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The 7th issue of the Forum's bulletin is now at your hand and this has been possible for your continuous support. With the support from all concerned we have been able to publish this bulletin on regular basis, which is indeed very encouraging. Also it is our utmost pleasure that Cordaid has meanwhile declared its third phase funding of the project and the phase has already been started through the sincerest efforts made by all.

This issue has been organized with different news from our partner's activities such as CMDRR Forum, Bangladesh's launching for the 3rd year, Observance of Environment day, National Disaster Preparedness Day (NDPD) 2012, organizing of Climate Change Fair 2012; Capacity building of the community, a workshop on climate change impact and coping mechanism for the sustainable livelihood of people living in Haor, view exchange meeting on 'Rio+ 20: Disaster resilience'; a seminar on climate change vulnerability and coastal people's livelihood organized by ADD International; District level sharing meetings on disaster risk reduction and climate change adaptation.

It is also our pleasure to inform you that SPHERE in Bangla is now available at Disaster Forum. However thanks again to all concerned who have contributed immensely to bring this publication into light.

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CMDRR Forum, Bangladesh is launching for 3rd year

CMDRR Forum, Bangladesh is led by Dhaka Ahsania Mission (DAM) and using its Head Office as Forum's secretariat. This forum is financed by Cordaid - Netherlands. A total of 13 partner organizations formed this Forum with an aim to strengthen coordination among the Community Managed Disaster Risks Reduction (CMDRR) concept and broaden its necessity in the context of Bangladesh. To materialize the DRR through community initiatives CMDRR Forum, Bangladesh intend to enhance capacity of both organizational and individuals of the practitioners of the country. Forum organized different capacity building training at the peripheral level of the country through partners' intensive supports. Now a day's Forum is also paying special interest in Climate Change and its impacts issues nationally and internationally through organizing different workshops and forum's quarterly bulletin.

CMDRR Forum, Bangladesh is started its third phase activities. The phase started from 1st May, 2012 and will be continued till 30th April, 2013. The major activities of this phase are as follows:

1. School Based Awareness and Simulation Exercise in Dhaka & other locations of Bangladesh.
2. Orientation on CMDRR Model Implementation in 13 member organizations.
3. National Advocacy Seminar on Climate Change impacts Adaptation through CMDRR approach.
4. Idea, Experience & Lesson Sharing.
5. Disaster Day Observance.
6. Quarterly Meeting.
7. Publications.
8. Visibility / Website Maintenance.
9. Reporting/Documentation/Documentary.

Environment Day Observed

CMDRR Forum, Bangladesh :

The World Environment Day was observed in Bangladesh with due importance on 5th June alongside other countries across the globe, sensitizing people and stakeholders to the urgency of action in checking climate calamity.

The theme of Environment Day in this year was "Green Economy: Does it include you? Stressed on eco-friendly initiatives at grassroots level and collaborative global efforts for increased investment in forest and resources management to increase employment, reduce deforestation and help to tackle climate change.



The Department of Environment organized the programme to mark the day.

The day is an annual event being observed worldwide since 1973 to promote the campaigning for saving the environment and ecology from degradation.

The Department of Environment also brought out a grand procession (colorful rally) from the National Museum to create awareness among the people about the issue.

Forum secretariat observed this auspicious day with concerned government departments and other national and international organization under the same umbrella On behalf of CMDRR Forum, Bangladesh. CMDRR Forum, Bangladesh initiated festoon consisting message of saving environment and hanged on the road side bearing in mind the mass people.



Participants hold up colourful banners and umbrellas at a procession in front of National Museum in the capital yesterday. The Ministry of Environment and Forests and the Department of Environment organised the programme marking World Environment Day today

Honorable Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina called upon the countrymen to be careful to save the environment and biodiversity of the country while addressing the programme of the day as chief guest in Bangabandhu International Conference Centre.

She also emphasized the importance of using more surface water, instead of groundwater table is falling fast. Then PM inaugurated a month long Tree Fair and three month long countrywide Tree Plantation Campaign.

In addition to the government's programmes, several I/NGOs and different socio-political organizations also held different programmes, including processions and gathering for marking the day to create mass awareness about the perils of climate change following environment pollution with greenhouse gas emission, among other causes.



Dhaka Ahsania Mission (DAM) :

a. Dhaka Ahsania Mission (DAM) observed the World Environment Day in its various working areas on 5 June 2012

This year's theme was 'Green Economy: Does It Include You?'

A colourful rally was jointly brought out by the upazila administration, DAM, ADD and Nabalok in Rampal upazila town to mark the Day. The rally started from Rampal Upazila Parishad and terminated in Rampal bus stand.



