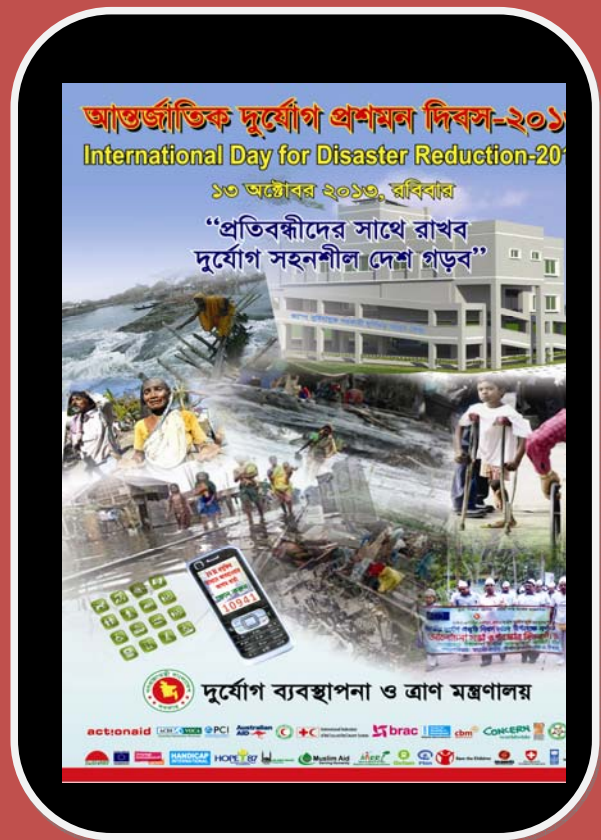


# Report on IDDR 2013

Community Managed Disaster Risk Reduction  
(CMDRR) Forum, Bangladesh



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## List of Acronyms

<b>CMDRR</b>	Community Managed Disaster Risk Reduction
<b>IDDR</b>	International Day for Disaster Risk Reduction
<b>UN</b>	United Nations
<b>DRR</b>	Disaster Risk Reduction
<b>NGO</b>	Non Government Organization
<b>INGO</b>	International Non Government Organization
<b>DDM</b>	Department of Disaster Management
<b>DAM</b>	Dhaka Ahsania Mission
<b>BICC</b>	Bangabandhu International Conference Centre
<b>MP</b>	Member of Parliament
<b>IEC</b>	Information Education & Communication
<b>BCC</b>	Behaviour Change Communication
<b>GoB</b>	Government of Bangladesh
<b>CCA</b>	Climate Change Adaptation
<b>PWD</b>	Person with Disability

## Preamble:

The International Day for Disaster Risk Reduction started in 1989 with the approval of the United Nations General Assembly. The UN General Assembly sees International Day as a way to promote a global culture of disaster reduction, including disaster prevention, mitigation and preparedness. Originally the day used to celebrate on the second Wednesday of October, the UN General Assembly decided in 2009 to designate October 13th as the date to celebrate IDDR.

The International Day for Disaster Risk Reduction is a day to celebrate how people and communities are reducing their risk to disasters and raising awareness about the importance of DRR. It's also a day to encourage every citizen and government to take part in building more disaster resilient communities and nations.

The theme for the International Day for Disaster Risk Reduction in 2013 is part of a Step Up initiative started in 2011. The initiative focuses on a different group of partners every year leading up to the World Conference for Disaster Reduction in 2015.

This year the focus of the International Day for Disaster Risk Reduction (13 October) is one billion people around the world who live with some form of disability. Representing one-fifth of the world's population, persons living with disabilities have unique contributions, often overlooked, to help reduce the risk of disasters and build resilient societies and communities.

IDDR 2013 intends to switch on and amplify this critical issue of including the needs of persons living with disabilities now and for the post-2015 framework for disaster risk reduction.

## CMDRR Forum, Bangladesh:



CMDRR Forum, Bangladesh is a national coordination organization of 13 national level NGOs and INGOs of Bangladesh and supported by Cordaid the Netherlands, with an aim to institutionalize the concept of community managed disaster risk reduction in Bangladesh context.

Cordaid, together with local aid organizations, is helping the poorest population groups prepare for disaster situations, like early warning systems and creating evacuation plans. Cordaid starts with the assumption that the hardest hit knows best where the threats are, what they can do about them and what help they need to better protect themselves against disasters. Cordaid supports communities in prevention measures, like improving infrastructure or planting trees to help prevent flooding and prevent landslides. There are ways how local communities are increasing their own resilience.

