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Celebrating National Disaster Preparedness Day

National Disaster Preparedness Day (NDPD) in Bangladesh has been observed this year on the last Thursday of March in Bangladesh. "Disaster has no timetable; we will remain prepared all the time" was the slogan for raising awareness on disaster preparedness. His Majesty President of Bangladesh Abdul Hamid appreciated the initiative of observing the day and wished success to all programmes to be arranged on the occasion. Honorable Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina, in her message said, the government is always ready to build a safe and disaster-resilient nation through implementing disaster risk reduction programmes.

An event was organized at Osmani Smriti Milonayoton, which was inaugurated by the Minister of Disaster Management Mr. Mofazzal Hossain Chowdhury Maya.

There were 15 stalls with Information and communication materials, fire safety equipments and early warning messages shared by different Disaster Management Department, different organizations and consortium including CMDRR Forum, NARRI and DeSHARI.

Students attending same event collecting earthquake preparedness leaflet said "We are very much happy to get this awareness message through leaflet on earthquake preparedness. It will help us to know how to be safe in the event of earthquake".

Different rural and urban communities through volunteer group and ward disaster management committees organized Sport, Quiz and Art competitions and exhibition to communicate the awareness messages.



Meanwhile Disaster Management Act was approved as bill by the Parliament on September 2012. It has placed mandatory obligations and responsibilities on ministries and committees and ensures transparency and accountability in the overall disaster management system. The civil society participating the National Disaster Preparedness day are demanded the effective implementation of the DM Act at each level to save life, property and dignity.

CRA profile handed over to CDMP

Alongside food security, to continue strive in disaster risk at community level, Improved Food and Livelihood Security in Bagerhat District of Bangladesh, in the context of increased disaster risk and climate change (IFLS)' project of Dhaka Ahsania Mission (DAM) prepared the disaster risk profiles of eight Unions of three upazila (Chandpai and Chila Union of Mongla Upazilla, Rampal, Perikhali and Banstoli Union of Rampal Upazilla and Rayenda, Dhansagor & Southkhali Union of Shoronkhola Upazilla) under Bagerhat district.

DAM has handed over the profiles to Comprehensive Disaster Management Program (CDMP) and exchanged view in this regards on 26 February 2014 at CDMP auditorium to entangle with different government and non-government organizations. Director General of Department of Disaster Management Md. Abdul Wazed was present as chief guest while National Project Director of CDMP-2 Md Abdul Quayyum presided over the program. Environment and Climate

Change Director of DAM Dr Khawja Shamsul Huda and Programme Coordinator of CAFOD, UK, Umme Kulsum were present as guests. DAM Assistant Director & Team Leader, Disaster Management Unit (DMU) Jahangir Alam shared CRA profile in the program and Team Leader of Livelihood Programs Mukhlesur Rahman delivered the welcome address. Chanpai Union Parisad Chairman Mollah Tariqul Islam and UDMC Member & project beneficiaries were also present on the occasion.

On behalf of DAM, Dr Khawja Shamsul Huda handed over the profile to CDMP. It should be mentioned that with the financial assistance of CAFOD-UK, DAM has been implementing IFLS project in Mongla, Sharonkhola and Rampal Upazilla under Bagerhat district.



16th Quarterly meeting of CMDRR Forum, Bangladesh

16th Quarterly meeting of CMDRR Forum, Bangladesh was held on 10 March, 2014 at Dhaka Ahsania Mission, Dhanmondi, Dhaka. A total number of 13 participants from member organizations of CMDRR Forum Bangladesh have actively participated in the meeting. Dr. Ehsanur Rahman, Executive Director of Dhaka Ahsania Mission and Adviser of the Forum presided over the meeting.



Workshop on Consolidation of CMDRR Philosophy and Climate Change CMDRR held

A national level workshop on Consolidation of CMDRR Philosophy and Climate Change was held at the head office of Dhaka Ahsania Mission (DAM) on 12 March 2014. The daylong workshop was organized by Community Managed Disaster Risk Reduction (CMDRR) Forum where climate change impact on livelihood, education, health and rights' sector were discussed.

National Program Director of Comprehensive Disaster Management Program (CDMP) Mohammad Abdul Qayyum was participated in the program as the chief guest. The special guests were Gohor Nayeem Warra from Disaster Forum and Rezaul Karim from Fight For Hunger. Executive Director of PIDIM Foundation A.B.Banarzee delivered the speech as chairperson while DAM assistant director Jahangir Alam delivered the welcome address. M Nurun Nabi (Acting Country Director, ADD) for playing the role of moderator of the workshop.

The Concern Universal Representative Masud Rana discussed about the CMDRR Philosophy and its process at the 1st session of the workshop. Caritas Representative James Malaker discussed the best practices of CMDRR and DAM assistant director Jahangir Alam made a detailed speech on the impact on Disaster & Climate Change.

