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Community Participation and Implementation is what we mean to promote

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Key concepts in DRR :

Disaster risk reduction includes activities, which support preparedness, prevention and mitigation from a local to an international level. A programme in a floodrisk area for example might address improved environmental management to stop flooding prevention), river-bank reinforcement or dams (reducing the effect - mitigation), early warning systems, and evacuation planning / response capacity (preparedness). Community participation (a 'bottom up' approach) is particularly important to maximize resilience, as is a gendersensitive approach.

What is CMDRR ?

Community Managed Disaster Risk Reduction (CMDRR) is a process follows a number of participatory approaches for community hazard analysis and risk assessment leading to undertake joint action plan (prevention, mitigation, increase survivability, community readiness) to reduce vulnerability and risk.

CMDRR emphasizes community engagement in all aspects of assessment → plan → implementation → monitoring through community organization.



Orientation Workshop on CMDRR Model Implementation Conducted

A two days long orientation on CMDRR Model Implementation was arranged at the auditorium of Voluntary Association for Rural Development (VARD), Adabar and Dhaka on 7 & 8 January 2013 to carve out the conception of Community Managed Disaster Risk Reduction. Community Managed Disaster Risk Reduction (CMDRR) Forum organized the orientation workshop. A total of 31 participants from different organizations were participated. Director General (DG), Department of Disaster Management Mr. Abdul Wazed was the chief guest in inaugural session of the orientation. Mr. Amranul Hoque Kamal, the Executive Director of VARD presided over the meeting while Executive Director of PIDIM Foundation AB Banerjee delivered the welcome address. Forum Coordinator Khan Md. Muzahid Ibne Habib facilitated the overall orientation programme. Promoting CMDRR model implementation in the existing DRR field and showcasing CMDRR model in the field of each member organization were mainly highlighted in the orientation. A premise of Dhaka Ahsania Mission (DAM) is the secretariat of the Forum. CMDRR Forum formed with the mentioned 13 organizations- ADD, Caritas Bangladesh, Dhaka Ahsania Mission, FFH, Friendship, INDAB, PGUK, PIDIM Foundation,

POPI, RDRS Bangladesh, VARD and YPSA. The Forum has been working for individual and institutional empowerment through community managed disaster risk reduction with the assistance of partner organizations of the CMDRR Forum, Bangladesh.

It organized different course for capacity development at marginal level on CMDRR. Speakers said, due to climate change the disaster risk reduction is the biggest challenge in our country at the present context. Government and Non-Government organizations have to work in a collaborative way to overcome the challenge. CMDRR Forum has been playing important role for the effective mitigation of disaster risk reduction.



Idea, Experience & Lesson's Sharing and Exposure visit

A visit on exchange sharing and learning was organized in the field of friendship - a member organization of CMDRR forum Bangladesh on 20-23 April, 2013. A number of 17 participants were joined in the visit from the member organizations. Major event of the visit was to observe child education program, handicraft village, flood resilient cluster village at the island char of old Brahmaputra River, floating hospital for the people of chars.

It was really a learning for all members how chars people develop the flood resilient cluster village on a community based approach. How they organize the

community people and continuing and their future plan is really astonish the team members during the visit of cluster village. Other program of friendship is also appreciable.

Floating hospital was also a very good initiative of Friendship. It shows how do medical facilities can be able to reach to the char people who cannot imagine the modern medical facilities like this. The floating hospital is camping different chars gradually whole around the year that makes an opportunity for the char people to get modern medical facilities with a very small amount of money.





Refreshers Course on CMDRR & CCA in China

With the funding supports from Cordaid, the Netherlands – Concern Universal Bangladesh (CUB) have been implementing “Capacity Strengthening on Community Managed Disaster Risk Reduction (CMDRR) and Climate Change Adaptation (CCA)” in partnership with local NGOs since June 2010. The five Local NGOs of China are also the partners for this project from January 2012.

Last year (2012), Chinese NGO's received training on CMDRR and CCA. This year, CUB organised refreshers course on CMDRR and CCA for Chinese partner NGOs on 24 April 2013 at Heifer International China office in Chengdu. Total 14 participants (50% female) attended this refresher from six organisations. Abdul Hamid, Head – Organisational Development and Education from CUB conducted this refresher course.

CASE STUDY



An Incidence Changes the Life of Rofika Begum

An incidence changes the life of Rofika Begum from Moinpur works as maidservants as her day labor husband's only income cannot afford the family. They lead a miserable family life. They live from hand to mouth with husband and 4 children. The children are grown up with having breakfast in the morning and starving at noon. The elder daughter is also grown up, she should be get married. Distress and sufferings are found everywhere of the family.