In line with this, participating organizations have been progressively practicing the concept of CMDRR at regional, national and international level. Meanwhile it has come to an existence as a successful organization in terms of practitioner and incorporation DRR related issues and policy advocacy on community managed disaster risk reduction. Forum presumes that this site will help diffuse ideas, philosophy and strategic view of the forum to the common people, practitioners and its counterparts.

### **CMDRR Forum: Celebration of IDDR 2013:**

CMDRR Forum as a coordination body takes some responsibilities with the national level organizations and certainly with the mainstream activities which led by the government counterparts. Every year CMDRR Forum tried to accomplish all activities taken under the government umbrella. At the same time forum has been playing pivotal role to assist its partner organizations to accomplish activities with the local level administration of government. Basing on the directions from central management of CMDRR forum all members had intensive and active participation to observe the day significantly and meaningfully.

In 13<sup>th</sup> October 2013, International Day for Disaster Risk Reduction (IDDR) celebrated in Bangladesh with the slogan “Living with Disability and Disaster” This day is very significant for one of the most vulnerable people of the disaster-affected country, Bangladesh. CMDRR Forum, Bangladesh along with Department of Disaster Management (DDM), national and international NGOs celebrated the day by building awareness on disaster preparedness. Following are the highlight of the celebration in different parts of the country by CMDRR Forum members in respective areas

This year CMDRR forum chalked out a plan concerning celebrating IDDR 2013 with following activities;

<b>Activities</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Organizer</b>
Rally	Chittagong	YPSA has organized a rally in Chittagong with supports from CMDRR Forum, BD as the Government declared a notice not to open rally on the busy road of the Dhaka City.
School Based Awareness & Simulation Exercise	Dhaka	Dhaka Ahsania Mission (DAM) & Forum Secretariat
Seminar & Exhibition	Dhaka	Jointly with Department of Disaster Management
Talk Show	Dhaka	ATN Bangla- a privet satellite TV channel
Publication of Full Page Supplementary	Dhaka	The Daily Independent
Publication of Poster	Dhaka	Number of 1000 poster has been published reflecting DRR message on the occasion on National Disaster Preparedness Day jointly with Department of Disaster Management, NARRI, CARE, ACDI VOCA and some other development agencies.

## **Seminar & Exhibition of IEC and BCC materials**

IDDR 2013, national level celebration organized at Bangabandhu International Conference Centre (BICC). Honorable Prime Minister of the People's Republic of Bangladesh Sheikh Hasina was the chief guest. UN Resident Coordinator in Bangladesh Mr. Neal Walker, and Honorable Minister, Ministry of Social Welfare Mr. Enamul Hoque Mostofa Shaheed, MP, were present as special guest. The Prime Minister in her address as chief guest said, "Persons with disabilities suffer disproportionately high level of disaster risks due to our failure of considering their needs". She also elaborated her government's efforts with a view to accomplish some welfare activities for the sake of disabled. She spelled out that at least 135 projects on disaster risk reduction including training of volunteers in large scale have been accomplishing in different locations.

Speaking at the function, prime minister Sheikh Hasina emphasised setting up separate units in every forces including the army, navy and air force to respond to the disasters. 'Every force should have a separate unit, training and necessary equipment to enhance their disaster management ability, she said. The prime minister said Bangladesh is a disaster-prone country due to its geographical location and people with disabilities suffer excessively high level of disaster risks due to people's failure to consider their needs. She also said that the government has been constructing 100 multipurpose cyclone shelters having ramp facilities considering the needs of the physically challenged people. She said that it was not possible only for the government to involve the physically challenged people in disaster preparedness activities, activities during disaster and post-disaster management. She urged every man and woman of society to take equal responsibility from their end.

In remembrance of the day, an exhibition on upholding the significant of the day was also held on the premises. CMDRR forum tried to uphold their different IEC, BCC materials in the stall with other participants. A diversified viewer from different areas and disciplines participated and got information on the DRR and CMDRR issues.

CMDRR Forum, Bangladesh shared IEC materials, video documentary, emergency kits and tools for disaster, training materials produced by the Forum, in different time of its project duration. Representatives from civil society, community based organizations, community volunteer groups, Fire Service and Civil Defense, Int/NGOs members and Forum members also visited Forum stall.

## **Talk Show on IDDR Issue**

TV talk shows are recently having positive impacts on the mass people awareness on different aspects of development agenda. It has tremendous positive response especially on advocacy related issues. At the same time, experts have opportunity to discuss any critical and related relevant development issues with evidence and drawing proposal for good solution of any emerged problems.

