



CMDRR FORUM BULLETIN

Community Participation and Implementation is what we mean to promote

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EDITORIAL

CMDRR Forum has published its 8th issue bulletin. It is a continuous initiative with support from you all. We have passed the last quarter busy and successfully organized some major activities of which important are completion of the 4th CMDRR Learning cycle, celebrating IDDR along with Disaster Management Bureau and some other I/NGO in national, regional and local level. Contents of this issue are taken from news, report of 4th CMDRR Learning Cycle, Celebration of IDDR, and Topic on Risk Reduction idea, Disaster preparedness fair, implementation of CMDRR and some other important topics.

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4th CMDRR Learning Cycle :

Apart of the program CMDRR Forum, Bangladesh was organized learning cycle of the program as 4th learning cycle this year in Khulna. The program was started on 23th September, 2012 and continuing till 27th September, 2012. Major events of this program was field visit, observed simulation, meeting and learning session. All the members of CMDRR Forum (Directors, Forum Representatives, Technicals & Community Representatives) were participated in the program. Representatives of Cordaid Ms. Marlou Geurts and Mr. Munish Kaushik were also participated in this sharing program.

Dhaka Ahsania Mission, CARITAS Bangladesh and ADD International were locally organized the program. Dhaka Ahsania Mission was organized a Community Managed simulation program in Mongla, Bagerhat in assistance of DAM-DRR unit and CAFOD funded project.



A number of 52 participants from different stakeholder were participated in different events of 4th Learning Cycle. This 5 days program was conducting residentially at Hotel Castle Salam, Khulna. All the indoor events were conducted in the hall room of Hotel. The field trips were in Rampal, Bagerhat. Dhaka Ahsania Mission, ADD international and CARITAS Bangladesh were organized the field

events individually. The program was ended through trip in world famous mangrove forest-Sundarban. Main objective of the trip was to observe climate change impact in our coastal biodiversity and livelihood of the coastal people. Objective of the learning cycle was to share best practice and learning of the project and introduce in other field and to know the overall status of Cordaid.

CMDRR Forum celebrated International Day for Disaster Risk Reduction

CMDRR forum has celebrated the International Day for Disaster Risk Reduction (IDDR) as other year on 13 October, 2012 this year jointly with Disaster Management Bureau and other I/NGO at national level. Theme of the day was "Women & Girls- the Invisible Force of

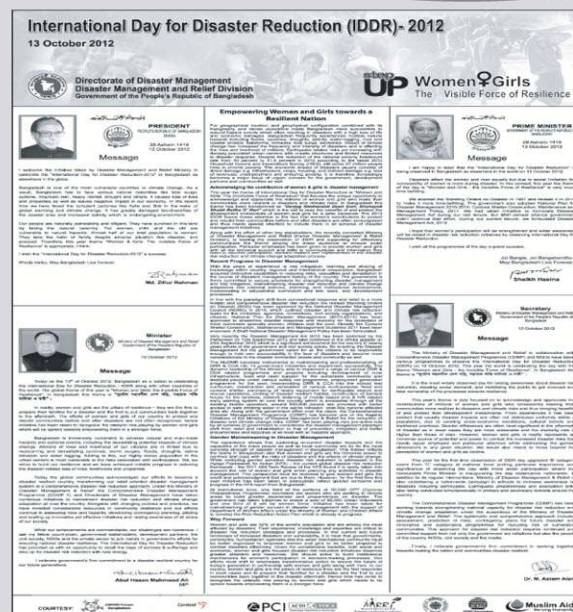
Resilience". Different events was conducted on the occasion and CMDRR forum actively participated each event such as Rally, seminar, TV talk show, Stall to display IEC materials on disaster, poster, Supplement publication in the national daily news paper and so on.



The seminar was organized in Bangabandhu International Conference Center (BICC) and Prime Minister of Bangladesh Sheikh Hasina was participated as chief guest. Forum was opened a stall to display IEC materials, training tools and emergency kits for disaster preparedness. Audience of the seminar was visited the stall of CMDRR forum and express their interest to collect disaster preparedness tool-kits. Honorable Minister of the ministry of disaster management & Relief Mr. Abul Hassan Mahmood Ali MP, The Secretary, Ministry of Disaster Management & Relief Mr. Dr. M Aslam Alom, and The UN Resident Coordinator in Bangladesh Mr. Neal Walker visited the stall along with other delegates. Mr. Khan Md. Muzahid Ibne Habib, Coordinator of The CMDRR Forum, Bangladesh was present on the occasion. Rally at national level started from Central Shaheed Minar and ended at Osmany auditorium. Members of CMDRR participated in the rally and other events in the day.

