ) of BDRCS. Besides, different official documents like office orders, circulars and notices had been circulated among the staffs at NHQ BDRCS.

Additionally, the Department undertook various routine works like providing attendance status of the BDRCS staffs to Accounts Department for preparing monthly staff salary. Bills for electricity and Robe Telecom had also been prepared and submitted to Accounts Department for taking necessary action.



During this month, the Department organized program for celebrating our

Victory Day on 16 December at National Headquarters (NHQ), BDRCS. On this occasion, the national flag was hoisted atop at NHQ with the presence of 250 staff and followed by marched to pay homage to

The heroes of the Liberation War at National Mausoleum at Savar. The Department also provided support for organizing AGM (Annual General Meeting) at Holly Family Red crescent Hospital. In the AGM, hon'ble



Chairman, Secretary General, Board Members, 136 Delegates from 68 Units (including 2 delegates from each Red Crescent Unit), Directors/ In charge of different Department/programme/project were present. Election for formulating executive body was also proceeded in this meeting.

ACHIEVEMENT

- ✦ Distributed visiting cards to 250 staff till date
- ✦ Organized program for AGM and celebrating victory day
- ✦ Extended support to Accounts Department regarding staff salary and other corporate bills

COMMUNITY BASED DISASTER RISK REDUCTION (CBDRR) PROGRAMME

Project Implementation Committee (PIC) meeting was held in Satkhira and Bhola Unit Office. The issues discussed in the meetings were land registration progress, absentee statement, monitoring report of tree plantation and the implication of CDRT and UDRT training. On an average 6 members were participated in each meetings.

Following a mini workshop attended by officials of BDRCS and IFRC that identified climate change impact, conventional & emerging hazards and possible course of actions that BDRCS can take within its capacity, a day-long workshop was organized by CBDRR Programme with the participation of relevant officials of BDRCS, IFRC, ICRC and PNSs. Objective was to revise and update BDRCS DRM Strategy 2010-14 in a sense of application of the strategy for the last three years, its gaps and limitations in light of changing reality in national and regional and global context.

In order to establish Community Resource Centre (CRC), purchase of land of 5 decimal, has been identified in each community with the consultation of CDMC (Community Disaster Management Committee). In this regard, the expert conducted feasibility study considering flood level, suitable location, communication, soil condition and accessibility. Land registration for CRC at four communities such as kulkandi and Makhonerchar (Jamalpur), Dhalchar and Charjatin (Bhola) has been completed and rest of them are under process. The centre will be used as a focal point where members of a community tend to gather for group activities, meetings, social supports and public information. This centre will also be used to mobilize resources under the activities of CBDRR programme.



As a part of awareness raising and a countability, bi-monthly coordination meeting with UDMC (Union Disaster Management Committee) was held at hazirhat union parishad of Manpura.

CDMC member of Dasherhat and Charjatin community attended the meeting for rapport building and escalating the access to UDMC and sharing the ongoing activities of the programme.

Meeting with Community Disaster Management Committee (CDMC) members was held at communities of Bhola, Jamalpur and Satkhira district. Nursing protection and replacing (damaged) of saplings, land selection and registration for Community Resource Center (CRC) are the common discussion points of all the meetings. In addition, the necessity of fishery training was also emphasized at CDMC meeting held at Puijala and Uttarsharsha community of Satkhira district. A total of 10 meetings were held where an average of 15 members attended including 8 male and 7 female.

Bi-monthly coordination meeting with Community Disaster Response Team (CDRT) members were held at Dasherhat and Charjatin community under Bhola district and Puijala and Uttarsharsha under Satkhira district. The meeting focused on several agendas such as sharing FA (First Aid), SAR (Search and Rescue) and CDRT training, progress of land registration and review of overall plans and progress of ongoing activities of the programme. In addition the meeting discussed about receiving management and other skill development training for CDMC & CDRT members. An average 24 members of whom 14 male and 10 female participated and shared their opinions in those sessions.