Once upon a time, Rofika participated in a courtyard session on improvement livelihood of the flood affected poor families facilitated by CMDRR project. He participated here attentively and could understand very well that how a family can improve their living pattern through optimum use of limited resources. The courtyard session focuses on vegetable cultivation through discussing a story how to be self reliant with example. This is the main source of her encouragement, flame and inspiration. He starts for vegetable cultivation. It is not possible to do everything easily instead of willingness as she does not have enough land to cultivate vegetables. That's why she talks to Mr. Mazid Ali, a landlord in

the area and expresses her eagerness to cultivate vegetables. The landlords are convinced with her speech and agree to allocate 64 decimal lands as lease for cultivation. The landlord will get 50% production as per the condition. Rofika will have to carry all the expenses of the cultivation. Then she communicates with Moinpur VDRRC for vegetable seeds. The VDRRC distributes 5 varieties of vegetable seeds to her from VARD-CMDRR project. She prepared the land with the help of her husband and children. Then she sows seeds in the land and nurtures it on regular basis. Vegetables grow well. She earns in this season BDT 54000. With the earnings, she repairs her house to protect themselves from flood and get her elder daughter married. She also opens a grocery shop in her house and preserves some money to purchase seeds and fertilizer for the next season.

"It is possible to improve one's livelihood through over work and effort. I will grow vegetables regularly from now. Now, I am self reliant for the grace of almighty God," she says.



Final Evaluation Findings Sharing Convention

A Final Evaluation Findings Sharing Convention is held with joint initiatives of district administration, Sunamganj and VARD at 11:00 A.M. on 31 March, 2013 under Community Managed Disaster Risk Reduction (CMDRR) Project supported by COR-DAID, The Netherlands at the Conference Room of the Office of the Deputy Commissioner, Sunamganj. Mr. Debjit Sinha, ADC (General), Sunamganj presided over the meeting.

It is remarkable that 40 participants from different GO, NGO, civil society, teacher, ecologist, elected body, journalist, and VDRRG leaders were present on the occasion and most of them are head of department. Md. Fazlul Hoque, Project Manager of VARD-CMDRR Project moderated the workshop.

In his greeting speech, Shahid Uddin Mahmood, Director (Program), VARD congratulated all the

guests presented in the meeting. He also explained mission, vision and program of VARD and goal & objectives of the convention before the participants in brief.

A multi-media presentation on final evaluation findings is presented by Md. Fazlul Hoque, Project Manager of CMDRR Project before the participants in the meeting. It contains project related information, major achievement, outputs and outcomes of the project, areas need to be improved, challenges and recommendations.

In his closing speech, the president of the workshop Mr. Debjit Sinha, ADC (General), Sunamganj urged to all not to destroy natural environment and bio diversity of the area-constructing embankment in the haor in unplanned way to protect the boro field as well.

Celebration of NDPD 2013 by CMDRR Forum, Bangladesh

CMDRR Forum, Bangladesh observed the day national & local level with due importance. Following events were carried out at national level in collaboration with partner organizations and other DRR stakeholders in the country.

Rally: GoB was decided not to organize rally in the capital this year. As the rally causing massive traffic jam, government has avoided this event. CMDRR forum was organized the rally in Chittagong this year in assistance of another member organization of CMDRR forum Bangladesh YPSA. They started from Zilla Shilpakala Academy. The rally was led by Additional Deputy Commissioner, Ctg Mr. S.M. Abdul Kader where a good number of government and non-government officers, UN bodies, Bangladesh Red Crescent Society/ Red Cross, I/NGOs, DRR practitioners including the CMDRR Forum partners participated.



Seminar: The seminar held at Shisu Academy Auditorium where people from different sectors participated. The Department of Disaster Management and the Disaster Management and Relief Division jointly organized the seminar. The participants from different section of people particularly relevant government officials, NGO, INGO, School students, Fire Service and Civil Defense, Community level volunteers from IFRC and Disaster Management and Relief Minister Abul Hassan Mahmood Ali were present as Guest of Honor and took active part in the seminar.



Talk show: CMDRR Forum was sponsored for a TV talk show this year. The talk show has been telecasted on ATN Bangla at 11:30 pm on 28th March, 2013. The talk show pointed out Reducing Disaster Risk: Bottom-up Approach (CMDRR). Director of Department of Disaster Management, Md. Shamsur Rahman and Representatives of CMDRR Forum, BD Md. Arifur Rahman, Chief Executive of Young Power in Social Action was participated in the talk show. Md. Keramat Ullah Biplab moderated the talk show.



Supplement: A colorful supplement was published in the national dailies- The Prothom Alo, The Daily Star, The Jugantar, The Independent, The Samakal and The Ittefaq and so on. CMDRR Forum Bangladesh was sponsored the colourfull supplement in The Independent in English.

The message contained the theme of running year "Preparedness for all disasters: Reducing the sufferings.

Poster: A poster designed and printed on the occasion on National Disaster Preparedness Day jointly with DMB, CMDRR Forum Bangladesh, NARRI, CARE, ACDI VOCA, DCA and some other development agencies.

Mock drill/Simulation: A number of four school based simulation program was organized in 4 different places of the working area of CMDRR forum Bangladesh. The member organization of forum INDAB in Babugonj, Barisal, YPSA in Chittagong, RDRS in Kurigram and Concern Universal Bangladesh (CUB) & Dhaka Ahsania Mission (DAM) jointly in Mirpur, Dhaka was organized the program in different dated within February to April, 2013. It seems that simulation program is one of the effective tools of DRR campaigning in a lot of people at a time. As this is a program in an open place and mass people have access to watch the program live, they easily can understand the theme and be aware.