Forum also initiated for a TV talk show. Private TV channel MY Television was telecasted the talk show. Topic of discussion for talk show was "Women role in DRR in a system of Community Managed Disaster Risk Reduction (CMDRR)", Disaster Management Unit, Coordinator of Dhaka Ahsania Mission Md. Jahangir Alam and National Project Director of CDMP Mohammad Abdul Qayyum were participated as the guest. Renowned TV talk show presenter Selim Omrao Khan was played the role of moderator of the talk show.

The supplement was published in 8 national dailies both Bangle and English consisted the messages of excellence President and Honorable Prime Minister of Bangladesh. CMDRR forum sponsored the supplement in the daily Independent.



International Day for Disaster Reduction (IDDR), 2012 Observed :



1. The south western coastal district Bagerhat

Some colorful events such as rally, discussion meeting was organized in three upazila of Bagerhat district on 13 October, 2012. CMDRR members organization ADD International, Dhaka Ahsania Mission, CARITAS Bangladesh, Nazarine Mission, World Vision, and Rupantar was jointly organized the events with Upazila administration in different Upazila separately.

In Mongla, Dhaka Ahsania Mission, ADD, CARITAS and Upazila administration jointly organized the program with different events. UNO Mongla Dr. Mizanur Rahman presided over discussion meeting. Upazila Chairman Md. Idris Ali was participated in the discussion meeting as chief guest. OC of Mongla Thana, other upazila level officers, UP chairman, PIO was attended the event as special guest. Before that a rally was conducted from Upazila complex. Students, community people and civil society were in the events.

A discussion meeting and rally was organized in Rampal upazila auditorium. Nasrin Parvin, UNO of Rampal was in chair of the discussion meeting. Upazila chairman Abdur Rouf Mollah was the chief guest of the discussion meeting. Ex Upazila chairman, UP chairman of Rampal and Rajnagar, PIO, Program officer of CARITAS, Project officer of ADD International, Field Coordinator of Dhaka Ahsania Mission, representative of CDP have given their speech in the discussion meeting.

Meanwhile another discussion meeting was also held in Swarankhola Upazila hall room. Agriculture extension officer Md. Roisuddin was in chair of the discussion meeting. Upazila vice chairman M Saiful Islam khokon was attended the meeting as chief guest. Besides that, Southkhali UP chairman, PIO, President of NGO coordination committee and volunteer from ADD International was taken part of discussion meeting.

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

Similarly other years, People's Oriented Program Implementation (POPI) observed International Day for Disaster Reduction (IDDR) jointly with the district administration of Kishoreganj district this year. House pointed out that the students are the future nation makers and they will shoulder the responsibilities of rebuilding the nation. Therefore, the importance of the day should be disseminated amongst the students for their awareness building and they

might act as the best change agents and mass awareness development through the student is one of the best ways. Focusing the theme of the day of this year, through a coordination meeting, different events of the day was planned and implemented in the ground of S.V. Girl's High School, such as simulation, discussion meeting and quiz competition.



DC speaking on the occasion

3. VARD:

International Day for Disaster Reduction (IDDR), 2012 was celebrated through Rally, Simulation and Workshop at Sunamganj district with the joint initiatives of District Administration, Sunamganj and VARD at 11:00 A.M. on 13 October, 2012 under Oxfam Humanitarian Capacity Building Project funded by Oxfam International at the field and the Conference Room of the Office of the Deputy Commissioner, Sunamganj.

The most vital event of the OHCB project is simulation on the theme of storm and flash flood. In presence of Muhammad Yeamin Chowdhury, Deputy Commissioner, Sunamganj and other GO and NGO Officials, the simulation is shown at the field of the Office of the Deputy Commissioner, Sunamganj to create mass awareness among the target beneficiaries on storm and flash flood and also to present organizational emergency response during disaster period.