European Union and UK-based donor agency CAFOD have been funding a project (IFLS) for food and livelihood security development here.

The rally was followed by a discussion. Rampal Upazila Nirbahi Officer (UNO) Nasreen Pervin presided over while it was attended by Rampal Upazila Chairman Prof Molla A Rouf as Chief Guest. Rampal Upazila Parishad Vice Chairman Md Hamim Nuri was present as Special Guest.

Besides, Union Parishad (UP) chairman, officials of various offices of the upazila, members of Union Disaster Management Committee, Imams of mosques, journalists, NGO workers and community

volunteers, members of Community Action Group and beneficiaries of IFLS project were present.

In the beginning, DAM IFLS Project Field Coordinator Uzzal Kumar Kundu, ADD Project Officer Jobaidul Alam Mintu, , Nabalok trainers Probir Biswas, CV member of No-9 ward of Rampal union Krishna Dey, Upazila Sub-Assistant Public Health Engineer Md Zahid Imam, Upazila Senior Fisheries Officer Joydev Pal and Upazila Agriculture Officer Md Hafizur Rahman addressed.

IFLS project Upazila Supervisor Biswajeet Biswas conducted the meeting.

b. The World Environment Day

is the day for global action and resolution toward keeping the environment healthy for one and all. There are campaigns, processions and parades to make this day eventful where special importance is given to tree-planting and clean-up campaigns so as to create an eco-friendly environment. Dhaka Ahsania Mission- RCBDH Banskhali project has been taking special initiatives to observe this day. In observance of the 29th World Environment Day, the project organized a discussion meeting at Sadhanpur Palli Unnayan High School. Under the theme "Green Economy: Does it include you?" - Green Economy and takes a look at the green economy concept and the process of transition and its link between the environment, job creation and poverty reduction - undertook programs like, Rally, Discussion on the

day, Seedlings distribution & Plantation. Co management Committee (CMC), Chairperson of School Managing committee, School teacher, Federation Members Local elite, DAM Officials were attend at the programme.



Climate Change Fair-2012

A fair on climate change was organized in Rupsha high school, Khulna dated 24th May 2012. Ashroy Foundation, DRO, NARI, IDEAL, MJF, Protik Trust and SEBA have jointly organized the fair in support of Concern Universal. The title of the fair was **"Capacity Strengthening on Community Managed Disaster Risk Reduction and Climate Change Adaptation Project of CUB"**. There were different activities and events in the day long fair such as inauguration, stall presentation, discussion meeting, video documentary presentation, quiz competition, free raffle draw and mind blowing cultural show regarding climate change adaptation and disaster risk reduction.

A discussion meeting was organized at the fair premises at 10.00 am. Honorable Mayor of Khulna City Corporation Mr. Talukdar Abdul Khaleque has graced the occasion as Chief Guest. Mr. Dorji Tashi, Coordinator, Loden Foundation, Bhutan; Mr. Alauddin Khan, CMDRR Convener & Chief Executive of NDP, Rajshahi; Mr. Masud Rana, Assistant Project Manager, Concern Universal-Bangladesh; Mr. Mojibor Rahman, Head Master, Rupsha High School, Khulna and Mr. Manos Roy, Head Master, Rupsha govt. Primary School, Khulna were the special guests. The discussion meeting was presided over by Momotaz Khatun, Executive Director of Ashroy Foundation, Khulna. In the discussion chief guest said, Bangladesh is the most vulnerable country in the world for its geographical position and in the meantime this impact is visible in Bangladesh and especially in Khulna due to its position in Bangladesh. So we should have not to be waited of others initiatives. We have to work closely with linking other affected countries in giving priority community managed disaster risk reduction and climate change adaptation as it is great tool to sustain any initiatives.

Masud Rana from CUB focused on community preparation in the context of climate change and disaster risk reduction.



Dorji Tashi said, This is great pleasure to us to see here in Bangladesh coastal climate change adaptation strategy in our visit and a great learning during field visit and from this fair for us to see amazing performance on DRR and CCA. Here we learned many new things which can contribute to learn our community in our countries."

Alauddin Khan told that the experience which is gathered here through learning GO-NGO initiatives on climate change adaptation & disaster risk reduction and followed activities must be applied in Rajshahi for the wider scale output.

Momotaz Khatun concluded the discussion with giving vote of thanks to all. She also urged on GO & NGO integrated approach in disaster risk reduction and climate change adaptation.



