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JAPAN AMBASSADOR VISITED NPF-PCR LAB

CIS, A-PAD Bangladesh and DCH Trust jointly established PCR lab under the NPF project. CIS had signed MOU with the DCH Trust to operate the PCR Lab collaboratively. His Excellency Mr. TIO NAKO, Ambassador of Japan to Bangladesh visited NPF-PCR Lab on 25th November-Thursday, 2021. During his visit Ebihara Kenji, Second Secretary, Embassy of Japan, Enkai Prodan, Consultant, GOSIP Embassy of Japan, Prof. Dr. Quazi Quamruzzaman, Chairman of DCH Trust, CIS and A-PAD along with Md. Golam Mostafa, Executive Director of Community Initiative Society (CIS), Prof. Dr. Mahmudur Rahman, Coordinator DCH Trust along with other staffs of DCH Trust & CIS were present in that visit program.



STRATEGIC PLANNING NETWORK MEETING

CIS and A-PAD Bangladesh organized Strategic Planning Network Meeting at the 7 Divisions. CIS chose the areas according to the effect of disasters. This strategic planning meeting conducted in 5 villages in each division. At present both the natural and man-made disasters are occurring parallel in Bangladesh. In both disasters people are directly or indirectly responsible. At the strategic planning meetings it focused on what measures can be taken to reduce the number of disasters. If the action can be taken for reducing the disaster and decrease the impact of the disasters then people will facing less loss of lives and livestock.



Developing Public Private Partnership Innovation Success Model

CIS conducted public private partnership seminar at 7 divisions. CIS conducted the seminar maintaining the social distancing and preparing safety measures to prevent COVID-19. CIS conducted 1 day seminar at 7 divisions Dhaka, Barisal, Sylhet, Chittagong, Khulna, Rangpur and Rajshahi. Total 700 participants were joined the seminar. CIS conducted seminar with the help of the Govt. officials like Deputy Commissioner and UNO from each districts and Upazila. As it was public private partnership seminar so that the participants are from different sectors like Govt. Officials, Stakeholders, School teachers, community leaders, local community, NGO workers and health personnel. More extreme weather events in future are likely to increase the number and scale of disasters, while at the same time, the existing methods and tools of disaster risk reduction provide powerful capacities for adaptation to climate change.



TRAINING NETWORKING PARTNER DRR

A training program titled Networking Partner DRR Training held at the 7 divisional areas. 2 days training program was held where total participants were 840. At the training focus on role of Local Govt. and private organizations in Emergency Management and initiatives in disaster risk management. At the training program it discussed about all level officials will be the responsible of disaster incident and prepare for the management team and also to build the basic understanding of DRR and the role and responsibility of local community as well as the NGOs in disaster response.



EMERGENCY DISASTER RESPONSE COVID-19 RESPONSE

CIS conducted COVID-19 awareness program at the 7 divisional areas. At that program CIS aware the vulnerable community about COVID-19 and what precaution should be taken against it. CIS doing home visit and aware the vulnerable community at the rural areas of 7 divisions and aware them about COVID-19 vaccine and encourage them about taking vaccine. CIS printed awareness materials like leaflet, banner, poster and signboard. When designing the leaflets mainly focused on the pictures centered so that everyone can understand about the activities and measures need to be taken. CIS distributed soaps to the rural communities, informal settlements and the vulnerable people. While distributing the soaps CIS also gave training lessons about soapy water so that after finishing the soaps they can make this hygiene kits by themselves which is easy to make, cheap and approved by the DG Health. CIS is distributing cloth masks to the people whose need it most and lack of interest of wearing masks. Most of the people in Bangladesh lives under the poverty line so that CIS distributing washable cloth mask so that they can use it several times after proper washing.