It is remarkable that Muhammad Yeamin Chowdhury, Deputy Commissioner, Sunamganj was present as the Chief Guest on the occasion and Mr. Khandokar Oliur Rahman, ADC (General), Sunamganj presided over the workshop. Mr. Md. Abul Kashem, DRRO, 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.



There are some valuable recommendation was found in the discussion session of the workshop that are as follows:

- School should be constructed considering the flood level.
- As the area is surrounded by haor, most of the people are fishermen. So they should be supported.
- Awareness building program on disaster should be expanded in all upazilas of Sunamganj district.
- We feel ourselves that we need to work jointly in order to mitigate and adapt climate change situations.
- The district can be protected from flash flood through constructing embankment around the district.

4. RDRS

RDRS Bangladesh observed IDDR on 13 October 2012 through rally, simulation, art competition and general discussion in 8 districts with the joint initiatives of District Administrations of Panchagarh, Thakurgaon, Dinajpur, Nilphamari, Rangpur, Lalmonirhat, Kurigram and Gaibandha.

The day observation was started around by 11:00 am under DRR, FCA and Core funded support of RDRS Bangladesh. Some vulnerable Upazilas like; Hatibandha, Nageswari, Bhurungamari, Fulbari, Rajarhat, Ulipur and Chilmari were also observed the day on pre-defined theme. Huge number of girls/female and male audiences were participated in the district/Upazila events. A total of 5,285 participants from different GOs/INGOs/NGOs were present on the occasion and the most of them were from head of department and noted 2,625 were girls/female and 2,660 male.

A special DRR/CCA & Good Governance fair has been organized with the nice collaboration of DRR & PRODUCE Project of RDRS Bangladesh and ESDO respectively during the period from 13-15 October 2012 at Independent Victory Column in Kurigram District. Dr. Imtiaz Ahmed, Additional District Magistrate (ADM) of Kurigram inaugurated the fair as chief guest. Mr. Shariful Islam Khan, Programme Coordinator, RDRS Bangladesh, Mr. Harunur Rashid (Lal), Executive Director of Solidarity, Mr. Abdur Rahman, Project Coordinator (DCA), Mr. Shekhor Bhattacharjee, Team Leader of CARE Bangladesh, Mr. Subash Chandra Roy, Project Manager (DRR) of RDRS Bangladesh, was present in inaugural session.



About 17 stalls arranged in disaster fair where Federation VDMC of RDRS Bangladesh, Muslim Aid, Terri-dess Homes (TDH), Switch Contact, ESDO, Solidarity, BDSC, District Relief & Rehabilitation Officer (DRRO), Agriculture Department, Fisheries Department, District Women Affairs Office (DWAO) was took place with stall. The fair stalls were decorated with colorful poster, leaflets, brochure, disaster calendar, seasonal calendar; those documents focused of DRR/CCA and Good Governance activities.

Some additional cultural programme like; Popular Theatre, Folksong, Pot-song and Mock drill were performed by the Cultural Team of TDH, BDSC and RDRS Bangladesh. Around 1500 audiences have been come to observe fair. The Mock drill was performed on Early Warning Dissemination (EWD) on the theme of flood and Nor-Western storm and demonstrated emergency response during disaster period. The Popular Theatre, Folksong, Pot-song and Mock drill were created mass awareness to the mass people of the area.

Community approach on Good Governance & Rights Establishment through CMDRR:

Although Rights Based Approach has yet to render expected service so far, the achievements of the CMDRR committee members INDAB working areas are significant. Now they are performing advocacy and networking at Upazilla level which is providing key role to establish accountability, transparency and the rights of the poorest people. Moreover, because of the participation of the CMDRR village committee and

UP members at different project interventions, now more accountability and transparency are noticeable than before at UP's different services which indicate a benevolent social force has already emerged that will play significant roles to bring about welfare, to establish good governance, transparency, accountability and rights of the disaster vulnerable people in the project area.

By: INDAB



Concern Universal Bangladesh (CUB) organized Divisional and Sub-District level Sharing Meeting on Disaster Risk Reduction and Climate Change Adaptation :



A divisional level sharing meeting on Disaster Risk Reduction and Climate Change Adaptation was held at hotel Supreme in Sylhet on 10 October, 2012. Divisional Commissioner of Sylhet N. M. Ziaul Alam was the chief guest of the meeting. Contents of the program were: Introductory session, short brief of CUB program, documentary and presentation on DRR and CCA, short brief of the project, open discussion and closing session. Total 104 people were participated in the sharing meeting. People come from different professions such as divisional level GO-NGO officials, teachers, students, civil society, elite person, religious leaders, journalist and community people were the participants of the meeting.