By: CUB

National Disaster Preparedness Day (NDPD), 2012 was celebrated by:

a. People's Oriented Program Implementation (POPI) :

POPI was celebrated National Disaster Preparedness Day (NDPD) jointly with the government in Kishorgonj this year. The main event of the celebrating NDPD was rally and seminar. POPI provided 200 caps and T-shirt to give color in the rally. The seminar was chaired by the Executive Director of POPI at the conference room of DC Kishorgonj. DC- Kishorgonj was the chief guest of the event. ADC general, District Social Welfare Officer and Vice-chairman of Kishorgonj Sadar upazila were the special guest. Representatives of INGO, other NGOs, civil society, teacher, journalists and government officials were present in the seminar. District Relief and Rehabilitation Officer (DRRO) was presented the key note of the event. All the entire participants were reviewed the presentation and put forward their valuable comments in the context of Haor region. Chair person also thanked all the participants for sparing their valuable time for the

seminar and putting forward valuable comments. He also stressed on some points and urged all to come forward to work collectively in reducing the sufferings of the people living in Haor areas.



b. VARD :

National Disaster Preparedness Day (NDPD), 2012 was celebrated on 29 March, 2012 in Sunamganj district with the joint initiative of District Administration, Sunamganj and VARD through rally and workshop. Different representatives of GO and NGO attended this rally and workshop.

Apart from rally, a workshop was organized by the joint initiatives of District Administration, Sunamganj and VARD at 11:00 A.M. under Oxfam Humanitarian Capacity Building Project funded by Oxfam International at the Conference Room of the Office of the Deputy Commissioner, Sunamganj. Muhammad Yeamin Chowdhury, Deputy Commissioner, Sunamganj was present as the Chief Guest on the occasion and Mr. Md. Kamrul Alam, ADC (Revenue), Sunamganj presided over the workshop. Mr. Khandokar Oliur Rahman, ADC (General), Sunamganj moderated the workshop.

A total of 56 participants from different GO and NGO were present on the occasion and most of them are head of department, such as DD (Agriculture), District Cooperative Officer, Acting SP etc.



In his greeting speech, Mr. Md. Ashiqur Rahman, the Deputy Director (Program) of VARD, congratulated all the guests presented at the workshop. He also explained goal, objectives, interventions and usefulness of OHCB project and the specific NDPD day.

Mr. Md. Abul Kashem, DRRO, Sunamganj, in his words, told that the different disaster is occurred in different areas of the country at the same time due to the

deviation of the geographical situation of Bangladesh. He highlighted on the goal and objectives of NDPD and disaster risk reduction strategies on the occasion.

A video film on disaster was shown before the participants in the workshop. Apart from this, Md. Fazlul Hoque, Project Manager of VARD-CMDRR Project, presented a multi-media presentation on pre, during & post disaster preparedness and some best practices.

In the open discussion part of the workshop, participants from different institutions of GO and NGO shared their experience and expressed their opinion to mitigate the risk of disaster in the context of Sunamganj. There are some important and valuable recommendations were identified in the workshop those are as follows:

In his opinion, Mr. Aminul Islam, Assistant Coordinator of IUCN, informed that we should not kill snakes and other insects to protect biodiversity. District Cooperative Officer emphasized on building code in constructing building. Kabirul Islam, Station Officer FSCD, Fire Service and Civil Defense, Sunamganj, recommended switching off electricity and gas during earthquake to reduce the risk. He also suggested keeping a flute to inform others his survival during earthquake. Dr. S. M. Afsaruzzaman, DD (Agriculture), Sunamganj, recommended making active UDMC, arranging rehearsal and training. Early and submergence variety can be planted like BRRI-51, BRRI-53, BRRI-55 and Swarna India. The participants felt that they need to work jointly in order to mitigate and adapt climate change situations.



The Chief Guest of the occasion Muhammad Yeamin Chowdhury, the Honorable Deputy Commissioner, Sunamganj told that Sunamganj district is surrounded with haor. So he emphasized to be habituate to adapt to the natural environment instead of constructing embankment in the haor in unplanned way to make it boro field.

In his closing speech, the president of the workshop Mr. Md. Kamrul Alam, ADC (Revenue), Sunamganj told that the world is getting warm on the impact of green house gas refusal by the developed countries. As a result, climate is being changed negatively which affect undeveloped and developing countries most. He emphasized on mass awareness raising in disaster risk reduction and also strengthening personal, social, bilateral and international relationship.

By: Md. Fazlul Hoque
Project Manager, CMDRR Project, VARD

Capacitate community-updating CRA

Integrated Development Association of Bangladesh (INDAB) implementing its CMDRR project in the unions of Babuganj Upa-zila in Barisal which is crisscrossed and pass through by three noted rivers on the area: Aarial Khan, Sandhya and Sugandhs, and they are the source of multiple hazards and risk for the people in the area, causing survival and livelihoods challenges.