CDRT members of Puijala (Satkhira) and Kathaltola (Jessore) received 6 days First Aid and Search & Rescue training. Assistant Programme Officer (APO) and Community Organizer (CO) facilitated the training. A total of 50 members received the training where 24 were male and 26 were female. However, the challenge was limitation of budget and short duration of the training to cover all theoretical and practical aspect of FA and SAR.

ACHIEVEMENT

- ✦ Held meeting with PIC members at Satkhira and Bhola Unit Office
- ✦ Organized daylong workshop to revise and update BDRCS DRM Strategy 2010-14
- ✦ Held bi-monthly coordination meeting with UDMC at hazirhat union parishad of Manpura
- ✦ Held bi-monthly coordination meeting with CDRT members in Bhola and Satkhira district
- ✦ Held meeting with CDMC members in Bhola, Jamalpur and Satkhira district
- ✦ Organized 6 days FA & SAR training for CDRT members in Satkhira and Jessore district

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVE (CDI) PROGRAMME

IGA (Income Generating Activity) trainings on tailoring and skill for IGA were organized in Gopalganj and Rangpur district. A total of 120 IGA beneficiaries received training on livestock management and 30 women were trained on tailoring. Besides, 410 households started income generating activity through IGA grant support.

Court yard sessions on CBHFA (Community Based Health and First Aid) were held in Rangpur and Gopalganj district. A total of 202 people were reached through 20 sessions where they have been informed about different health issues. Besides, 3 mobile health camps were organized where 348 patients received free treatment.

ACHIEVEMENT

- ✦ Organized tailoring and skill for IGA training in Gopalganj and Rangpur district
- ✦ 410 households started IGA with support.
- ✦ Conducted court yard sessions on CBHFA in Rangpur and Gopalganj district
- ✦ Organized 3 mobile health camps which provided free treatment to 348 patients
- ✦ Conducted meeting with CDRT, CPC, UDRT and DCP members

Meetings with Community Disaster Response Team (CDRT), Unit Disaster Response Team (UDRT), Community Program Community (CPC) and District Program Community (DPC) members were held in Rangpur and Gopalganj district.

A total 235 members were present and contributed through sharing their opinion for smooth implementation of project interventions. Moreover, PASSA (Participatory Assessment for Safe Shelter Awareness) Advocacy was conducted at the community where 1561 people reached in Rangpur and Gopalganj district.

CYCLONE MAHASEN EARLY RECOVERY PROJECT

In December 2013, all the steps of PASSA (Participatory Assessment for Safe Shelter Awareness) were completed in all the PASSA Community Groups in project intervention areas. Now the group members are able to identify safe & unsafe house, explore solution for make their house safe, develop

process to monitor their houses by themselves, work on problem box including identification of problem and make solution, and community mapping based on safe, unsafe houses.



CGID (Cash Grant Identify) forms had been filled for 1400 households by PASSA trained volunteers. Besides, shelter forms had also been completed for 1400 household where the beneficiaries have proposed their plan for utilizing the cash grant of BDT 20,000 in shelter improvement. During the reporting period, a total of 598 (43%) households received cash grant.



The project management with IFRC logistic Section had jointly worked on tender process for selecting suitable construction contractor who will prepare ring slab and latrine materials. The announcement was circulated through National daily. During this month, contractor has been selected for supplying the required materials in the target area of Cyclone Mahasen Operation.

Baseline survey with re assessment of selected beneficiaries in the intervention areas was completed and beneficiary lists were finalized through replacing ineligible and duplications. Data entry was also been completed by the trained volunteers.

In December 2013, project personnel communicated with the volunteers of V2R project who received PHAST (Participatory Hygiene and Sanitation Transformation) Training earlier. Key objective was assess whether Mahasen Project could use the volunteers in PHAST interventions or not. Finally, a total of 18 volunteers were selected to implement PHAST approach in Mahasen Early Recovery project. For this purpose, a daylong planning meeting on Participatory Hygiene and Sanitation Transformation was organized on 31 December 2013 at Barguna district. As per plan of action of Cyclone Mahasen Early Recovery Operation, this approach will be used in both Barguna and Patuakhali district.