A total of 47 participants from different government and non-government organizations participated in the workshop. Coordinator of CMDRR Forum, Khan Md. Muzahid Ibne Habib coordinated the whole programme.

CMDRR Forum, Bangladesh is led by Dhaka Ahsania Mission (DAM) and using its Head Office as Forum's secretariat. Cordaid – Netherlands, finances this forum.





Idea, experience and lesson sharing

An Idea experience and lesson sharing field visit was conducted in VARD Sunamgonj working area. A number of 11 Members of team from 13 member organizations, 1 observer from other agency and 2 reporters from electronic media (SA Television) has been participated in the visit. The 4 day visit was scheduled in Sunamgonj Sadar and Biswambharpur upazila of Sunamgonj, and Goain Ghat of Sylhet district. Visit was formatted with CMDRR group visit, Disaster preparedness activities implementation through advocacy, Copping strategy by using local resources, VARD eye hospital, Observing impact of climate change impact in Sunamgonj and Sylhet district. In financial support from Cordaid the Netherlands, CMDRR forum secretariat was organized the program.

The team started to the field from Dhaka on 15 April, 2014 and stayed night in Sylhet. The team visited

CMDRR group named Rabber Bari Milan Kendra in Rabber Bari village of Laxman sree union of Sunamgonj Sadar upazila, Dhorer Par Milan Kendra in Dhorer Par village of Palash union and Durgapur Milan Kendra in Durgapur village of Daxmin Badaghat union under Biswambharpur Upazila. In the visit the team found some well-practiced activities, such as yearly development and contingency plan, implementation of activities through plan and documented the achievement in a tally sheet on regular basis. Keep documentation of each development and preparedness activities in file. Make emergency fund for disaster preparedness and mitigation work through cash and rice collection, Hati (Village/ Para) protection wall through advocacy with LGI, Seasonal bridge establishing by using local resource, fund raising activities for the sustainability of groups etc. The team has also visited some area relating to climate change impact.

Workshop on ‘Socio-Economic Impact of River Bank Erosion’

Community Managed Disaster Risk Reduction (CMDRR) Forum and INDAB jointly organized a workshop titled ‘Socio-Economic Impact of River Bank Erosion’ at Banaripara upazila in Barishal district on 30 March, 2014. President of INDAB executive committee Md Hafizur Rahman presided over the workshop while Upazila Nirbahi Officer (UNO) Syed A Z Morshed Ali was present as chief guest and Municipality Mayor Golam Saleh Manzu Mollah was present as special guest.

CMDRR coordinator Khan Md. Muzahid Ibne Habib, Former Professor Idris Ali, Fisheries officer Pranab Shaha delivered their speeches on the occasion. INDAB Coordinator Ahsan Habib facilitated the workshop. The discussants upheld the recent socio-economic impact caused by Sondha river erosion at the river adjoining area. They also opined on how to come out from the negative impact of this river erosion.



'De-Briefing-cum Decision Making' of CMDRR Forum & CUB capacity building project

A workshop on 'De-Briefing-cum Decision Making' of Community Managed Disaster Risk Reduction (CMDRR) Forum was held to share the feedback of CUB capacity building project and CMDRR Project on Tuesday 11 March 2014 at Dhaka Ahsania Mission (DAM) Dhanmondi Office. Two representatives from each of 13 Member organizations of CMDRR forum and Indian non-government organization ASK participated in the workshop. DAM Executive Director and Advisor of CMDRR Forum Dr. M. Ehsanur Rahman was present as chief guest while ASK Director Aqueel Khan facilitated

the workshop. The Cordaid, Netherlands is supporting many organizations in Bangladesh for implementation of CMDRR Projects since 2008. After the 1st Learning Cycle in Mymensingh in 2009, Bangladesh CMDRR Forum was established with 13 Cordaid-supported partners with an objective of collective sharing, learning and advocacy. Concern Universal Bangladesh (CUB) has been implementing a "Capacity Building" Project, with financial support from Cordaid, with the objectives to mainstream CMDRR concept & approach within ongoing development activities of NGOs.



Disaster Management Planning Workshop held at Jamalganj Upazila

Disaster Management Planning Workshop was held with the initiative of VARD on 26 February, 2014 at 10:30 am under Disaster Management (DM) Plan Project funded by Comprehensive Disaster Management Programme (CDMP II) at the Hall Room of Jamalganj Upazila Parishad, Sunamganj. Mr. S. M. Shafi Kamal, Upazila Nirbahi Officer (UNO), Jamalganj, presided over the workshop. Md. Fazlul Hoque, Master Trainer of VARD-DM Plan Project moderated the workshop. A total of 38 participants of Jamalganj UzDMC were participated on the occasion.