The Extreme poor community and the poor in the area are thus always on the edge, passing days and nights amidst risk and vulnerability and engaged in tough race for bare survival; being dependent on agriculture labour, wage labour and fishing, they have to count on river-tide, water-flow and weather pattern for subsistence.

Workshop on Climate Change Impact and Coping Mechanism for the Sustainable Livelihood of Haor People"

A workshop on climate change was held under auspices of CMDRR Forum, Bangladesh in collaboration With POPI, at the PART, POPI, Kisorgang on 29th April 2012. Mr. Akkas Uddin Sarker, Deputy Director of POPI was presided over the workshop. Md. Azhar Ali Mian, Deputy Director of social welfare department of Kishorgonj, Kamrunnahar Luna, Vice Chairman, Kishorgonj Sadar, Nurul Huda, Chairman, Mohindar UP, Kishorgonj and Md. Jalaluddin, Upazila Livestock Officer, Kishorgonj Sadar was attended the workshop as special guests. Khan Md. Muzahid Ibne Habib, Coordinator, CMDRR Forum from Dhaka Ahsania Mission was played the role of moderator in the workshop.



Under the umbrella of CMDRR project the community people of this area are trying their best to reduce the vulnerability of disaster and cope with the changed environment. It becomes a regular practice in their daily life. As a part of regular activity people of Babuganj are updating the risk and capacity map to identify their gaps addressing disaster. These findings are used to prepare contingency plan and development plan of this area.

Community people are confident enough that through these practices they will be able to reduce the risk and loss off natural hazard in coming years.

BY: INDAB



BY: CMDRR Forum, Bangladesh



View Exchange Meeting on "Rio+ 20: Disaster Resilience"

Young Power in Social Action (YPSA) and United Nations Information Center (UNIC) was jointly organized a view exchange meeting on Rio+20: Disaster Resilience on the occasion of Environment Day' 12 on 4th June 2012 at Zill Parsad Auditorium, Ctg. Professor Sekandar Khan, Economic Society, Chittagong was the chief guest of the seminar while it was presided over by Prof. Dr. Al Amin, Dept of Forestry, CU. Dr. Aminul Islam, Sr. Sustainable Development Advisor, UNDP Bangladesh and Md. Moniruzzaman, Knowledge Management Officer UNIC Dhaka read out the key note paper. Mr. Zafar Alam, Director Department of Environment and Mr. Nurul Islam, Chairman Nippon Academy, Chittagong was present in the seminar as special guests.

Mentioning Bangladesh a Climate Change vulnerable country they said our country is becoming more vulnerable for effects of climate change. Developed countries are emitting maximum amount of carbon dioxide (CO2) whereas Bangladesh is among one of the least producing countries. Some countries did not sign Kyoto protocol and some in spite of signing are not following the pact accurately. Rio+20 - the short name for the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development to take place in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, in June 2012 - is an historic opportunity to define pathways to a safer, more equitable, cleaner, greener and more prosperous world for all. They added, Rio+20 is a chance to move away from business-as-usual and to act to end poverty, address environmental destruction and

build a bridge to the future. At the Rio+20 Conference, world leaders, along with thousands of participants from governments, the private sector, NGOs and other groups, will come together to shape how we can reduce poverty, advance social equity and ensure environmental protection on an ever more crowded planet to get to the future we want.

They also said The Conference will focus on two themes with seven priority: (a) a green economy in the context of sustainable development poverty eradication; and (b) the institutional framework for sustainable development "The preparations for Rio+20 have highlighted seven areas which need priority attention; these include decent jobs, energy, sustainable cities, food security and sustainable agriculture, water, oceans and disaster readiness. At the end of the speech of guests and selected spokesmen participants ask different question on the initiative of Bangladesh Government and UNDP Bangladesh including the preparation of these two bodies about climate change and Rio+20 conference. This time they also shared their experience and opinion about climate change, environment pollution etc.

Mr. Md. Ali shahin, Program manager, YPSA was the moderator of the seminar and Ms. Khaleda Begum, Program Coordinator, YPSA has given the welcome speech in the seminar.

BY: YPSA

Seminar on Climate Change Vulnerability Vs Coastal People's Livelihood by ADD International



A seminar on Climate Change Vulnerability Vs Coastal People's Livelihood was held on 13 February, 2012 at hotel Abakash. A total of 57 Participants was participated in the seminar. Mossarraf Hossain, Country Director of ADD International act as Moderator in the seminar. M.S. Akber (MP) the Chairman, Bangladesh Red Crescent Society was attended the program as the chief guest DG, DMB Ahsan Zakir as chairperson and Abu Nayem- DG of Fire Service & Civil Defense and VC of BRAC University Dr. Aynun Nishat was the special guest of the program. Convener of Disaster forum Gohor Nayeem Wara also as the resource person and presented the disaster scenario of Bangladesh. The program was divided in three session- presentation of resource persons, experience sharing, open discussion and speech of the honorable guest.