As a part of Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR), 7000 wooden and fruit trees had been distributed to the targeted families where each family have received 10 tree saplings. Besides, 12 road schemes were selected with the consultation of local government and community for construction. Cash for Work (CFW) approach will be incorporated for completing this task.

Moreover, Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) forms were also filled to ensure that CFW activity will incur any negative aspect to the existing environment. Additionally, awareness raising sessions were



conducted for disseminating different aspects of DRR at 16 venues within the project intervention areas. A total of 24 volunteers were engaged in this awareness raising activities.

ACHIEVEMENT

- ✦ Completed all the steps of PASSA at PASSA Community Groups
- ✦ Distributed 7000 tree saplings, conducted awareness raising session on DRR
- ✦ Organized planning meeting on PHAST with the trained volunteers
- ✦ Completed CGID and Shelter forms for 1400 households by PASSA trained volunteers
- ✦ 598 (43%) households received cash grant support

CLIMATE CHANGE ADAPTATION (CCA) PROJECT

Training on Disaster Management for Unit Disaster Response Team (UDRT) of Manikgonj Unit was completed where a total of 21 RCY participated. Three-day long course was conducted by recourse person of BDRCS who is basically involved in this issue. The topics covered in this training course includes DM terminologies, team building, DRR/CCA, emergency need assessment & planning, disaster response tools, relief management, dead body management, emergency shelter & WASH (Water, Sanitation and Hygiene), tracing, gender vulnerable groups and cultural norms, safety and security, logistics etc. Participants of the training were involved in a mock exercise on relief management at the last part the courses through role playing. Finally, course completion certificate and personal gears (cap, t-shirt, vest, bag etc.) were provided to the participants.

Tailoring training for women was completed in Patgram under Manikgonj district. A total 8 women were trained on measuring, cutting and sewing technique to make cloth items. This was two months long training held at community house of Patgram. At the end of training sewing machines were provided to all the participants in order to run their activities and also generate income for their family.

Cash grant was distributed to 48 women who were involved in handicrafts activities in Nijhumdip under Noakhali district. For purchasing handicraft materials, BDT 3,000/- had been distributed to each participant. This grant will be used as seed money to continue their activities in long run.

During this reporting period, cash grant was provided to 100 families as part of livelihoods support in Boinna community of Manikgonj Unit. Each of the family received BDT 3,000/- to boost up livelihood action and ensure food security in disaster periods.

A total of 74 court yard sessions had been conducted in the communities to raise awareness on climate change adaptation and disaster risk reduction.

Under school based co-curricular activities, a number of competition events (like debate, general knowledge, essay etc.) were organized in 4 districts. A total 120 students participated in different events of DRR/CCA project organized by change maker club of relevant schools. The participants were placed in 1st, 2nd and 3rd position through evaluation process and awarded with crest.

ACHIEVEMENT

- ✦ Cash grant provided to 100 families in order to support their livelihood
- ✦ Organized competition events under school based co-curriculum activities
- ✦ Training on Disaster Management for UDRT member and Tailoring for community people was organized by the project.

DISASTER RESPONSE DEPARTMENT

In response to cold wave across the country, Response Department of BDRCS took initiated to procure 20,000 pieces of blankets from Society's own fund for easing sufferings of the cold affected vulnerable people. During the reporting period, total of 21,000 pieces of blankets from BDRCS & IFRC joint DP stock had been distributed to 68 Units for supporting most vulnerable to cold wave. Moreover, an appeal for blanket had been launched in the daily newspaper and BDRCS website. All the blankets will be reached in the BDRCS Units for immediate distribution by the first week of January, 2014.

Four teams deployed in Dhaka and Chittagong district during hartal times under the project of Other Situation of Violence (OSV). Objective of the deployment was to provide First Aid service among the people affected in violence.

Under Early Recovery Project (ERP), a total of 1000 flood affected families received day long orientation on agriculture where they have learnt about pest control, seeding, using fertilizer etc. British Red Cross (BRC) has provided financial support in this initiative.