CMDRR Forum as its mandate tried to organize a talk show on **Disability inclusive Disaster Risk Reduction: Towards post 2015 framework'** ATN Bangla a private satellite TV channel of Bangladesh has telecasted the talk show on October 5, 2013. In this important event, key discussants were Mr. Mohammad Abdul Wazed, Additional Secretary, Director General, Department of Disaster Management and Member of CMDRR Forum Bangladesh and Country Director of ADD International Mr. Mosarraf Hossain.

The talk show stressed on the current issues of DRR in Bangladesh and its well off management through intensive and active community participation and decision-making processes. Some discussion items were as follows.

- DRR issues as national priority in order to giving importance in the context of Bangladesh and efforts of GoB
- Partnership with the government and NGOs and INGOs with regards to disaster management
- Clarify mechanism of CDMP promoting the role of CBOs, NGOs and Civil Society bodies for effective disaster management.
- CDMP roles to play as a moderator to create a single platform for disaster management.
- Institutional Reforms under Disaster Management Act -2012
- Development learning in the area of disaster management in Bangladesh and future plan to add values by mutual cooperation
- Specific coping mechanism strategy and planning of GoB on CCA-DRR
- Elaborate approaches of CMDRR in Bangladesh in DRR context
- Major initiatives taken by NGOs with supports of CMDRR Forum members for disaster risk mitigation
- Drawbacks with a view to promote on PWDs issues in disaster preparedness
- Approach of CMDRR to response and reduction on risk of Earthquake Preparedness
- Major intervention in line with reduction hazards of climate change in Bangladesh being a practitioner of CMDRR.
- Climate change perspective in line with the disabilities issue
- Child Rights and children with disabilities in disaster risk reduction through community led efforts
- Most vulnerable community people especially persons with disabilities : DRR and CCA perspective
- Earth Quake : Rescue for most vulnerable people especially persons with disabilities
- DRR strategy : Adaptation of persons with disabilities in Disaster Management process





## Publishing Supplementary issues in the Daily News Paper

To highlight of the event and make awareness to the mass people CMDRR Forum attempted to publish special supplement on the **‘Living with Disability and Make Disaster Resilient Society’** in The Daily Independent on October13,2013. The CMDRR Forum published the supplement jointly with the ministry of disaster management and Relief. The supplement contained messages from the honorable President, Prime Minister, Minister and Secretary of line ministry. Paid highlighting on the disability and disaster risks reduction and resilient issues and development of society in accordance with the often disasters. In the published supplement, a write up on **Living with Disability and Responsibilities to Reducing DRR’** by Director General of Department of Disaster Management was also included.



## Publication of Poster

At the event, celebrating IDDR 2013 a poster was designed and a number of 1000 copies was printed and circulated among the CMDRR member organizations and walling in public location to disseminate messages to the mass people. Poster was printed in collaboration with the following organizations;

Actionaid, ACDI VOCA, PCI, Australian AID, Bangladesh Red Crescent Society, International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies, BRAC, CBM, Concern Worldwide, Concern Universal, CMDRR Forum, Caritas, DeSHARI, European Union, International Handicap International, HOPE 87, Islamic Relief, Muslim Aid, NARRI, OXFAM, PLAN, Save the Children, SOLIDARITES, Swiss Agency for Development Cooperation, UNDP and World Vision respectively.





## Media Coverage

A good coverage on the auspicious day was significantly elaborated the news and write-ups of the country. The press tried to cover all issues related to the disabilities and disaster risk reduction and context and prospect disaster risk reduction scenario of Bangladesh. Media also paid importance on climate change perspectives in line with the global scenario.



In addition to the central level program at Dhaka some other district and upazila level day observance on IDDR were also organized jointly by local administration and supported by NGOs affiliated with CMDRR Forum. This is very remarkable that to have well off dissemination of IDDR related news national, regional and local level newspapers (On line and print) gave importance on the day and activities performed in the day. Some of significant news papers are elaborated the information paying importance. These are as follows; The daily Sun, The daily New Age, BD Today and so on.

## Conclusion:

DRR in line with the climate change adaptation now a day is a very important issue for all stakeholders working to reduce disaster risks. CMDRR forum as a practitioner and advocating organization concerning the CMDRR concept has been playing its challenging role to introduce elsewhere in Bangladesh. It has been trying to assist government and other I/NGOs to promote CMDRR concept and practicing the issue appropriately. Every year CMDRR Forum tried to its level best to participate proactively and organize different events centrally, nationally and regionally. This year Forum has gone to some other formats, like, TV talk show and publishing newspaper supplement, where country's highest most executives were paid their messages in regards to IDDR perspectives and enhances capacity of disaster management in Bangladesh. It's the outstanding achievement of CMDRR Forum, so far. We have to hope that in future this cooperation and working together will be strengthened more realistically.

