

**Project Title:**

**Community led Disaster Relief Programme at Amphan Super cyclone affected costal blocks in South district, Sundarban region West Bengal.**

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**Introduction and Problems that the proposed programme seeks to address:**

Sundarban region of South 24 Parganas, West Bengal is a pristine ecosystem located at the southern fringe of state of West Bengal which harbors unplanned Biodiversity. The ecosystem considered one of the seven most important wetland globally, is internationally recognized as one of the major climatic hotspot. The ecosystem including the human inhabited has faced several hazardous events of natural origin in past few years. The events including a series of high intensity cyclone, beside such high intensity weather events the eco-region also faces with other environmental deterrents- both climatic and non climatic like relative sea level rise, reduces low of fresh water into the mangrove system, very high population density, Indiscrimination fishing and prawn cultivation, degradation of forest, poor livelihood opportunity and migration pattern.

**Sudden effects of Cyclone Amphan:**

At present due to COVID-19 pandemic situation most of the people are staying in their homes, unable to move out, unable to work and unable to feed their families and it is the same situation, in villages after villages and backward locations throughout India. To prevent and minimize the spread of the virus the Government of India has announced complete lockdown across the country for last more than two months [expand till 31<sup>st</sup> May, 20] . The biggest lockdown in human history: 1.3 billion Indians ordered to stay home to curb the spread of the corona virus. Situation ascended livelihood and basic food security issue, for huge number of migrant and daily wages laborers, even at Sundarban region of West Bengal too. Many poor and marginalized House Holds are spending their lives without proper meal, baby food, personal hygiene kits and other necessary commodities.

In this pandemic and lockdown situation, On 20 th May, 2020 super cyclone ‘Amphan’ made landfall near Sagar Islan ,Sundarban around 2.30 pm and entered Kolkata around a 100 km north around 5 pm with wind speed of 185 kmph and bears down millions of people in the state. As of now the Government claimed to death of 12 lives, flattened houses and trees and electricity poles like matchsticks in six and a half hours of monstrous fury that left Kolkata and most past of south Bengal pulverized. The cyclone devastated the entire life and livelihood of the people living in Sundarban deltaic region under North and South 24 Parganas District as well as parts of neighboring districts, affected more than 15 million people and reportedly damaging or destroyed more than a million kachha houses. The storm came in the afternoon, battering houses and bursting river embankments, causing salt water to flood the villages and surrounding land. As an precaution measure Government with support from local Panchayats and NGOs has been evacuated more than 5 lakh people [including the women, adolescents and children] from high risk low-lying areas and shifted to different Flood relief centre and Govt schools but most of the villagers were unable to save anything- food, domestic animals, cloths, cooking materials, medicines, toiletries school books, domestic animals and other belongings- before their houses were inundated and in many cases destroyed. Cyclone Amphan had a devastating effect on the water supply and sanitation facilities too in the affected villages of Sundarbans.

According to the Chief Minister, W,B—“ The entire Sundarbans, including North & South 24 Parganas are completely destroyed--- Many houses have been destroyed, rivers and lakes are overflowing and everything has been damaged”

The suddenness of super cyclone Amphan severely disrupted local livelihoods, immediate source of food source and basic medical services. Standing crops, mainly paddy and vegetable has been totally

destroyed and damaged, freshwater ponds used for pisci-culture were filled with saline water, killing vegetation and may local fish varieties. Prawn farms, boats and nets used for river and sea fishing and nearly all other productive assets has been either destroyed or washed away. Thousands of pet animals [Mainly Goat, Sheep, hen, Poultry farming, Cow, bullock etc] has also died or injured. Agriculture land has rendered unfit for cultivation due to saline inundation, estimated at 60% loss in affected blocks and erstwhile local options for daily wage labour has been affected adversely.

On the other side thousands of storm affected villagers are taking shelter inside the temporary flood relief centre. Government has taking care of food and other basic service for them BUT still there are lacking of basic amenities to the sheltered population as well as laths of other affected villagers which are needed immediate to give attention.

**Propose Project locations:** As per our immediate survey report and information collection from local block and Panchayat authorities following areas are most affected Blocks/Panchays and villages by the Super Cyclone – Amphan. Propose project will intervene immediate in these following geographical locations.