In December 2013, a team consisting 3 members including BDRCS, IFRC and SARD (South Asian Regional Delegation) representative visited Cox's Bazar district. They also conducted the assessment with undocumented foreign citizens (Rohinga) living in Cox's Bazar district. In this connection, vulnerability of the people and their needs were assessed which will support to develop project proposal for reducing their vulnerability. BDRCS and ICRC jointly provided support to complete this initiative.

ACHIEVEMENT

- ✦ Sent 21,000 pieces of blankets from BDRCS & IFRC joint DP stock to 68 Units for supporting most vulnerable
- ✦ Deployed 4 teams in Dhaka and Chittagong district during hartal under OSV Project
- ✦ 1000 flood affected families received day long orientation on agriculture under ERP
- ✦ Conducted the assessment with undocumented foreign citizens (Rohinga) living in Cox's Bazar district

ESTATE DEPARTMENT

During this reporting period, Estate Department was occupied in collecting current and due rent from different sources of BDRCS like Motijheel Bhabon, Mitford Shopping Complex, Seaton Red Crescent Borak Tower, Mirpur Red Crescent Multiplan City, Mohakhali Red Crescent Concord Tower, Chittagong Based Dipo, National Pubali Bank etc. A total of BDT 37855008 (CHF 473187.6) was planned to collect as house rent, lease of fruit trees and pond. However, the Department was able to collect BDT 20986268 (CHF 262328.35) as rent during this reporting period.

ACHIEVEMENT

- ✦ Collected BDT 20986268 (CHF 262328.35) as rent

FUND RAISING DEPARTMENT

The Department collected 1000 cup plates from Mainichi Trading and 150 Red Jackets from Mousomi Enterprise on 8 and 23 December 2013 respectively.

The Department communicated with Mrs. Parvin Akter, Joint Secretary (IRD) under The Ministry of Finance regarding Red Crescent lottery and also with Director, Shajalal International Airport regarding placement of new donation boxes at the premises of the airport.

Letters were sent to various bank, industrialist, businessman and insurance company to collect blankets/winter cloth/cash in favour of Bangladesh Red Crescent Society for the cold wave affected people across the country. During the reporting period, the Department deposited BDT 5,40,065 by selling BDRCS souvenir items and BDT 700 from donation boxes in the Sonali Bank account.

ACHIEVEMENT

- ✦ Collected 1000 cup plates and 150 jackets
- ✦ Deposited BDT 540765 through selling souvenir items and donations box

HUMAN RESOURCE DEPARTMENT

In December 2013, the Department has been involved in various activities like transfer, recruitment, processing for resignation, providing yearly increment, staff regularization, provident fund and contract extension of BDRCS staff. During this month, the Department processed for transfer of 5 staff in NHQ BDRCS, Red Crescent Hospital, Red Crescent Maternity Hospital and Unit, recruitment of 2 staff, yearly increment for 90 staff, regularize 3 staff at NHQ BDRCS, provident fund for 1 staff, promotion of 1 staff and extension of service contract for 6 contractual staff. All recruited and transferred staffs joined in respective work places.

ACHIEVEMENT

- ✦ Processed for transfer of 5 staff, recruitment of 2 staff, yearly increment for 90 staff, regularize 3 staff, provident fund for 1 staff, promotion for 1 staff and extension of service contract for 6 contractual staff.

INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATION TECHNOLOGY (ICT) SECTION

The section extended technical support in developing Online Get Way services for BDRCS. In this process, a meeting with Surjomukhi (a company which will provide payment get way service) and Ergo Ventures (a website developer company which will create the linkage between BDRCS website and Surjomukhi) was held for preceding the initiative. This online payment system will add values to BDRCS as it can receive donation from home and abroad easily through this system.

The section, as routine activity, extended necessary IT (Information Technology) supports and services to NHQ based Departments and individuals of BDRCS.