In the greeting speech, Mr. Samir Ranjan Baral Assistant Director (Field Operation) of VARD, congratulated all the guests presented at the meeting. He explained goal and objectives of DM Plan Project and of the workshop as well.

The disaster management planning session is conducted by Md. Fazlul Hoque, Master Trainer of VARD-DM Plan Project. The session becomes lively as well as exuberant resulting in active participation of UzDMC members. Disaster management plan format is filled up based on the opinion of the participants. In the open discussion part of the workshop, participants from different institutions of GO and NGO shared their experience and expressed their opinion to prepare disaster management plan which will be helpful to mitigate the risk of disaster occurring in Sunamganj.

In the closing speech, the president of the workshop Mr. S. M. Shafi Kamal, Upazila Nirbahi Officer (UNO), Jamalganj, told that the main hazards of this area are flash flood and thunder storm. He expresses thanks and gratitude to UzDMC members, CDMP and VARD for preparing disaster management plan. He also told, this plan will play a vital role in disaster risk reduction.

By: Md. Fazlul Hoque, Master Trainer, DM Plan Project, VARD



Mock-drill and Prize Giving Ceremony Held

A Mock-drill and prize giving ceremony was held on January 28, 2014 at Ahsania Mission School & College, Pallabi, Mirpur. The event was focused on earthquake, building collapse and fire to address emergency response as part of whole disaster risk reduction process, where National Volunteers guided the whole program.

“Building a Disaster Resilient Bangladesh” project is implementing in 7 wards (2, 3, 5, 6, 8, 14 & 15) and 17 schools of Dhaka North City Corporation. The program was jointly organized by Concern Universal Bangladesh and Dhaka Ahsania Mission under DIPECHO-VII Action Plan for South Asia which is funded by ECHO and Cordaid with technical support from NARRI Consortium. The first Aid, Search & Rescue team have played vital role for exploring the learning points to the audience in this event. Before that 17 school’s network had developed a Yearly Action Plan of 2013-14. The Mock-drill & Prize giving ceremony is one of the major activities of the plan. Based on that, the total 327 selected students of 14 schools were participated in the Art Competition instead of 17 schools and they drawn the disaster related pictures. Finally, 42 students were rewarded as 1st, 2nd & 3rd and they received the prize from the honorable guests in today’s occasion. A group

of students were performed a colorful cultural events, which were consisted with disaster related songs, poems, folk song and dance. Dr. M. Ehsanur Rahman, Executive Director of Dhaka Ahsania Mission was present as Chief Guest; Sumi Akter Shewly, Project Officer, Concern Universal Bangladesh as Special Guest and the occasion was presided by Professor Sheikh Sayeed Ali, Principal, Ahsania Mission College. Md. Jahangir Alam, Assistant Director & Team Leader, Disaster Management Unit, Dhaka Ahsania Mission delivered his welcome speech and shared the objectives of the program. The program was anchored by Md. Roushon Ali, Project Coordinator, DIPECHO-VII Project and Hafsa Akter, Lecturer, Dhaka Ahsania Mission College.



Training on Disaster Management and School Safety Plan Held

Master trainer training on “Disaster Management and School Safety Plan” was held at Auditorium of Dhaka Ahsania Mission Head Office on 24-25 March’2014. The training program was jointly organized by Concern Universal Bangladesh and Dhaka Ahsania Mission under the project named “Building a Disaster Resilient Bangladesh of DIPECHO-VII Action Plan for South Asia which is funded by ECHO and Cordaid with technical support from NARRI Consortium. The training was inaugurated by Professor Taslima Begum, Chairman, Board of Intermediate and Higher Education, Dhaka as Chief Guest and Dr. Khawja Shamsul Huda, Director (Environment and Climate Change) of Dhaka Ahsania Mission chaired the event. Ms. Shahana Nasreen, Assistant Education Officer, Directorate of Secondary and Higher Education, Dhaka, Professor Sheikh Sayeed Ali, Principal of Ahsania Mission College and Cornelis de Wolf, Country Director of Concern Universal were present as Special Guests in this occasion. Sanjukta Sahany, Project Manager of Concern Universal Bangla-

desh given the welcome speech. The training program was facilitated by Md. Jahangir Alam, Assistant Director and Team Leader, Disaster Management Unit (DMU), Dhaka Ahsania Mission and Sumi Akter, Project Officer of Concern Universal Bangladesh. The teachers, members of School Management Committee were participated in the training.



Case Study

The village Lalue is situated near the coastal area of Meraowpara Union in Patuakhali. This village suffers from poverty, lack of proper health care services and is constantly under threat of natural disasters. The mortality, miscarriage and malnutrition rates are higher in this area in comparison to others. Social and religious taboos pose to be the primary barriers for improving the situation, especially for women who are suffering in life threatening condition.