Farida Yasmin from Mongla Bagerhat, Showkat Ali from Rampal, Bagerhat and Lokkhi Rampal, Bagerhat was shared their experience of coastal disaster such as Aila, Sidre etc. the shared the devastation of cyclone and tidal surge.

In the speech both special guest emphasis on increasing the level of awareness on disaster and government have to initiate the key role for this.

Chief Guest said on involvement of Person with disabilities (PWD's) in every steps of development he also emphasis on reducing shrimp fry collection and cultivation. One point he mentioned regarding registration of PWD's.

BY: ADD

District level sharing meeting on disaster risk reduction and climate change adaptation

A lively district level sharing meeting on disaster risk reduction and climate change adaptation at Kaski district and the roles of the stakeholders was successfully accomplished at Dalima Hotel, Pokhara. The meeting was coordinated by HRELIC-Nepal, Kaski and co-organized by JCYC-Nepal; CMDRR Forum, Nepal; HRELIC; HIMAWANTI; WCDF; and Hoste Hainse and supported by Concern Universal, Bangladesh.

Total of 60 Participants including Bangladesh team from six different organizations, journalist, teacher union, young and student political leaders, child club, the flood victims, Government and Non-Government Organizations, civil society, Women Group, lecturer from Geography also an environmentalist, and Human Rights Activist attended the meeting. The sharing of experience was basically on the consequences of the flood at



Kharapani. The meeting outlined learning for all of the participants on present scenario of climate change, its seen impacts while emphasis was given on Climate Change adaptation and disaster risk reduction in Kaski.

The programme was chaired by the President of HRELIC Nepal, Kaski Mr. Jhalak Prasad Pokharel along with the Chief Guest, Sub-CDO, Mr. Antar Bahadur Silwal; Special guest Mr. Abdul Hamid, head of Organization Development and Education, Concern Universal, Bangladesh, Md. Masud Rana from Concern Universal, Bangladesh, and Prof. Sekhar Nath Adhikari, Environmentalist and Professor from department of Geography, Pokhara University whose initiating thoughts motivated all of the participants to work collectively for the natural disaster risks and its well preparedness.

Now SPHERE in Bangla available at Disaster forum

SPHERE is the guideline for emergency response and recovery. Red Crescent and Red Cross society along with some other NGOs has initiated SPHERE for effective response in 1997. Each and every agency that are playing role in disaster field follow this guideline. The front line staffs of disaster field in Bangladesh are the key person of response and most of them are not friendly in English. Thinking about them Disaster Forum Bangladesh initiated to translate this guideline in Bangla. Gowhor Nayeem Wara was the main dreamer of this great initiative. Now this Book is available in Bangla at Disaster Forum secretariat. Contact: Disaster Forum, 5/1 Sir Syed Ahmed Road (1st Floor), Mohammadpur, Block - A, Dhaka -1207, Phone: +88-02-9128963, Email: df@bangla.net. Price is fixed BDT 500 per copy.



EU ambassador visited disaster sufferings in Vashantek slum, Dhaka

The European Union (EU) ambassador to Bangladesh William Hannah has visited Vasantek slum of ward 15 in Dhaka North City Corporation on July 18, 2012. During the visit, he observed several steps taken on disaster risk mitigation; for instance, construction of linking road & drainage system, plinth raising, raising and concretizing the height of tube-well.

With the technical support of NARRI consortium, both Concern Universal and Dhaka Ahsania Mission (DAM) are implementing the project "A Disaster Resilient Future: Mobilizing Communities and Institutions for effective Risk Reduction" in the vulnerable 5 wards of Mirpur areas. Both organizations collectively have taken several steps to raise awareness among 5,500 households of these

areas. Ambassador William Hanna has distributed the assistive device to the person with disabilities (PWD's) and also visited education programs named Unique-2, which is run by Dhaka Ahsania Mission with the financial support of EU.

Olivier Brouant, deligate of ECHO, Stephane Bondeule, country director of Concern Universal, Shakeb Nabi programme manger of NARRI consortium, and Shafiqul Islam, Director programmes of Dhaka Ahsania Mission were present in the occasion.

In the very beginning of the visit tree plantation programme was introduced then he exchanged views with slum dwellers and social leaders of the community.



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