



*Final Report*

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*Emergency Response to the  
flood affected people in  
Bangladesh*

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## I. Project Progress I-A. Indicator Tracker

Outputs	Expected Time for Results	Indicator	Monthly Achievement			Achievement (cumulative up to the recent quarter)	Target	Achievement rate(%)
			September	October	November			
1.1. 2,000 most flood affected families in two districts are benefited through food support.	<i>October 2020</i>	2,000 most flood affected families in two districts received food support.		2000		2000	2000	100%
1.2. 2,000 most flood affected families including parents, children, adolescent boys and girls are benefited from hygienic supports	<i>October 2020</i>	2,000 most flood affected families in two districts received hygienic kits.		2000		2000	2000	100%



Outputs	Category	Description
<p>1.1.2,000 most flood affected families in Sirajganj district are benefited through food support.</p>	<p><b>Achievements</b></p>	<p>NDP implementing this project in Sirajganj in September 2020 and achieved the planned target. Under this activity, the project has targeted to distributed Food support to 2000 most vulnerable households of Sirajganj,.</p> <p>NDP has distributed food items to 2,000 families in seven unions in two upazilas of Sirajganj district which is funded by Educo. Distribution activities ended on 30 October 2020.</p> <p>Food assistance has been provided to the most affected 2000 families in 36 villages of seven unions of the two upazilas. As a result, 11,000 people have received food aid directly. And the food security of all these families has been ensured. It should be noted here that there are about 1600 children who have gained nutrition.</p> <p>People have no work during and after floods. At this time the affected people are very worried about food. These 2,000 people have been devastated by the food aid we have provided to 2,000 families.</p> <p>The systematic distribution of food items to the 2,000 most affected families in these seven unions has not only enhanced the NDP's reputation but also filled the local administration's targeted people assistance program.</p>
	<p><b>Challenges</b> <b>/Lessons learned</b></p>	<p>With the support of Educo, NDP has provided food aid to 2000 most vulnerable people in about 36 villages of seven unions in two upazilas of Sirajganj district. We have had to face many challenges in conducting these distribution activities. And some lessons have been learned.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Almost all the families in the seven unions of the two upazilas of Sirajganj district are affected. Our biggest challenge was to find the most vulnerable family out of this huge population.</li> <li>➤ Another big challenge was the political pressure of local leaders and members. They all wanted to include the names of their favorite people. Being able to mitigate it is also a big challenge.</li> <li>➤ We know that the epidemic of Covid-19 is currently going on in the world. Surveying, verifying, sorting and distributing in this epidemic is very risky. So it was a big challenge for the staff and volunteers to be able to work successfully at the field level in compliance with health</li> </ul>



		<p>protection and social distance.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>➤ In the midst of the global epidemic Covid-19, it was a big challenge to manage the distribution activities while maintaining social distance in compliance with the hygiene rules.</li><li>➤ The communication system in the seven unions was never so good. And because of the flood, the communication system was further disrupted. So being able to work with field staff and volunteers during and after the floods is also a big challenge.</li><li>➤ The market price of almost all products is very high during any disaster. Therefore, being able to complete the project within the restricted budget during the disaster is also a huge challenge.</li></ul> <p><b>Learned:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>✓ If staff and volunteers go door-to-door to survey, it will be easier to find the most affected people.</li><li>✓ With a sufficient number of trained manpower and administrative support and awareness of the beneficiaries, it is possible to conduct health delivery activities while maintaining health protection and social distance.</li><li>✓ Involvement of public representatives and local administration in every activity can be done successfully from beneficiary selection to distribution.</li><li>✓ In consultation with the donor agency, it is possible to reconcile the differences with the budget for project implementation.</li><li>✓ If the health protection of the staff and volunteers is ensured, it is possible to implement such a project in the global epidemic Covid-19.</li><li>✓ If local administration can be involved from the beginning of the project, the implementation of the project will be as easy as getting the certificate at the end of the project.</li></ul>
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<p>1.2. 2,000 most flood affected families including parents, children, adolescent boys and girls are benefited from hygienic supports</p>	<p><b>Achievements</b></p>	<p>NDP has distributed food items to 2,000 families in seven unions in two upazilas of Sirajganj district which is funded by Educo.</p> <p>We have provided masks, bath soaps, detergent powders and sanitary pads to these 2,000 families in the said union. Due to the current global epidemic Covid-19, hygiene is mandatory. So this soap is used for regular bathing as well as daily intake five times a day and for washing hands after coming out.</p> <p>Due to Covid-19, wearing a mask is mandatory when going out according to government announcements and policies. As a result of our distribution of masks to these 2,000 families, about 11,000 members of the family are regularly wearing masks when they go out.</p> <p>And with the detergent powder that has been given, everyone is able to clean their clothes at home, which is also very important and effective for this Covid-19.</p> <p>Again it is true that women and adolescent girls in our country use unhealthy clothes during menstruation. But now the sanitary pads that we have given are being used regularly by women and teenage girls during menstruation. Our survey found that there are about 1250 adolescent girls in these 2,000 families who are aware of being hygienic during menstruation. This is a great achievement for us.</p> <p>The awareness created among the people as a result of providing this hygienic kit has further furthered the awareness raising activities of the local administration.</p>
	<p><b>Challenges /Lessons learned</b></p>	<p>With the support of Educo, NDP has provided hygienic kit items to 2000 most vulnerable people in about 36 villages of seven unions in two upazilas of Sirajganj district. We have had to face many challenges in conducting these distribution activities. And some lessons have been learned.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Almost all the families in the seven unions of the two upazilas of Sirajganj district are affected. Our biggest challenge was to find the most vulnerable family out of this huge population.</li> <li>➤ Another big challenge was the political pressure of local leaders and members. They all wanted to include the names of their favorite people. Being able to mitigate it is also a big challenge.</li> <li>➤ We know that the epidemic of Covid-19 is currently going</li> </ul>