Mahmuda Begum, one of the residents of Lalue, is a 24-year-old woman who lives with her husband, Mr. Arifur Rahman. They have a small business with little financial means. After marriage, Mahmuda was pregnant and conceived their first child during which there was little to no medical attention available to her. This was because there is no proper healthcare service near her village. She soldiered on through the painful process of giving birth to her daughter without medical attention because of the unavailability of proper healthcare and social practices. Seven years after giving birth to her daughter she conceived another child. This time her situation was much worse than before. She was worried because she felt like she was in a life threatening situation. During this time she heard about Friendship Satellite Clinic was having a 'uthanbaithak' (yard meeting). She decided to attend. Friendship's paramedics looked into her condition and admitted her in our Antenatal Care services (ANC). Since then she has had regular checkups and both her and her unborn child are healthy and well. She has also been further advised to avail proper medical care during her delivery from the available healthcare service providers near her. If that is not possible she was advised to take the aid of a traditional birth attendant.



When it was time for her delivery she took the aid of an untrained traditional birth attendant resulting in complications after giving birth such as internal bleeding. While everyone was reveling in the joy of her new born son, Mahmuda was still suffering from internal bleeding. Her family members did not take proper measures to take care of her due to their lack of knowledge on this matter. After 6 days of bleeding her husband came to Friendship Satellite Clinic seeking advice about the situation of her wife. On that very day Friendship paramedic and supervisor visited her house to see her condition. They prescribed the necessary measures to overcome this complication. They also highlighted that if the prescribed remedy does not work they should take Mahmuda to the thana hospital.

After this incident Friendship paramedics and supervisors made constant visits to her house and helped her overcome her condition. Both Mahmuda and her new born son are healthy and well and infinitely grateful to Friendship Dutch Lottery project for their care and cooperation. She believes that with the availability of such services mortality rates will be lowered and mothers will be able to receive proper and timely healthcare.



NDPD Observance BY RDRS Bangladesh

RDRS Bangladesh observed the National Disaster Preparedness Day (NDPD) on 27 March 2014 with the theme of slogan "Disaster has no timetable; we will remain prepared all the time". The day was very significant for raising awareness on disaster preparedness. RDRS Bangladesh organized the day with the collaboration of local government administrations, National/International NGOs like; CARE, TDH, SOLIDARITY, brac, GUK, Red-Crescent Society, AKOTA, PODOKHEP, TIB, ZIBIKA, FRIENDSHIP, POPI, POLLISREE, KARITAS, PLAN INTERNATIONAL, RIC, Poroshpor, etc. and RDRS Federation representatives like; FDMC, VDMC, FFS as well as RDRS local representatives. The local media people were also actively participated in the same event in each district.

The day was meaningful and performed some activities like; rally with colorful banner, uphold cap/poster/festoon, simulation on earthquake and open discussion. Under the programme, the eight districts are covered Panchagarh, Thakurgaon, Dinajpur, Nilphamari, Rangpur, Lalmonirhat, Kurigram and Gaibandha in the Northern part of Bangladesh. Most vulnerable upazilas of RDRS Bangladesh were also covered under this program.

Through the programme, around 1,125 were female, 1,528 male, 1,765 youth, 230 Children, 07 disable and a total of 4,655 members participated in the event and successfully celebrated the meaningful day. Radio programme of RDRS Bangladesh Chilmari broadcasted special awareness on disaster preparedness in the same day which covered around 17 square kilometers from its center and around 3 lac people & 2 lac youth were also able to hear the awareness programme on disaster preparedness.

The rally started around 10-11 am from each district head quarters premises and round the important roads and town areas with friendly environment. The government People of different department like; DCs, ADC Generals, ADMs, CS, Civil Defense, etc. from each district head quarter participated in the program as chairman, chief guest/special guest/guest and delivered issue based speeches as per present Government policy. RDRS Bangladesh executives and other NGOs/INGOs representatives were also delivered awareness on disaster preparedness issues in the same forum.

By: Md. Abdul Mannan, Assistant Coordinator (Environment), RDRS Bangladesh, Kurigram



90 firms emitted two-thirds of world's deadly gases: Study

Amid the ongoing debate over how to arrive at a global climate deal which may be acceptable to all nations, new research on greenhouse gas emissions has listed 90 companies – mostly belonging to rich countries – as the major culprits who emitted nearly two-thirds of the total carbon dioxide and methane emissions in the world since 1751.

The new research will help the developing countries push this argument further as it found that the majority of the companies that had contributed to global warming through high emissions during 1751-2010

was based in rich countries like the US, the UK, Germany, France, Japan and Canada among others. The research shows that 90 companies from across the globe had emitted 63% of total industrial emissions during 1751-2010.

In fact, 40% of the total such private entities operate in US – the country that had been most vocal while seeking to dilute the differentiation between 'developed' and 'developing' countries during the recently held climate talks in Warsaw, Poland.

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