ACHIEVEMENT

- ✦ Organized meeting for establishing Online Get Way services for BDRCS
- ✦ Staff extended IT support to NHQ, BDRCS

HEALTH DEPARTMENT

In December 2013, 56 MCH centers implemented Primary Health Care services which focused on mother and child health, ante natal care, normal delivery, post natal care, health education, general patient care, EPI (Expanded Programme of Immunization), pathology and income generation activities. Out of 56 centers, 06 centers implanted their activities through RREW project in collaboration with German Red Cross (GRC). Another 11 centers implemented prevention of Non Communicable Diseases (NCD) and 5 centers implemented Anemia Prevention Project in collaboration with Japanese Red Cross Society. Environment Friendly and smoke reduces stove intervention was implemented by 5 MCH center in collaboration with German International Cooperation (GIZ). During this reporting period, treatment was provided to the patients who attended the medical center. A total number of 12412 Mother and Children were served through the services. Moreover, ante natal care, normal delivery, post natal care, pathology and general consultation were provided to 9016 people. However, challenges were to maintain quality of health care, carry out regular monitoring and supervision of 56 MCH centers due to political unrest across the country.

ACHIEVEMENT

- ✦ Provided MCH services to 12412 Mother and Children through the programme
- ✦ Provided ante natal care, normal delivery, post natal care, pathology and general medical services to 9016 patients

PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT (P&D) DEPARTMENTS

In December 2013, P&D Department organized two workshops at BDRCS conference room including OD Core Group members, Directors of different Departments and consultant for reviewing Asset Management Policy, Code of Conduct (CoC) and Integrity Policy of BDRCS. During the reporting period, review team was able to complete all the technical documents with feedback under the facilitation of P&D Director.

P&D Department organized a workshop for finalizing 4 Years Development Plan 2014-17 of BDRCS Departments where planning consultant represents his review finding and suggest for clarification on the plan. Directors/in charge of relevant department/programme/project participated and shared their opinion. All the plans, incorporating feedback by the respective Departments, were submitted to consultant through P&D Department for preparing final document.

ACHIEVEMENT

- ✦ Completed review of BOM documents
- ✦ Organized workshop for finalizing the 4 Years Development Plan of BDRCS Departments

PLANNING, MONITORING, EVALUATION AND REPORTING SECTION

Sr. PMER officer was involved in collecting information on quarterly CRC report for the duration of Oct-Dec, 2013. Besides, PMER Officer provided support to 'Mahasen Early Recovery Project' in data collection, entry and cross check at Barguna district.

Review of BOM/UOM (Branch/Unit Operation Manual) was continued during this month where PMER Section provided support. A 2 day meeting was held on 10-11 December 2013 through which review of Asset Management Policy, Code of Conduct and Integrity policy were completed.

The section provided support to organize and conduct the planning workshop held at IFRC Conference room. The PMER team extended technical support to finalize Four Years Development Plan through incorporating the review feedback provided by the consultant.

ACHIEVEMENT

- ✦ Deployed one PMER Officer for Mahasen Operation
- ✦ Extended support to review of BOM/UOM document and 4 Years Development Plan 2014-17 for 23 Departments and 68 Units

RISK REDUCTION THROUGH EMPOWERING WOMEN (RREW) PROJECT

The project conducted awareness raising sessions in 18 villages of 6 MCH (Maternal and Child Health) centres under RREW working areas. A total 150 awareness sessions were completed where 2242 (female- 1552, male-430 and children-260) community people attended. The 6 MCH centres are Dhalahar, Kazlakati, Bankerhat, Dularhat, Tetulia, Horinagar. The main objectives of the session were to aware people on Disaster Risk Reduction & Management and First Aid. Community people became aware about the importance of women empowerment and social equality in terms of resources through gender awareness sessions. As awareness raising sessions were conducted by the volunteers so their facilitation capacity has been increased which would help them to conduct further training effectively.

