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Bangladesh is a country with a lot of river and its plains. The country is surrounded by around 250 large and small rivers. Due to its geographical location, the country faces various natural disasters. Flood is one of the common disasters. Mountain rainfall and waterfall mainly causes the flood. It makes the lives of riverine poor and helpless people miserable in every year. People along the rivers in different parts of the country have suffered huge financial and health losses due to the flood. Sirajganj district is one of the worst flood affected areas in Bangladesh. Several large floods have occurred in this district at various times and caused significant damage.

The NDP has been implementing various humanitarian assistance programme for the flood victims since 1992 to reduce the damage and health risks. Following this, NDP has taken a number of programme to provide humanitarian assistance to the people affected by the long lasted flood of 2020. The activities undertaken by the NDP for flood and post-flood rehabilitation up to December 2020:

UNICEF has given humanitarian assistance to the flood affected people

NDP has been implementing “Provision of WASH, Child Protection and Nutrition support to the flood affected people amidst the COVID pandemic in Sirajganj District during 2020” from September to December 2020.

The project implemented in 5 upazilas of Sirajganj district these were Sirajganj Sadar, Kazipur, Shahzadpur, Belkuchi and Chowbali upazilla with financial support from UNICEF. Sanitation, Child Protection and Nutrition facilities are provided to the flood affected victims from this project.

With an Inception meeting at distinct level in September 2020, the project’s field operations were successfully initiated. Following that, a team led by UNICEF’s Chief of Field (Rangpur and Rajshahi Division) Najibullah Hamim visited the project area.

During their visits on November 23, 2020, they inquired about the treatment of Sam children those are admitted to Kazipur Health Complex as part of the project. At this time, Residential Medical Officer (RMO) of Health Complex Authority welcomed to team UNICEF. He also met with the beneficiaries of WASH, Nutrition, and Child Protection components in several villages of Tekani Union in Kazipur upazilla and monitored the project’s progress.

Installation of 6 double platform tube-wells, repairing of 30 tube-wells, 30 emergency latrines, 7 disabled and elderly friendly latrines, 50 repair latrines and 5 bathing cubicals are implemented by the project under WASH component. On the other hand 4 Project Information Sharing Meetings, 350 Hygiene Sessions and 30 Water Safety Plan Sessions have been conducted.

Under nutrition component, screening camps provided services to 7,240 children aged 6 to 59 months, and 90 children received services at the Upazilla Health Complex. In addition to screening, counseling has been completed with 540 pregnant and lactating mothers.

Under child Protection Component there has been established 4 HUBS centers and 1 billboard. At the same time 100 flood affected children got winter clothes and necessary materials from this component. On the other hand 80 youth volunteers received training, which included two upazilla-level awareness meetings and 100 sessions on social awareness.

The inspection team including WASH specialist Mostafa Niaz, child protection officer Jasmine B. Hossain, nutrition officer SK Shahidul Hasan, Programme Officer Begum Jerina Rehema, and Wash officer Ruhul Amin were present. Director (Programme) Md. Shah Azad Iqbal, Deputy Director (Monitoring and Evaluation) Kazi Masuduzzaman, Manager (Training) Nurun Nahar Chowdhury and Assistant Manager (M&E) Shaifull Kafi Suman also presents on the occasion from NDP.

"Anticipatory Humanitarian Response for 2020 Monsoon Floods in Bangladesh" is being implemented by NDP funded by United Nations Central Emergency Response Fund and support from United Nations World Food Programme (WFP). The main purpose of the project was to help the people who are affected by monsoon flood in 2020.

Due to Covid-19 pandemic, Development partners took initiative to provide this assistance through bkash wallet. In order to achieve these goals, National Development Programme (NDP) developed a database of 50,000 people of Sirajganj, Bogura and Jamalpur districts.