Name of District	Block Name	Panchayat Name	Estimated Affected Families
South 24 Parganas	Patharpratima	Digambarpur	250 Family
	Canning	Matla	90 Family
	Canning	Bansberia	100 Family
	Baruipur	Mallickpur	60 Family

**Propose plan of Action:** All activities and relief distribution will be made through maintaining social distancing, All Government protocols & taking all precaution measures during fighting against COVID-19 pandemic

**Step: 01: Immediate relief requirements:**

- ✓ Provide basic supports to the affected villagers: Tarpaulin, Dry food,
- ✓ Served health and hygienic kits like: Bleaching powder, Sanitary Napkin to the adolescent girl and women, Toiletries kits, Mosquito net, Quilts.
- ✓ Linkages with local Health department to Organize medical camp at different affected Villagers to address basic health needs and make community aware about adverse affect of the cyclone in long run particularity on health aspect.
- ✓ Community awareness on Not to panic and health hygiene and safety issues.

**Step: 02: Plan for long term effect:**

- ✓ Selection of most affected family/individuals.
- ✓ Construction/repair of broken houses, school building, Angan wadi centre drinking water sources and sanitary latrines with support from local Administration.
- ✓ Formation and strengthen of Panchayat level Disaster Risk Management Committee [DRMC] with active community participation.
- ✓ Implementation of community level Action to prepare a DRR programme, including involvement of local youth clubs and community people.
- ✓ Advocate for governments to uphold their responsibilities to protect their populations

**Detail plan of Action for Step: 01: Immediate relief requirements**

		Time line					
		1 st 3 days	2 nd 3 days	2 <sup>nd</sup> week	3 rd week	4 th week	5 th week
Propose major Activity	Sub Activity						
Provide basic supports to the affected villagers <b>[Maintaining social distancing &amp; taking all precaution measures]</b> : Tarpaulin, Nylon Cord, Dry food,	Immediate conduct a rapid baseline/data collection to identify the estimate population						
	Purchase of Tarpaulin, Nylon cord, Dry food,						
	Immediate distribution all items						
	Maintain proper data base and evidence of distribution						
Served health and hygienic kits <b>[Maintaining social distancing &amp; taking all precaution measures]</b> like: Bleaching powder, Halogen Tablet, Sanitary Napkin to the adolescent girl and women, Toiletries kits, Mosquito nets etc.	Purchase of health and hygienic kits like: Bleaching powder, Sanitary Napkin, to the adolescent girl and women, Toiletries kits, Mosquito nets etc						
	Immediate distribution all items						
	Maintain proper data base and evidence of distribution						
Linkages with local Health Department to Organize medical camp <b>[Maintaining social distancing &amp; taking all precaution measures]</b> at different affected Villagers to address basic health needs and make community aware about adverse affect of the cyclone in long run particularity on health aspect.	Organize Medical camp by local Health Deptt with active involvement of our volunteer at most affected locations in partnership with local PHCs and Health service departments.						
	Refer to the series patients to Block and District Hospitals.						
	Hand holding support maintain proper data base and Health card with proper follow up						
Community awareness <b>[Maintaining social distancing &amp; taking all precaution measures]</b> on Not to panic and on health hygiene and safety issues	Milking at coastal villages						
Selection of most affected family /individuals in respect of livelihood and household damage	Collection of data from Primary and secondary sources.						

**Immediate outcome:**

- A number of total 500 poor and most affected Household will be immediately benefited through receipt dry food ration, Tarpaulin, Mosquito net and other necessity commodities.
- Affected people will avail basic health service by the Government health department, with active involvement of our volunteer
- Affected people will avail basic minimum facilities to rebuild their kachha house and avail temporary shelter for time being.
- Avail basic hygienic kits, including sanitary napkin for the adolescents and women.
- Affected families are being protected from mosquito bite during this emergency period.
- Establish strong network and collaboration in between local Institutions, NGOs and corporate/donor agency to serve needy and disaster affected population.
- Create an example of model PPD [Private- Public- Donor/Corporate] model to serve the needy and poor disaster affected people to make them immediate relief.

**Budget:**

Major activity	Items	Quantity	Unit price (Rs.)	Total (Rs)
Provide basic support to the affected villagers	Tarpaulin (size-18'x12', 170 GSM)	500 pcs	510/-	255000
	Rope (Nylon 20 mt size)	500 pcs	50/-	25000
	Dry food (Beaten Rice) (2 kg per family)	10 quintal	4000/-	40000
	Dry food (Jaggery) (500 gram per family)	2.5 quintal	4000/-	10000
	Rice, Musur dal, Salt, Soyaben, mustard oil, muri, kala chana etc	500 pics	500/-	250000
Served health and hygienic kits	Bleaching powder	500 kg	40/-	40000
	Sanitary Napkin to the adolescent girls and women	500 packets	40/-	20000
	Toiletries kits-(one brush, one tooth paste, one soap, mask, one detergent powder packet-500 gm, one hand sanitizer)	500 pcs	300/-	150000
	One mosquito nets (size-6'x7')	500 pcs	250/-	125000
<b>Grand Total</b>				<b>915000</b>