ACHIEVEMENT

- ✦ Conducted 154 awareness raising sessions at 18 villages under 6 MCHs

TRACING DEPARTMENT

In December 2013, the Department exchanged 14 Red Crescent Messages (RCMs) with in country and abroad. A total of 9 messages sent to different countries abroad including Myanmar (8) and Thailand (1). Besides, 6 RCMs were received from Jordan which is sent to Brahmanbaria, Tangail, Narshingdi and Madaripur district. One tracing request received from Austrian Red Cross and sent to Manikgonj Unit. ICRC Dhaka, Thailand, Myanmar and Jordan Red Crescent Society and BDRCS Units worked together for successful completion of the initiatives which reduces anguish of the receivers by re-establishing contact among them.

Three family notifications were received from Malaysian Red Crescent and communicated to Satkhira, Jessore and Magura Unit of BDRCS. One repatriation from Malaysian Jail to Magura district of Bangladesh had successfully been completed during this month.

The Department distributed relief materials to foreign prisoners imprisoned in 28 jails of Bangladesh. Mymenshng, Kishoregonj, Tangail, Sherpur, Jamalpur, Rajshahi, Chapainawabgonj, Joypurhat, Pabna, Naogaon, Natore, Rangpur, Dinajpur, Kurigram, Lalmonirhat, Comilla, B.Baria, Cox's Bazar, Rangamati, Sylhet, Sunamgonj, Maulvibazar, Habiganj, Chuadanga, Jhenaidah and Kustia district jail were covered through this initiative. Beneficiaries were satisfied after receiving supports and jail authority appreciated this initiative of BDRCS. Local Unit realized the importance of RFL (Restoring Family Linkage) as well.

Film shows on RFL activities were organized at 4 places under Satkhira district. Objective was to inform people about RFL activities. A total of 1500 people reached through this activity.

ACHIEVEMENT

- ✦ Exchanged 14 RCMs
- ✦ Communicated 1 tracing request, 3 family notifications
- ✦ Distributed relief to 28 district jails of Bangladesh
- ✦ Organized film shows at Satkhira

TRAINING DEPARTMENT

In December 2013, the Department organized two training courses on Basic First Aid (FA) for employees of Marico Bangladesh Ltd and another 20 participants from different organization at NHQ BDRCS. A total of 39 (male-29, female-10) persons acquired basic knowledge on FA and they are now able to provide FA service in times of need.

Orientation on RCRC Movement was organized for 18 volunteers of BDRCS where they acquired knowledge on RCRC Movement. They will also be able to disseminate the key messages of the Movement. A total of 18 volunteers imparted the orientation where 11 are male and 7 female.

During this reporting period, one course on Basic Health was organized for International Organization for Migration (IOM) in Cox's Bazar.

A total of 36 (male-31, female-05) doctors and nurses of IOM acquired knowledge on emergency health care issue.

ACHIEVEMENT

- ✦ Organized two training courses on Basic First Aid for different organizations
- ✦ Conducted orientation session on RCRC Movement
- ✦ Organized training course on Basic Health for IOM staffs

TSUNAMY RESIDULA FUND (TRF) PROJECT

In December 2013, implementing partners (programmes, projects of BDRCS) of TRF project carried out their intervention as per project plan of Action (PoA). The accomplishments are summarized below:

Training on Integrated Management of Childhood Illness (IMCI) and Family Planning was carried out since November 2014 and second batch was supposed to start in December 2013. However, due to political unrest situation, training was not conducted in December 2013.

During this reporting period light repair and renovation was completed at UDRR outdoor health center of NHQ. Deputy Direct of Health Program has been continuing the training on Ultra sonogram in December 2013.

Jessore, Magura blood center and NHQ Officials of Blood Program have been receiving salary from TRF Project since April 2013.

Training on First Aid was conducted at Khagrachari and Bandarbon Unit under TRF project. A total of 58 including 33 male and 25 female received the training. The purpose of the training was to make the participant capable on First Aid (FA).

Due to country wide political unrest, UDRR and CPP couldn't accomplish their planned activities.