Art Competition: To celebrate the NDPD, Forum was initiated a large scale art competition in the 11 schools of Mirpur, Dhaka on 28th March, 2013. A number of 353 students were participated in the competition. A prize giving ceremony was also organized in Mirpur Udayan School. The students who got 1st, 2nd and 3rd place from each school were rewarded.

Media Coverage: All the print and electronic media of the country were given extra concentration to the event. The national dailies and other electronic media paid due importance on the day. The daily newspapers published special feature giving emphasizes on the DRR elements /issues and disaster related writes up. Besides, different channels broadcasted news on discussions, seminars, rally and talk show respectively.



National Disaster Preparedness Day - 2013 Celebration by Member Organizations

Member organizations of CMDRR Forum, Bangladesh were organized the celebration program of NDPD separately in their respective working area that is different region of Bangladesh. Major events of the individual member organization are highlighted below in brief:

1. Fight For Hunger (FFH):

In the island upazila Sandwip, the upazila administration in association with the OXFAM funded REE-CALL Project, DISA Project of Caritas and CMDRR Project Fight for Hunger observed the day with elaborate programme. As part of the programme, a colorful procession led by Sandwip Upazila Nirbahi Officer Mir Showkat Hossain was brought out from the upazila parishad in the morning, which paraded different streets of the upazila. Later a discussion meeting on the day was held on the premises of Sandwip Upazila Parishad.



CMDRR/D: A rally was brought out in the city on Thursday marking Disaster Preparedness Day. (CMDRR/D: 54210)

2. Intergrated Development Association of Bangladesh (INDAB):

INDAB observed NDPD-2013 on 28 March 2013. Rally & discussion meeting were organized on this occasion under CMDRR project at Babugonj Upazila of Barisal district. The rally started at 10 am from Rahmatpur union council and round the important roads of the Upazila head quarter. People from different sectors specially teachers, students, govt. officials, CMDRR committee members of INDAB, UP members participated at the rally with banner & festoon. Mr. Bakahid Hossain, UNO of Babugonj led the rally. After the rally, a discussion meeting held at the Rahmatpur union parishad auditorium at 11 am. UNO of Babugonj was the chief guest. Mrs. Rashida Begom, senior member of upazilla CMDRR coordination committee presided over the meeting. In his speech chief guest emphasized that every family, particularly those who are vulnerable to natural disaster for their location, should keep preparation considering the hazard of the area. A video clip & some

pictorial document on the negative impacts of climate change & the way of disaster coping mechanism for adaptation presented at the beginning of the meeting.



3. Palli Gono Unnayan Kendra (PGUK):

PGUK organized a multicolored rally in Kuakata, Kalapara, Patuakhali. Upazila Chairman, UNO, Different occupation groups, GO and NGO representatives, teachers, Students and civil society were participated in the program.

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

POPI has been implementing OHCB project under partnership with Oxfam in the north eastern Haor areas. The Govt. of Bangladesh along with many international/national and local NGOs celebrates the National Disaster Preparedness Day (NDPD) in a befitting manner each year. POPI likewise other years, celebrated the event jointly with the district administration of Kishoregnaj district in a befitting manner. The main purpose of the event is to raise awareness of the mass people. The main activities were rally, simulation and discussion meeting in SB school auditorium.

5. RDRS Bangladesh:

RDRS Bangladesh has been observed National Disaster Preparedness Day (NDPD) 2013 by participate & organize with different awareness program & different participants at different district and Upazilla level in the Northern districts of Panchagarh, Thakurgaon, Dinajpur, Nilphamari, Rangpur, Lalmonirhat, Kurigram and Gaibandha. In Kurigram district, RDRS Bangladesh has been organized & participate the following different events: Participation in District administration program, Simulation on Community Manages Disaster Preparedness & Community Radio Program and so on.

6. Young Power in Social Action (YPSA):

YPSA Disaster Risk Reduction & Emergency Management Unit celebrated the National Disaster Preparedness Day along with Govt office and World Vision on 28th march at Zela Shilpakala Academy. The program was divided into two parts –rally and discussion meeting. Additional Deputy Commissioner, Ctg Mr. S.M. Abdul Kader was the chief guest of the program. The program was presided over by Mr. Abdul Malek, District Relief and Rehabilitation Officer, Ctg. YPSA community Volunteer are attend in the Colorful rally. The program started with rally and after completion of rally, discussion meeting was started. In discussion meeting, chief guest in his speech said that we have to face different disaster round the year, as Bangladesh is one of the most disaster prone countries.



School Based Awaedness and Simulation Exercise in Dhaka & Other Locations

There is no requirement of expressing that Bangladesh is one of the vulnerable country considering the disaster and climate change impact. Thinking the scenario, there is no alternative to raise awareness on disaster preparedness. Campaign awareness by using different tools is the way to build up the capacity of mass people on disaster preparedness can help us to reduce the losses causing disaster. Simulation, mock drill can be the tools for mass awareness. It is proved that school based simulation program is the most effective way of raising awareness of the mass people.

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