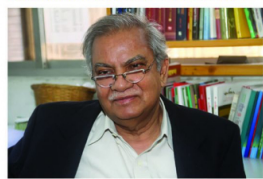


FIRE RESPONSE

Main goal of the emergency response for the forcibly displaced Myanmar Nationals whose had affected during fire. Under the emergency response CIS and A-PAD Bangladesh provided emergency relief, food item, non-food item and the shelter materials to the fire affected people. A-PAD Bangladesh distributed shelter materials like Tarpaulin, Bamboo Bricks so that they can make a space for themselves to live. Non-food item like rice, oil, corn, lentils, glass, spoon distributed which will help them to cook and nourishing food items like rice, lentils, chickpeas and dry fish which will fulfill their basic needs.



PROF. QUAZI QUAMRUZZAMAN RECEIVED "EKUSHEY PADAK 2021"



Prof. Quazi Quamruzzaman elected as chairperson of Asia Pacific Alliance for Disaster Management (A-PAD). He is also chairman of Dhaka Community Hospital Trust (DCH Trust) & Community Initiative Society (CIS). As a platform, A-PAD is a great sustainable initiative for Disaster Risk Reduction. Creating local, national or international platforms ensures a strong partnership between Community, government & Private sector. In recognition of his outstanding footprints in Social service, Bangladesh government has presented him the country's 2nd highest civilian award "Ekushey Padak 2021".

MAINTAIN PARTNERSHIP WITH NPF NETWORK MEMBER ORGANIZATIONS

CIS signed MoU with the partners to work collaboratively in future during and after disaster. CIS signed MOU with 14 organizations from the 7 divisions. Main goal was to capacity building among the local partners. At present CIS has 24 member organizations who had signed MOU with CIS to work collaboratively in any kind of disaster response.



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Networking Partners DRR Training

CIS has conducted training workshops with the networking partners of 7 divisions Dhaka, Barisal, Rangpur, Khulna, Rajshahi, Sylhet & Chittagong. Total 50 participants from partner's organizations attended the meeting. The main objective of this training workshop was to improve the capacity on disaster response such as flood, river erosion, cyclone, earthquake and thunderstorm. Through the workshop, it was found that the community is vulnerable to various kind of disasters i.e. flood, cyclone and thunderstorm and huge damages of the loss were occurred like crops and human killed. The awareness was raised especially in early forecast regarding flood and cyclone and counter-action was discussed mainly about repurposing the flood control embankment of crop field. During COVID-19 Pandemic situation the training was conducted with maintaining proper hygiene, provide the participants mask, hand cap and enter all the participants by sanitizing their hands.



Strategic Planning Network Meeting

CIS has conducted strategic meeting in different villages. CIS chose that areas based on disasters. Participants were attend at that Strategic Planning Network meeting. On that meeting the participants also discussed with CIS about what should do during and after disaster. What should be the preparation for protecting disaster and different ideas came from that meetings. All the training programs were followed by the Govt. health rules for Corona Virus.



Emergency Disaster Response

Super Cyclone Amphan Response
The super cyclone Amphan response aims to address emergency relief and health needs of the affected families by providing ailments and non-ailment items. With CIS, A-PAD Bangladesh chose Gopichipa Upazila, Patuakhali District and Sadar Upazila, Bagerhat District as the direct beneficiary from the distribution of emergency food packs, plastic tarpaulin for emergency house roof repair, and ORS powder to combat diarrhea / dehydration both are coastal communities that were along the destructive path of Amphan, where a large number of Boro rice paddies fields, fish farms, and houses were damaged completely.



Covid-19 Response

CIS is operating different awareness campaign including hanging stand banner and put it different areas where people mostly gather. Besides this CIS and A-PAD Bangladesh put hand washing zone different divisions at different places like hospital and informal settlement areas so that basic hygiene can be maintained. CIS and A-PAD Bangladesh with the help of its networking partners also distributed 2,00,000 face masks and hand sanitizer to the vulnerable community. Besides they also distributed PPE (Personal Protective Equipment) to health personnel.