ACHIEVEMENT

- ✦ Repair and renovation completed at Outdoor health center.
- ✦ Training on First Aid conducted at Khagrachori and Bandarbon by CHTP

URBAN DISASTER RISK REDUCTION (UDRR) PROGRAMME

The program organized 2 meetings with Urban Disaster Response Team (UDRT) members with the collaboration of American Red Cross Society (Am Cross) in Dhaka and Rangpur district. A total of 50 participants attended the meeting. Safety Club meetings were held in the same month in Rangpur and Dhaka in collaboration with the American Red Cross. Out of 20 core schools, 10 meetings were held in Dhaka and 6 in Rangpur district. Students acquired knowledge on disaster through the meetings. A total number of 240 students attended the meeting. However, the programme could not conduct 4 meetings for having annual leave and exam at schools.

A three days long training on Basic Disaster Risk Management was conducted in December 2014. Total of 6 courses in Rangpur and 8 courses in Dhaka was completed in order to raise awareness on disaster, implement disaster preparedness initiatives and develop knowledge regarding disaster management among the school students. A total of 408 students participated in the training where 136 were girls, 231 boys and 41 teachers. However, the programme couldn't organize 2 training courses due to annual examination at schools.

School level awareness campaign was organized in Dhaka and Rangpur by the programme in collaboration with American Red Cross. A drawing competition was organized on earthquake where 250 students of 20 schools took part.

ACHIEVEMENT

- ✦ UDRT meeting was organized in Dhaka and Rangpur
- ✦ Three days training conducted on Disaster management
- ✦ School level awareness Campaign was organized in Dhaka and Rangpur

VULNERABILITY TO RESILIENCE (V2R) PROJECT

V2R Project organized training on water point maintenance for caretaker group at 5 upazilas under Barguna and Patuakhali district. A total of 103 caretakers (including 68 male and 35 female) participated in the training session. This training knowledge will help caretakers to non complicated technical problem of existing tube wells.

The project distributed latrine including installation demonstration among 30% households of each community. A total of 23 communities (including 15 communities of Barguna and 8 of Patuakhali district) were covered through this initiative. Each of the targeted family received one set of latrine, one piece RCC square slab and 5 pieces of RCC ring. A total of 2135 sets were distributed among the beneficiaries where 2001 households in Barguna and 1086 in Patuakhali were reached.

Rehabilitation of water points (tube well) were completed at the communities under Barguna (153 tube wells) and Patuakhali district (109 out of 170 tube wells). These rehabilitated tube wells will



Figure: Rehabilitation of water point at Purbo Burir Char Community, Barguna Sadar

contribute to increase the proportion of access to safe drinking water than before. However, the challenge was to purchase and transport of necessary material for conducting the rehabilitation activities in time because of ongoing political unrest.

Besides, proposals for rehabilitation of water points including tube well and Pond Sand Filter (PSF) were finalized for Barguna and Patuakhali district. Under the proposal, re-excavation of pond and repair PSF (Pond Sand Filter) at 4 communities of Pathorghata & Barguna district and 9 tube wells at new communities named Charunda, Galachipa and Patuakhali will be conducted. This initiative has created an opportunity to reactivate the tube wells which are inactive since long, re excavate & repair of pond and re activate existing PSFs which will ensure water during dry season.

Street drama were organized at 26 communities under Barguna and Patuakhali district which covered approximate 20400 people (including 8300 male and 12100 female).

Messages on good sanitation practice were disseminated in the communities through this initiative which will be helpful to improve their sanitation practice.

The project started constructing building Community Centre in its intervention areas and till date, 26 Community Centers have been completed at Barguna and Patuakhali district. It will be very useful for implementing project activities as well ensuring sustainability of the project. Besides, hazards flex boards were installed at 26 communities within the project intervention areas. Community resources and risks have been described in that board which will help people to response as and when need. Moreover, community people will easily identify the catchment areas of the V2R project through this board.

Mock drill was organized at the community level with a view to provide messages on disaster preparedness. A total 19150 people from 12 communities (covering 9 communities of Barguna and 3 of Patuakhali district

Figure: Mock drill at SKJB School, Charcandupara, Kalapara, Patuakhali



were reached through this activity. However, the challenge was to identify actors and organizes rehearsal in time for recurring political unrest across the county.