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		<p><i>item and hygiene kit to 2000 families in 7 unions of Kazipur and Sadar upazilas of Sirajganj district in flood and Covid-19 situation. Besides, I am grateful to the Sirajganj district administration for its overall support to the NDP. We hope that Educo will respond to such emergency response projects in the future to improve the quality of life in Sirajganj district.”- Md. Alauddin Khan, Executive Director , NDP</i></p>
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### I-B. Narrative Description

The project location is low laying areas and most other people are day labourers, who mainly depend on agriculture. For poor economic condition, people have less scope to prepare themselves for managing the flood situation and also for inadequate flood shelter most of the people have to take shelter in school, embankments or their relative’s house during flood. As of low laying areas, in case of flooding, most of the tub-well or other water sources submerge by flood water and people suffer from scarcity of safe drinking water. Moreover, humanitarian support from government and non-government side is also inadequate for the affected people. Also, the monsoon floods coupled with prolonged inundation and the COVID 19 pandemic has an exacerbating effect on the flood affected people. So the affected population in the target area is struggling to meet their daily requirements, including meals three times per day, as their food and income sources have been grossly disrupted and also their risk of water born disease is getting higher for scarcity of safe drinking water. In seven unions of Kazipur and Sadar upazilas of Sirajganj district has distributed immediate food assistance packages for Rice- 15 kg, Potato – 3 kg, Lentil – 2 kg, cooking oil (vitamin A & D fortified) -1 liter, Iodized salt – 1 kg and sugar – 1 kg among the displaced and stuck 2,000 households.

Hygiene pack and safety materials has been provide for the flood affected HHs considering also Covid-19 pandemic situation. For the flood people are suffering to dysentery, diarrhea, and other skin diseases. So, hygiene practice is essential for the community people. Considering needs of local people and COVID 19 situation project has been distribute, Bathing soap - 2 pcs Detergent powder -2 packs (500 gm), Sanitary Pad/cloth - 2 pcs, , Disposable Mask - 10 pcs, IEC material -1 page. among the same beneficiaries who received foods. Dignity kits will be distributed as the adolescent girls and woman are in lockdown situation and no proper facilities for maintaining menstruation hygiene for flooding their house and surrounding areas. We expected that the items will be used at household level for reducing the risk of water born disease. Leaflet will be provided with COVID-19 and child protection awareness messages. During distribution, a short orientation has provided on the use of the hygienic materials and personal health and hygienic issues.

Along with hygiene items project will distributed water purification tablets to each beneficiaries. Each beneficiaries will receive 20 tablets for purification of water. By each tablet 05 liters water can be purified. The use of water purification tablets ensures safe water for every household.

### II. Overall Situation of project area



Sirajganj district is highly flood-prone area in Bangladesh. The extremely dynamic river Jamuna is flowing through the districts making it vulnerable to annual flooding and river erosion contributed poverty stricken districts, as Sirajganj district in the poverty rank 48 out of 64 districts with 22.7% extreme poverty headcount ratio, respectively. Monsoon flood 2020 has affected 21 districts in northern and northern-eastern part of Bangladesh, Sirajganj in top among the seven districts in Bangladesh. As the first spell of flood started in last week of June 2020, the duration has already spanned over a month and may also become the longest flood in the recent history of the country. In Sirajganj districts about 30,000 people being severely affected by this recent flood and from that about 20,000 are extreme poor.