Developing Public Private Partnership Innovation Success Model

CIS conducted 1 day seminar at 7 divisions Dhaka, Barisal, Sylhet, Chittagong, Khulna, Rangpur and Rajshahi. Total 1400 participants were joined the seminar. CIS conducted seminar with the help of the Govt. officials like Deputy Commissioner and UNO from each districts and Upazila. As it was public private partnership seminar so that the participants are from different sectors like Govt. Officials, Stakeholders, School teachers, community leaders, local community, NGO workers and health personnel. On that seminar it was showed case studies on disaster risk management. The Govt. officials also shared their speech on their side and what should be the activities and what is the Govt. rules and regulations which will help us to work during disaster. The participants appreciated CIS for taking this initiative organized this types of seminar and make a platform like this. They were satisfied to make a platform like this where different sectors persons attended and share their ideas. The seminar was very fruitful and successful.



Local NGO Emergency Health Provider Training

CIS and A-PAD Bangladesh gave training on emergency health management for local NGO emergency health providers. CIS health experts discussed an efficient emergency like cut, burn, small wounds and scrapes, can be easily treated at home. However, if you have a more serious wound or an infection, you may need medical attention to make sure it's healthy properly. The training was organized by the training manuals as the health providers are well trained but besides this some important materials are discussed with the health provider so that it will be more help for them to work during disaster.



Prof. Quazi Quamruzzaman elected as a chairperson of A-PAD



Prof. Quazi Quamruzzaman elected as chairperson of Asia Pacific Alliance for Disaster Management (A-PAD) on November 2020. He is also chairman of Dhaka Community Hospital Trust (DCH Trust) & Community Initiative Society (CIS). Prof. Quazi Quamruzzaman expressed his heartfelt gratitude & pleased to be part of A-PAD & highly honored to be its chairperson. As a platform, A-PAD is a great sustainable initiative for Disaster Risk Reduction. Creating local, national or international platforms ensures a strong partnership between Community, government & Private sector.

Maintain partnership with NPF network member organization

Meeting with NGO's from seven divisions to make understand all the partners about the A-PAD Bangladesh activity and propose them to work collaboratively during disaster. A-PAD Bangladesh conducts monthly meetings and annual meeting with all networking partners for strategic planning, implementation and coordination. All the partner NGOs play an important role during & after disaster.



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A-PAD ON JOB TRAINING PROGRAM

Asia Pacific Alliance for Disaster Management Office and Asia Pacific Alliance for Disaster Management - Bangladesh jointly organized a "ON JOB TRAINING PROGRAM" in Cox's Bazar, Bangladesh from 4th to 7th March 2018. Ms. Hyunsook Yun, Chief Program Coordinator from A-PAD Japan Main Office, Ms. Maria Teresa Quiñanayán, Training Officer from A-PAD Philippines, Ms. Michelle Joseph, Information & Communications Officer from A-PAD Sri Lanka, Mr. Lee Donghan, PR Coordinator from A-PAD Korea, Mr. Jeeho Hong from A-PAD Korea, Mr. Arun Khadka, from Quick Volunteer (QV) Nepal and officials from A-PAD Bangladesh participated in this training program. This program was supported by Sakakawa Peace Foundation Japan.

A-PAD (MO) VISITED A-PAD BANGLADESH

Mr. Nobutaka Miyahara, senior advisor of A-PAD and Mr. Nobuhiko Kikuchi programme co-ordinator of A-PAD visited CIS office in Dhaka and joined a discussion meeting on future action plan and the long term partnership development with A-PAD Bangladesh.



