

Latest report of our relief operation in Hingalganj:

Health and hygiene works:

Swanirvar is working in Hingalganj Block of North 24 Parganas from 28th May, 09. At the first stage our main job was to distribute relief materials amongst the Aila victims. One week later we started health and hygiene related works at the same block with another NGO, PRISM (Unicef partner in the Hingalganj Block). Presently we are disinfecting tube wells, distributing halogen tablets and Geoline solutions, ORS, spreading Lime and Bleaching mixture in different parts of Hingalganj, assisting Government health staff in combating with diarrhoeal diseases. The inspection report published by the UNICEF on 26th June at Sarberia, claimed that the efforts of our volunteers have remarkable helped to reduce the diarrhoeal diseases and diarrhoeal deaths in Hingalganj. So far UNICEF has provided us three trainings on awareness, health and hygiene and sanitation and water purification. Our staff, Mijanur had taken all these three trainings and after that he had trained all other field staff in Hingalganj. PRISM and Swanirvar's staff and volunteers are performing excellent team work in Hingalganj.

Their achievements so far are given in the table below. ##

Gram Panchayat	Village / Hamlet	House visited	Disinfection of Tube well	ORS distribution	Hygiene Kit distribution @@	Bringing Diarrhoeal Patients to the Health Centre	
						Adult	Children
Kalitala	Paschim Kalitala **	170	1	200	12	7	1
	Samsernagar	130	NIL	165	12	11	3
	Dakshin Pargumti	54	NIL	52	7	31	9
	Pargumti	40	NIL	115	4	52	8
	Uttar Pargumti	169	1	230	12	23	5
	Haridaskati	38	NIL	80	7	11	2
Dulduli	Uttar Sahebkhali	250	2	22	4	1	1
	Purba Sahebkhali	150	2	20	0	3	2
	Choto Sahebkhali	50	1	0	0	0	0
	Dakshin Sahebkhali	150	1	112	4	0	0
	Mathbari **	22	1	28	1	0	0
	Dakshin Dulduli	34	1	40	0	22	1
	Labukhali-I **	0	6	0	0	0	0
	Labu khali –II	0	4	0	0	0	0
	Sarupkati	55	2	40	0	31	6
	Kedarchalk	150	2	100	7	48	5
	Kotabari	30	1	20	0	7	1
	Dakshin Bhanderkhali	40	2	75	7	22	5
	Uttar Bhanderkhali	40	4	15	1	24	5

Data up to 24.06.09

** Awareness camp was organized.

@@ Hygiene Kit contains: 2 triangular bandages, 2 sanitary pads, 1 detol , 1 medicated soap, 1 detergent soap , 2 clips, 1 string, News paper(for covering sanitary pad while drying in the sun light).

Distribution of food:

Initially we planned that we would distribute food amongst the victims for the first 15 days and later we would take part in post disaster management. But the situation is still very alarming as in some places Government relief is yet to reach. In some parts of Kalitala Gram panchayat people are still facing starvation due to the short supply of food. One of the reasons is that the place is far away

from the Dhamakhali Ghat and it takes four hours on boat to reach there. From our field survey report we have seen that victims are getting some assistance from the Gram panchayat office but that is far below than their minimum requirements. So



we are forced to supply relief materials. Almost 75% of our dry foods are supplied by the DRCSC and its donor agencies. This year we are facing extreme financial crisis so we are unable to spend our money for buying relief materials. We are trying to coordinate with the District Government officials and trying to persuade them about the situation on daily basis.

Medical Assistance to the AILA victims:

During our boat journey from Dhamakhali Ghat to Hingalganj we took a little halt at Manipur Ghat, a small island under Sandeshkhali-II Block. This island is one of the worse affected areas by the super

cyclone. So far 8 people have died and still 25 are missing from the day of Aila. The people of Manipur requested us for sending a medical team to their village. As we have no health department from this year so we requested our friend organization SAPTAK to organize a medical camp on that said GP. On 28th June, 09 six Saptak members along with 4 volunteers



and two swanirvar staff went to the Manipur GP. There were 3 doctors, Dr. Arghya Sen, Dr. Sarbari Ghosh, Dr. Rouf Molla in that team and they took various kinds of medicines for the ailing villagers. We reached there at 11.00a.m and the treatments of the patients were started from 11.30a.m. 365 patients were treated in that camp and were given medicines at free of cost. During our return journey at 4.00 p.m., the villagers cordially thank us and we promised them that we would also extend our help in future. On our return journey, SAPTAK doctors also treated patients at Siristala in a relief shelter run by West Bengal Sunnet Al Jamat Committee. There the doctors treated nearly 100 patients. As per our record, most of villagers are suffering from Diarrhoeal diseases, Chest infections, Skin diseases, Eye infections, Gastro enteric disorders, cold and coughs. On the coming Sunday, 05th July,09 we will organize another medical camp at Siristala, near Sarberia.

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