Physical access to primary health care is disrupted due to restricted mobility and due to inundation of flood and COVID-19 pandemic. The survey shows that 73% of the affected unions suffered from disrupted health care services, therefore, increasing the risk of mortality, morbidity, lack of nutrition (where 75 union reported compromised nutrition care) which may escalate epidemic. Flood damage puts added distress on vulnerable (e.g. pregnant women, adolescent girls, children, elderly people, person with disability etc.) and marginalized groups and on their safety and security. Loss of home, restricted movement, lack of privacy, inaccessibility and disrupted services, transportation and communication create prolonged distress on Sexual and Reproductive Health (SRH), Gender Based Violence (GBV) and Child Protection. Primary data shows that health care services and antenatal and neonatal care services have been disrupted in 251 (75%) and unions respectively.

Allocation and distribution status: NDP are working in 7 union of Kazipur and Sirajganj sadar upazila under Sirajganj district. Union wise food packages have been allocated for Maizebari union 450 package, Suvogacha union 300 packages and Khasrajbari 250 packages of Kazipur upazila and Songacha union 300 packages, khoksabari union 250 packages, Kaliahoripur union 200 packages and Saydabad union 250 packages of Sirajganj sadar upazila. Upto the 20 october NDP has distributed 1550 package among the targeted flood affected HHs. NDP 100% of the target is achieved in this regard.

As a result of distribution of food items and hygiene kits in seven unions of two upazila's under Sirajganj district, people have got food security and on the other hand, health risks have been reduced to a great extent due to distribution of health protection items.



### III. Pictures



Mohammed Rahmotullah Assistant Commissioner (land) Sadar, Sirajganj distributes food items and hygiene kits in Saydabad Union.



NDP Deputy Director Kazi Masuduzzaman (M&E) and Educo official Kazi Abdul Quader are distributing food and hygiene kits.



Beneficiary boats await after distribution of food items and hygiene kits in Khas Rajbari Union.



Alhaz Nabidul Islam, UP Chairman distributed food items and hygiene kits in Kalia Haripur Union.

### IV. Case Story

Sirajganj is one of the most disaster prone district. Saydabad in Sadar upazila of Sirajganj district is one of the most affected unions. Soydabad is a relatively disaster prone area. There are no families in this union who have not acknowledged river erosion. The long-term floods of 2020 have affected about 97% of the people in Soydabad Union. Although agriculture is the main source of income for the people here, agricultural land has been reduced due to river erosion.



Sector Category	<i>Emergency Response</i>
Sub-category	<i>WASH</i>

1. Basic Information				
Name	<i>Monowara</i>	Sex	<i>Female</i>	
Age/Grade	<i>54</i>	Status	<i>Monowara is a housewife. She lives together with her 3 sons, son's wife and grandchildren. Her husband is a day labor. HH is also a beneficiary of Emergency Response to the flood affected people in Bangladesh.</i>	
Address	<i>Monowara, Nur Islam, Amon Mehar, Saydabad, Sirajganj Sadar, Sirajganj.</i>			
2. Family Background				
Name	Relationship	Age	Sex	Occupation/School Grade
<i>Monowara</i>	<i>Herself</i>	<i>54</i>	<i>Female</i>	<i>Housewife</i>
<i>Nur Islam</i>	<i>Husband</i>	<i>59</i>	<i>Male</i>	<i>Day Labour</i>
<i>Rejaul korim</i>	<i>Son</i>	<i>35</i>	<i>Male</i>	<i>Loom workers</i>
<i>Abdul Momin</i>	<i>Son</i>	<i>32</i>	<i>Male</i>	<i>Loom workers</i>
<i>Md. Foridul Islam</i>	<i>Son</i>	<i>26</i>	<i>Male</i>	<i>Loom workers</i>
<i>Shilpi Khatun</i>	<i>Daughter-in-law</i>	<i>32</i>	<i>Female</i>	<i>Housewife</i>
<i>Kulsum</i>	<i>Daughter-in-law</i>	<i>28</i>	<i>Female</i>	<i>Housewife</i>
<i>Farzana</i>	<i>Granddaughter</i>	<i>15</i>	<i>Female</i>	<i>Class VII</i>
<i>Faria</i>	<i>Granddaughter</i>	<i>12</i>	<i>Female</i>	<i>Class III</i>
<i>Fahim</i>	<i>Grandson</i>	<i>0.4</i>	<i>Male</i>	<i>N/A</i>
<i>Nurul Amin</i>	<i>Grandson</i>	<i>10</i>	<i>Male</i>	<i>Class II</i>
<i>Bayzid</i>	<i>Grandson</i>	<i>6</i>	<i>Male</i>	<i>Class I</i>
<b>More details</b>	<i>Monowara is a housewife. Her husband is a day labour. In the last 5/6 years, hers house in the riverbed has disappeared. They are currently living in a government place, which is just six decimal. The total number of family members is 12. She is married with two sons and has a total of five sons and daughters. One of them is an adolescent who reads in class seven. And the remaining four</i>			