TRAINING WORKSHOP FOR SCHOOL TEACHER AND GOVT. OFFICIAL AT UNION LEVEL

CIS and A-PAD Bangladesh conducted a three days training workshop for school teachers and Govt. Officials at union level. Participants from different organizations, schools and Government Officials of Cox's Bazar, Patuakhali, Haliganj and Bagerhat also attended this training workshop. The main objective of this training workshop was to improve the capacity on disaster response such as flood, river erosion, cyclone, earthquake and thunderstorm. Through the workshop, it was found that the community is vulnerable to various kind of disasters i.e. flood, cyclone and thunderstorm and huge damages such as the loss of last year crops and also human lives. The awareness was raised especially in early forecast regarding flood and cyclone and counter-action was discussed mainly about repurposing the flood control embankment of crop field. The expected outcome will be the circulation of information on protection from thunderstorm and preparedness for flood response within the community. All the participants responded very positively and wish to establish a national platform on disaster response. In total 550 participants from different organizations such as schools, Government officials of Haliganj, Patuakhali, Bagerhat and Cox's Bazar attended this workshop.



WORLD TSUNAMI AWARENESS DAY

CIS has celebrated World Tsunami Awareness Day on 5 November 2018 in both 2 places, Dhaka and the coastal area of Gopichipa in Patuakhali. During the event A-PAD Bangladesh discussed with the community about tsunami and what should be done during and after disaster. People shared their experiences about tsunami and how they survived during tsunami.



HEALTH AWARENESS TO MEDICAL PERSONEL

A-PAD Bangladesh conducted first aid training on the treatment of cut injury. The trainer mentioned that most small wounds, such as cuts

During this training program the participants visited Dhaka Community Hospital Trust (DCHT) Mother & Child Health Care Center and Mobile Clinic in Rohingya Camps in Hakim Para and also visited the largest camp in Kutupalong. The participants also had the opportunity to meet Dr. Mizbah Uddin Ahmed, the Upazila Health & Family Planning Officer (UHFPPO) to share his experience in health coordination for the first six months of the Rohingya Crisis.



The team also visited Community Clinic in Matarbari located in coastal area prone to cyclone and flood. During the visit the team has a chance to interact with the local community and participated in the distribution of goats for the livelihood program.

Throughout the training the participants shared experiences, recommendations and lessons learned. During the closing ceremony, certificates of appreciation were given to the participants. The participants also shared their appreciation for such a wonderful learning experience.



A-PAD BANGLADESH ACTIVITY

CIS selected four places for establishing the office as co-ordination centers. In this regards CIS has rented four houses each in Cox's Bazar, Bagerhat, Patuakhali & Hobiganj. CIS also purchased the necessary equipments to set up the office.

TRAINING WORKSHOP FOR MEDICAL PERSONEL, PRIVATE HOLDER & STAKE HOLDERS

CIS and A-PAD Bangladesh in collaboration with DCH Trust conducted a five days Training Workshop for medical Personnel, Private Organizations and Stakeholders. The main focus of this training workshop was on capacity of emergency health response during and after disaster. The discussions centered in the common problems after floods, such as diarrhea and skin diseases in different communities. In total 75 participants from different organizations like NGOs, private organizations and government health workers at the union level attended this training workshop.



ACTION PLAN MEETING (STRATEGIC PLANNING MEETING)

CIS conducted 3 strategic planning meetings in 5 villages from each of 3 districts. These meetings were attended by local community, local NGOs, private organizations, local government agency officials, union chair persons and ward members at the union/upazila/district levels. The main topic was one-year-round preparation for disasters and strategic counteractions plan in advance. Union (elected) representatives attended the meeting made commitments to discuss the prepared plan with the local government officials for implementation. In total 1500 participants from 3 districts namely Patuakhali, Bagerhat and Cox's Bazar attended these planning meeting.



and scrapes, can be easily treated at home, however, if you have a more serious wound or an infection, you may need medical attention to make sure that it heals properly. The trainer also discussed on:

- Pressure application to the wound to stop the bleeding.
- Cleaning the wound.
- Prevention of infection with a topical antibiotic.
- Covering of the wound with a bandage.
- Monitoring the wound to make sure it does not get infected.
- Go to the emergency room if you have a serious wound.
- Getting medical treatment for your wound if infected.
- Let your doctor treat an infected wound.



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