

In case of Natural Disaster

**If there is preparedness
the loss and damage
would be reduced**

During April - May and October - November the people of southern part of Bangladesh pass their day with the apprehension of cyclone and tidal surge. To reduce the loss of lives, livelihoods and assets advance preparedness at individual, family and community level is required.

PREPAREDNESS

Before Disaster:

- ◆ Repair roof, pole and fence of houses before starting season of disaster;
- ◆ Raise the plinth of house and tube well if required and prepare portable cooking stove;
- ◆ **Select your suitable place to take shelter during emergency. If you decide to move to a cyclone shelter, be aware about the key's holder;**
- ◆ **Also select the place where you can keep safe your livestock during emergency;**
- ◆ Preserve the crop seeds, raise the bank of fish ponds, repair the fishing boats, and before going to fishing check the radio, compass, boya (life jacket) etc. are with you;



- ◆ **Keep emergency medicines i.e. oral saline, water purification tablet/fitkari, gauze-bandage, savlon etc. and dry food ready;**
- ◆ Keep the radio, torch light, fire box, candle, fuel wood, cash taka etc. ready;
- ◆ Collect the address of the nearby hospital and telephone number of the ambulance;
- ◆ Prepare the list of person with disables, pregnant and lactating mothers, old aged and the vulnerable people;
- ◆ Plant palm trees, coconut trees, date juice trees etc. at the south and south-western part of your homestead area;
- ◆ Inspire all men, women and children for learning swimming.

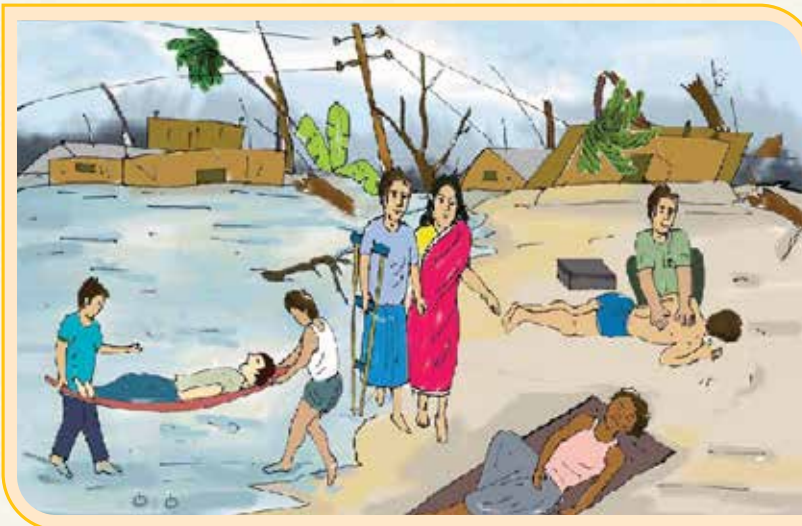
During Disaster

- ★ During cautionary signal no. 1 to 3, hear the weather bulletin from radio and television repeatedly and/or **make phone call to '10941'** for getting update weather information. Keep contact with UP Chairmen and CPP Volunteers and take care of your family members and neighbors. Make arrangement of extra battery for radio and torch light;
- ★ During cautionary signal no.4 and danger signal no. 5, get ready for going to shelters. Discuss with family members about their role and responsibilities. Ready the dry foods, emergency medicine, drinking water etc. Keep the livestock and poultry in a safe place, if not possible get them free from the rope;
- ★ **During danger signal no.6 to 7, make arrangement for sending children, old aged, person with disables, pregnant women and sick people to the shelter. In this time, there are some emergency tasks:** Close the mouth of tubewell, keep fishing boat under the water and tied with a pole, keep cooking stuffs safe and preserve crop seeds. Keep valuable documents including national ID card, VGF card, land documents and all necessary certificates covered with plastic and keep in a safe place;
- ★ **During great danger signal no.8 to 9, everyone has to move to a shelter or safe place. While the great danger signal no. 10 is announced stay in a shelter or safe place until the situation become normal.** Before going to shelter or safe place, women should tie their hairs and dress appropriately;
- ★ Take special care of the pregnant women, children, old aged and person with disable at shelter;
- ★ During water logging and flood, to get relief from snack, hang out the carbolic acid bottle in the corner of the home as if the children cannot touch it.



After Disaster

- Arrange to bring injured persons immediately to the nearer hospital and help each other for coming back home from the shelter;
- Make preparation for repairing/re-construct the house. Clean the walking path and remove garbage and harmful substances from the path;
- Make funeral of dead body according to individual religion and place the dead body of the animals-birds under the ground;
- Make sure to drain out the rain water and stagnant water;
- **Remove the closed face of tube well and pump until fresh water is available. Use water purifying tablet / fitkari in case of other source of water or steam the water before using;**
- Contact with local government and non-government organizations and help them to assess the loss and damage and provide support for relief and rehabilitation activities.



Don't be afraid of Disasters, work courageously and collectively to reduce the loss and damage of disasters.



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