A sub-district level sharing meeting on Disaster Risk Reduction and Climate Change adaptation was also held at Bhairab Upazila parishad in Kishorgonj on 9 October, 2012. SAD-BD, ECDO and VARD was jointly organized and CUB was implemented the program. Chief Guest of the meeting was Mr. Tanvir Mohammad Azim, UNO (acting), Bhairab Upzilla. The program was ornamented with presentation of documentary, report and photo session and discussion of the guest. Total number of 50 people was participated in the sharing meeting. People come from different professions such as sub-district level GO-NGO officials, teachers, students, civil society, elite person, religious leaders, journalist and community people were the participants of the meeting.

Bangladesh: 5th Most Disaster Prone Country

Bangladesh is one of the most natural disasterprone countries in the world with staying in the 5th position among 173 countries, according to the World Risk Report 2012. Vanuatu, Tonga, Philippines and Guatemala are the four top risky countries followed by Bangladesh towards disaster. The report says Bangladesh has 63.78 percent vulnerability, 43.47 percent susceptibility, 86.84 percent lack of coping capacity and 61.03 percent lack of adaptive capacities having 31.70 percent exposure to risk. The World Risk Report examines who is at risk from natural disasters, what contributes to this risk and what can be done about it. Environmental degradation is a significant factor that reduces the adaptive capacity of societies to deal with disaster risk in many countries around the globe. The balance sheet for the 10 years from 2002 to 2011 is alarming with 4,130 disasters, over one million dead and economic losses of at least 1.195 trillion US dollars. The centerpiece of the report, the World Risk Index, developed by UNU-EHS in Bonn in cooperation with the Alliance determines the risk of becoming the Alliance, victim of a disaster as a result of natural hazards for 173 countries throughout the world. According to the presently available data, the Pacific Island state of Vanuatu has the highest disaster risk at 36.31 percent. Malta and Qatar, at 0.61 percent and 0.10 percent respectively, face the lowest risk worldwide.



At 3.48 percent, Belgium ranks 142nd and is therefore in the lowest of the five risk categories. Additionally, the 2012 report highlights the aspect of environmental degradation and disasters. The report is presented by the United Nations University Institute for Environment and Human Security (UNU-EHS), the Alliance Development Works / Bündnis Entwicklung Hilft and The Nature Conservancy (TNC).

Source: Online

Risk Reduction idea lies with the people in vulnerability :

We all who are involved in the field of disaster prevention and mitigation always deserve safety for the people in vulnerability. We try our best to be closer to those people with our love and compassion with a view to protecting their lives, livelihoods and assets from the snap of disaster. Nowadays the word 'Coping capacity Enhancement' has become high-flying in order to make the people less vulnerable through developing resiliency among them. Resilience involves ability to absorb shock, bounce back and build back better, adaptation, learning and acting. We can have a look into a devastated area that may be ravaged to the ground by a natural disaster. However, there are a few families left not to be severely or seriously affected. Now the point is raised why they were not so much affected. Of course there may be some miraculous thing happened by the grace of God. But it is true that the miraculous happenings were followed by some exceptional and innovative ideas that were keenly followed by the persons who could withstand the terrible snap of the disaster.

Likewise many other NGOs in the country, Caritas Bangladesh also keeps continuing to work with the disaster vulnerable people in the

field of disaster risk reduction following community managed approach. Efforts are being made not only to disseminate good ideas but also to pick out the good practices from them, which ensures safety for their lives, livelihoods and assets from disaster. DRR activities are now being implemented based on family and small village. People's learning out of their miseries and affliction during the last natural calamities paves the way for many families to survive from the disasters to come. In fact, there are many vividly live examples in the village with regard to protection of people's lives, livelihoods and assets. We need to identify all those innovative and good practices that can help to withstand a disastrous situation.

Getting the new things accepted by others is always difficult since the repulsion line of the person flies over the line of attraction. It is the mindset of people that hardly allow new things to adopt. Often they are reluctant to accept the locally available good and innovative ideas for bringing about changes in the different aspect of their life. In this situation behavioral change becomes a factor which needs to be dealt with very carefully. We all may know that attitude, means and knowledge (both practical & theoretical) are considered important factors for behavioral change of which attitudinal change is the most important. Attitude of a human being never changes unless his experience changes.