# ‘Collective efforts needed for disaster management’

**RAJSHAHI, OCT 13:** Speakers at a post-rally discussion here today said loss of life and assets caused by any natural disasters could be reduced to a greater extent through collective efforts and better management.

They viewed there is no scope of preventing occurrence of natural catastrophe but scope of reducing damage and other casualties caused by them through the best uses of modern technologies and communications.

Besides, the persons with disabilities and other challenged people should be given priority in the activities and process of disaster reduction as they become more victim-

## **GLOBAL WARMING CANNOT BE STOPPED, BUT JOINT EFFORTS CAN REDUCE DAMAGE**

ized in any disaster, they added.

District administration organized the discussion at its conference hall to mark the International Day for Disaster Reduction-2013 in association with various development organizations. “Living with disability and disaster” was the main theme of the day.

Commissioner of Rajshahi division addressed the discussion as the chief guest with Deputy Commissioner Mejbah Uddin Chowdhury in

the chair. In his welcome speech, Dr ANM Bazlur Rashid, Additional Deputy Commissioner (General), highlighted the significance of the day and good collaboration and coordination towards mitigation of any disaster reduction.

Sarwar-E-Kamal Swapan, Chief Executive of CCBVO, put forward a set of recommendations how to substantial reduction of risks and losses caused by the disasters in his keynote presentation.

The speakers stressed the need for a comprehensive approach for reducing the prevailing risks of the natural disaster and importance should be given on local resource mobilization through creating mass awareness to attain the cherished goal.

They put emphasis on integration of disaster risk reduction into sustainable development policies and planning side by side with development and strengthening of institutions and mechanism.

Among others, District Livestock Officer Dr Mijanur Rahman, RCC Ward Councilor Bilkish Banu and ADD workers Firoja Akhter Sima and Sohel Rana also spoke. **BSS**

# Armed forces to have disaster management units, says PM

**DHAKA, OCT 13:** Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina today laid importance on capacity building of all forces including Army, Navy and Air Force so that they can respond to natural disaster.

Every force should have a separate unit, training and necessary equipment to enhance their disaster management ability, she said while inaugurating International Disaster Reduction Day 2013 here today.

The prime minister called for giving more attention to the necessity of disabled persons during disaster and change the present situation by including persons with disability in disaster resilience initiatives and policy making.

Minister for Disaster Management and Relief A H Mahmud Ali presided over the function organised by the Disaster Management and Relief Ministry at Bangabandhu International Conference Centre (BICC).

Minister for Social Welfare Enamul Haque Mostafa Shahid, UN Resident Coordinator to Bangladesh Neal Walker and secretary of the Ministry of Disaster Management Mesbah Ul Alam, addressed the function, among others.

Pointing out the day's theme- 'Living with Disability and Disaster', the Prime Minister said, Bangladesh is a disaster prone country due to its geographical location. "Persons with disabilities suffer disproportionately high level of disaster risks due to our failure to consider their needs," she said.

Sheikh Hasina said, Bangladesh's constitution stipulated equal- scope, equal- rights and equal participation of the physically challenged people in all national activities.

Bangladesh Physically Challenged Welfare Act-2001, Standing Orders on Disaster-2010 and Disaster Management Act-2012 have described in details the do's and don'ts for protecting the rights of the physically challenged people, she added.

Sheikh Hasina said her government has embarked upon massive programmes to build up disaster management

capacity through development of green belt along the coast, river dredging and other programmes.

She informed that the present government has been constructing 100 multipurpose cyclone shelters with own fund having ramp facilities considering the needs of the physically challenged people.

The prime minister said, it is not possible only for the government to associate the physically challenged people in disaster preparedness and post disaster management. Every man and woman of the society would have to take equal responsibility to this end.

"Emphasis should have to be given on the participation of physically challenged people rather than considering them as victims of disasters," she said adding, "World acclamation of our disaster management capacity should be maintained." The PM said the long-term goal of her government's disaster management programme is to minimise the extent of losses for the people, especially the poor and underprivileged into a tolerable level.

She said that her government has already formulated the 'Disaster Management Act-2012', 'Cyclone shelter construction, maintenance and management policy-2011 and National Disaster Management Plan 2010-2015 and an agreement has been signed to exchange information and extend cooperation among the SAARC countries in disaster risk management.

She said the present government has purchased equipment worth Taka 63 crore for Disaster Management Ministry while equipment valued more than Taka 150 crore were procured for Fire Service and Civil Defense Project.

Terming flaws in building construction as one of the main causes of disaster in Bangladesh, the Prime Minister said, "Initiative has been taken to implement the national building code, formulating contingency plan, creating community volunteers, providing necessary training and increasing awareness." **BSS**





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