Workshop with market actors was organized at 5 upazilas under the project implementation area. Objective was to create link among line department, input actors, output actors and lead producer. A total of 140 people, including 121 male and 19 female, participated in the program.

Project organized workshops with government fishery and livestock Department during this reporting period. A total of 36 members from Fishery Department and 41 from Livestock Department were participated in those workshops. The government officials were informed about the project activities through the gathering. In response, the participants provided commitment to support in implementation when need.

Besides, respective BDRCS Unit got the opportunity to build a working relationship with government Departments which will be helpful to advocate and receive service from the service providers. A work plan was also been developed for active implementation of the project ongoing activity.

Monthly meeting with Project Implementation Committee (PIC) members was held in Barguna and Patuakhali Unit. PIC members are informed about the progress of ongoing activity and Plan of Action (PoA) for the next month. A total of 12 members (including 11 male and 1 female) were reached through these meetings.

ACHIEVEMENT

- ✦ Trained 103 caretakers on water point maintenance
- ✦ 30% households in each community received latrine with installation demonstration
- ✦ Completed rehabilitation of 262 tube wells Barguna and Patuakhali district
- ✦ Organized street drama at 26 communities under Barguna and Patuakhali district
- ✦ Completed construction of 26 community centers at Barguna and Patuakhali district.
- ✦ Conducted Mock Drill at 12 communities
- ✦ Organized workshop with market actors, Government Fisheries and Livestock Departments
- ✦ Held meeting with PIC members

YOUTH AND VOLUNTEER (Y&V) DEPARTMENT

In December 2013, Basic RCRC and First Aid trainings were organized in Pirojpur and Gaibandha Unit. A total of 30 volunteers participated in those training sessions where they have acquired knowledge on RCRC Movement and they will also be able to provide First Aid services as and when need. The sessions were conducted by the Unit facilitators who received ToT (Training of Trainers) on similar issues earlier and resource per-son from NHQ BDRCS.

Under the International Friendship Programme, which is caring out with the support of Japan Red Cross, cleanliness programs were organized at Magura, Madaripur, Patuakhali, Rangamati and Dinajpur district.

A total of 500 students from 50 schools (covering 10 students from each school) participated in the orientation program. Besides, 50 flower gardens were also been prepared at 50 schools. Respective ULOs and NHQ trainers facilitated the program.

Y&V Department organized Youth Conference at Asaduzzaman Conference Centre in Magura district. A total of 300 Red Crescent Youths and school/ college teachers (covering 60 schools and 10 colleges) were participated in the conference and learnt about RCRC Movement and co curricular activities. A total of 41 RCYs of NHQ BDRCS provided support to this activity.

ACHIEVEMENT

- ✦ Organized training on Basic RCRC and First Aid in Pirojpur and Gaibandha Unit
- ✦ Conducted cleanliness programs at Magura, Madaripur, Patuakhali, Rangamati and Dinajpur district.
- ✦ Organized Youth Conference at Asaduzzaman Conference Centre in Magura district.

Bangladesh Red Crescent Society (BDRCS)

The Bangladesh Red Cross Society was constituted on 31 March, 1973 by the President's Order No.26 of 1973 with retrospective effect from the 16 December 1971. The Society was recognized by ICRC on 20 September, 1973 and admitted to the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC) on 2 November, 1973. The name and emblem were changed from Red Cross to Red Crescent on 4th April 1988 vide Act 25 of 1988. The President of the People's Republic of Bangladesh is ex-officio President of the Society. BDRCS is conducting different interventions covering five divisions, namely, Disaster Management, Health Services, Planning & Development, Central Support Services and Finance & Accounts through its 68 Unit/Branches across the country.

Vision

To become an effective and efficient humanitarian organization in Bangladesh by 'doing more' 'doing better' and 'reaching further'.

Mission

To prevent and reduce human sufferings and save lives of the vulnerable people.

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