In these purposes, project information sharing meeting held at nominated upazilla of three districts. An inception meeting was organized on 22 June 2020 at Dhunat upazilla of Bogura district. Chairman of the Dhunat upazila Parishad Abdul Hai Khokon attended the meeting as a chief guest, which was presided over by upazila nirbahi officer Sanjy Kumar Mahanta. During this time several topics were discussed on project’s implementation. Upazilla Social Service Officer, Upazilla Project Implementation Officer, upazila Women Affairs Officer, UP Chairman, and Project Officer of NDP Md. Faizal Karim were also presents.

The appropriate project has supported Tk. 4,500 each in assistance to 9667 flood-affected people in three district through bkash wallet.
EDUCO distributed emergency food support to the flood affected people

National Development Programme (NDP) provided assistance to flood affected victims on an emergency basis where EDUCO and Child Fund Korea have been working as a financial partner of this project. NDP is working in root level to select the beneficiaries and distributed assistance as directed by the donor agency. This support was provided to flood-affected people in Saidabad, Kaila-harpur, Sonagachhi and Khokshabari union of Sadar upazila as well as Malibari, Khash-rubari and Shubhagacha union of Kazipur upazila in Sirajganj district.

Srirajganj Sadar upazila Executive Officer Mr. Anwar Parvez was present as a chief guest at the distribution programme at Khokshabari Union. He thanked to executive director of NDP for all the humanitarian activities and assured all cooperation from his part.

EDUCO delegate distribute assistance to the beneficiaries

As per instructions of the Bangladesh Government, distribution programme was completed with maintaining social distance on 22 and 24 August 2020. As assistance, each family received tk. 3,000 (three thousand) in cash, 10 bath soaps, 1 kg detergent powder, 3 packets of sanitary pads, 20-litter bucket (with cap), 50 surgical masks, 1 plastic mug, and IEC Material (Color Print) 1 pcs worth it tk. 1,800 was provided. This project also contributed to the construction of 8 latrines, 8 new tube-wells, 20 platform and tube-wells repair, and renovation of 30 tube-wells.

Bhagupur upazila Deputy Assistant Engineer (LGED) Mirza Md. Moniruzzaman, ACF Officer Sujit Kumar, Bhagupur upazila Parishad Vice Chairman Monirul Islam Babu, Women Vice Chairman Alif Nur Mini, Gobindashi UP Chairman (former) Md. Aminul Islam, Nirkail UP Chairman Md. Abdul Matin Sarkar were also present.

Deputy Director of NDP (M&E) Kazi Masuduzzaman led this distribution initiatives with the assistance of other NDP officers.

World Food Programme visited BRAZH project

Building Resilience to Achieve Zero Hunger (BRAZH) project is funded by World Food Programme (WFP) and Korea International Development Agency. National Development Programme (NDP) has been implementing this project in flood prone area in Kurigram district from May 01, 2020. The project has taken various initiatives to improve food security of flood affected peoples.

On October 18, 2020, special delegations from United Nations World Food Programme (WFP), United Nations Women’s Organization (UN Women), European Union, and British High Commission visited the project activities.

During that time they observed people livelihood those were included with this project. Delegators were exchanged views for a long time with the beneficiaries who received advance financial assistance or forecast base financing for flood forecasting. At the same time they wanted to know beneficiaries opinion about their past and present situation of getting help. In response, the beneficiaries expressed their happiness.

Beneficiary of the project Rahima Begum said, with the help from project, her family members had been able to recover from the disaster. They had never seen such activities. They never imagined financial assistance even before the floods.

Beneficiaries thanked NDP and UN World Food Programme (WFP) for that assistance. In the other side, they requested for an employment or work places from Bangladesh Government and World Food Programme (WFP), saying that they had nothing to do after the disaster.

After visiting the working area delegators were thanked to implementing agency National Development Programme (NDP) and those were directly related with project. Miss Bithika Biswas, Head of Rangpur Region (WFP), and Mr. Sadeq Ali, Focal Person of the project were presents with other delegation members.