In view of the above, community managed disaster risk reduction activities should start with the activities that can help change the people's experiences based on the things surrounded by them. In this regard a facilitator's role is most important; he must



have to believe in the local people's perception, belief and technical know-how first. The facilitator should animate the community people in such a way that they put trust on the good practices they have among them. These good practices need to be demonstrated throughout the area using IEC materials and encourage the vulnerable people to bring those things into practice. Some improvement may be added to the devices, thoughts and practices, if it calls for.

We, Caritas Bangladesh keep continuing to get the people involved in identifying the innovative ideas and good practices on protection of lives, livelihoods and assets at family and community levels. Those are being demonstrated in the meeting using IEC materials and piloting. We find many people coming up to replicate the same. We believe that risk reduction ideas lies among the people which need to be explored and get the things replicated by the initiative of the community people. As such the CMDRR approach will make the people resilient through strengthening the coping capacity of the people in vulnerability.

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Seminar on Disaster Risk Reduction: Vulnerable Coastal Community Concern :

The disabled coastal community urged at the seminar on Disaster Risk Reduction: Vulnerable Coastal Community Concern on 15 October 2012 at Hotel City Inn, Khulna. With the leading of IFSL project partner ADD International a total of 70 participants from NGOs, government officials and community people raised the key issues at disasters and the relevant concerns for disaster risk reduction. The chief guest was Md. Abdul Aziz, DD Agriculture Extension Department, Khulna the special guests were Dr. Karsten Schroeder, senior advisor, SDBC- Sundarban, GIZ and Ms. Paula Nyunt, program officer- Bangladesh, CAFOD-UK. The seminar was presided by Mrs. Farida yasmin, president of Akota and Mr. Ziaur Rahman, HRP; ADD International has facilitated the seminar.

CAFOD and four partners (DAM, INT BUET, Caritas Bangladesh, and ADD International) shared the DRR issues in implementing 3 years long (till February 2013) the EU funded Improved Food and Livelihood Security in the context of increased disaster risk and climate change (IFLS) project in Mongla, Rampal and Shoronkhola of Bagerhat district. Participants were present the situation through presentation and briefing in the day long program.



Mosharraf Hossain, Krishnapada Chakrabarti, Ziaur Rahman and Farida Yasmin were called from the PWD community in the seminar.



Disaster Preparedness Fair 2012

Two days Disaster Preparedness Fair 2012 was held on 11-12th November 2012 jointly organized by Dhaka Ahsania Mission (DAM) and Concern Universal at open ground of Sarisabari College, Sarisabari Upazila Jamalpur District under DIPCHO VI project. The fair is inaugurated by Md. Abdul Maleque Upazila Chairman & President of Upazilla Disaster Management Committee. Director Programs-DAM; Coordinator, Disaster Management Unit-DAM; and Vice Chairman's of Sarisabari Upazilla were also present in the occasion. The inauguration programme was chaired by Vice Principal of Sarisabari Upazilla. Mr. Parvez Rayhan UNO Sarisabari Upazilla was present as Chief Guest In the closing session. On the fair 12 Government concern department and 8 Non-government organizations had been displayed their IEC materials, first aid search & rescue items, initiated activities, risk reduction annual plans and the fair was decorated with different artificial infrastructure, which reflects the whole DRR approach, process & development plan of Disaster Risk Reduction. The fair was organized with the clear vision of A

Disaster Resilient Future and it has been clearly demonstrated in two days Disaster Preparedness fair'12.

Thousands of people visited the fair and it was appreciated that there are lots of learning elements in the fair like how to saving lives during disaster, awareness rising, disaster preparedness, mitigation, emergency response, risk reduction action planning and incorporating process in the development plan. The effective coordination & communication mechanisms have been visualized in the fair. The fair is full of life at pleasurable presence of upazila government departments, local institutions, schools, colleges, Ganokendra and also community people. According to the officials and local people the fair is excellent and lively. Different institutions including Upazilla Fire Service & Civil Defence office have been demonstrated Mock drill & Simulation Programme. Local cultural team and school students performed live drama & various cultural events.

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