	<p>children, 3 of whom are in school. Her 3 sons are working in loom factory as a day labour.</p> <p>As usual, their house was submerged in about 4-5 feet of water in this long-term flood in 2020. As a result, they had to go to the flood shelter with their family. The flood shelters sheltered several times more people than usual. There was never enough food or sanitation facilities. As a result, women and adolescent girls have to face the most difficulties. It is also a huge problem for our big family.</p> <p>And during the flood we also had food problems. We ran out of money in a very short time, we had to go through half a day of starvation. Again, due to the global epidemic Covid-19, the income of the earning people of our family had to stop. Where earlier a loom worker used to earn tk 1800-2000 per week, now it has come down to tk 600-700.</p> <p>The most difficult thing is that during this terrible flood, we did not get any financial or relief materials from the government or NGOs.</p> <p>When we returned home after the flood, our house was uninhabitable. We didn't even have the money to make it liveable, so we are living somehow. Our tube-well and latrine was completely destroyed.</p> <p>The tube-wells and latrines we had were unsuitable for use, but we were forced to use them. As a result, almost everyone in my family was infected with waterborne diseases, especially children. And as a result, children are suffering from malnutrition. And the ones who are most affected by this malnutrition are my young and growing up family members.</p> <p>In during flood and epidemic Covid-19 situation we have not received any help from the government or NGO sector.</p> <p>The NDP was the first organization to give me 15 kg of rice, 3 kg of potatoes, 2 kg of pulses, 1 liter of oil and 1 kg of salt, sugar, along with Hygiene Kits with 20 water purifying Tablets. The food and hygiene kits we were given in the post-flood situation saved my family from starvation. Thanks and appreciation for the food and health care items we received from the NDP in collaboration with Educo, funded by Child Fund Korea.</p> <p>Currently, the condition of our tube-wells and latrines are very In bad condition and everyone in my family is at risk. So appealing to the NDP will save us from living a degraded life by installing new tube-wells and latrines considering our health risks.</p>
<p><b>3. Success Story</b></p>	
<p><b>Changes before and after the support</b></p>	<p>During the long-term floods of 2020 &amp; Covid-19 situation , we have not received any assistance from the government or NGOs. We have such a large family, so many members but we are half starving because our income is blocked. The latrines and tube-wells of our sanitation system have been mostly destroyed in this catastrophic flood. We are suffering from lack of nutrition, food insecurity. We suffer from water borne diseases and skin diseases due to lack of clean drinking water. Receiving food aid and hygiene kits from the NDP has reduced the food crisis on the one hand and ensured our health protection on the other.</p>
<p><b>Child quotes</b></p>	<p>Monwar's adolescent granddaughter Farzana is the student of class seven. Farzana state, "I used to use unhealthy clothes at home during menstruation. But currently I am using hygienic sanitary napkins provided by NDP. Hopefully from now on I will use hygienic sanitary napkins during menstruation."</p>

<b>Recommender's comments</b>	<p><i>Sirajganj is a disaster prone district, and the mentioned union is the nastiest affected. About 97% of the people here are affected by the floods. On top of that, people's income has decreased a lot.</i></p> <p><i>Relief and health care supplies distributed in the midst of disasters such as the long-term floods of 2020 and global epidemics such as Covid-19 are inadequate. On the one hand, there is a need for adequate food and health care, and on the other hand, there is a need to install tube-wells and latrines to improve the sanitation system. If health care is not ensured, it is not possible to sustain social progress only by distributing relief and food items.</i></p>						
<b>Consent to Use of Personal Information</b>							
<b>Television</b>	Yes	<b>Radio</b>	Yes	<b>Newspapers /Periodicals</b>	Yes	<b>Internet/ Social Network</b>	Yes
<b>Does the child want to change her/his name when publishing?</b>					No		
<b>Does the child want to obscure her/his visual identity when publishing?</b>					Yes		
<b>Photography/Videography</b>							

## Attachment

### Photos



Monwara is going home with relief materials from the distribution point



Monwara while doing household chores in her own home