

Survival Story of Jamila Begum

I lived with my 3 sons, 1 daughter & my husband. I am only the earning member of the family as my husband is a disable person. That night I slept with my family and suddenly I heard the loud sound from our neighbor. I saw water entering into my room enormously. I was so panic that I could not understand what to do. I just came out from our house with all family members and saw the water level is rising so rapidly. I desired to find a boat anyhow. But nobody helped me that time because everyone was busy to survive for themselves. My two son Rahim & Azad were trying to manage to save their disabled father. My youngest child, Monir & daughter, Rozina could not swim and I was so helpless to manage them. I was trying to take them nearest high place but found nothing. The water waves were so strong that it tried to take away all the things. I was swimming with my two kids and suddenly something big wood material hit my body so badly that my little son was escaped from my hand. The water washed my son at least 500 meter away from me. I cried so loudly to seek help. Suddenly I saw a boat was coming towards me and they rescued my entire family member. I thanked to the Almighty and the rescued team.



"I lost my hens, ducks, goats, cows and all my documents and valuable materials. I could not take anything with me because everything got washed away. I could not eat anything except small amount of Flattened rice in last 7 days. All of my family members are hungry and safe water crisis is so much right now."

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NETWORKING PARTNER DRR TRAINING PLACE: RANGPUR



Networking partner DRR training was organized at Rangpur. The river Teesta flows through Rangpur which causes disasters like floods, and river erosion in Rangpur. The main focus of the training was Disaster Risk Reduction and Disaster Preparedness. Md Samsul Haq Mukul, finance secretary of Rangpur youth Development Foundation and head teacher-scholars International School discussed the early preparedness actions that need to take at present because most of the time Cyclone occur months of April and May. He also suggested that we should increase our awareness of fire incidents. Md Sarwar Jamil, executive director of SHADO Rangpur discussed cyclone preparedness and activities needed to do such as pre-during and after the cyclone. He added

OBJECTIVE

- Social Awareness;
- Meeting with local NGOs for planning disaster risk reduction;
- Prepare disaster and strategic counter actions well in advance;

BENEFICIARIES

FORMAT: 21

that preparedness can minimize the risk and reduce the loss of life, finance, crops, and household. He also points out that Hail is also causing damage to crops so we need to be more careful. The hailstorms have increased in intensity while hailstones have grown bigger in recent years. In 2018, at least six people died in Bangladesh during hailstorms with gusts. The heaviest hailstone ever recorded in the world fell in the Gopalganj district of Bangladesh in 1986, weighing 1.02kg, according to the BBC report. So we need to be careful about environmental pollution for our better future.



CASE STUDY



“Firefighting training for disaster risk reduction and buildup capacity of the resilience to the local community.

Training for Capacity Building

From Rangpur Sadar about 20 km away there is a beautiful village named Muminpur. Around 2500 family lives there. They are mostly farmer, Shopkeeper, small businessman. There is a big problem in this area. Often fire broke out in this village.



A farmer named Guljar Hossain lives in Mominpur for 46 years. He was born here. After the farmers cut their crops and stuck sometimes it occurs fire from that straw. Guljar Hossain faced this fire several times. As he is farmer, he has no knowledge about firefighting and when the fire occurred, he became helpless. The last fire broke out in Mominpur 2 months ago. This time the victim was Guljar Hossain and his family. The fire hit at night and 1 out of 3 houses burnt down. The origin of the fire is from the kitchen stove.

CIS and A-PAD Bangladesh organized Strategic Planning Network Meeting at Mominpur. At that meeting CIS focused on fire and organized a training workshop for the participants about the fire fighting. Guljar Hossain was one of the participants who joined at that meeting. A team from Fire Fighting and Civil Defense from Rangpur Sadar was participated as trainer to train the participants. On that meeting it was discussed what is the reason for occurring fire and what should do if there occurred fire.

This Strategic Planning is quite challenging, challenging. To work as a partnership takes patience and planning. It requires discussions on key topics and approaches as well as joint decisions on strategies, objectives, methodologies, focus and countries. After Strategic Planning Meeting Guljar was happy and confident enough that he could fight with fire in future and the loss will be less.

