

Project No. 55

EMERGENCY RESPONSE TO THE FLOOD AFFECTED FAMILIES IN BANGLADESH (ERFAFB) 2007

Principle:

The most vulnerable food affected communities in Bangladesh meet their basic needs and live in safe and secure conditions.

Objective:

The main objectives of the project is given below:

- To create an environment conducive to improved health well-being where the flood affected families live; and
- To construct safe and appropriate shelter for the target families to live in.

Background:

Emergency Response to the Flood-Affected Families in Bangladesh (ERFAFB) 2007 started in 15 September 2007 for one year, which was extended up to 15 March 2009. The total project period was 18 months. The reporting period is nine months and fifteen days (July 2008 to 15 March 2009).

Staff Strength: Total staff 54, Regular 5 and Volunteer for one year 49 (Male-39, Female-15)

Donors: CRS, USA and Bill Gates Foundation, USA.

Expenditure: Foreign Partner's contribution :Tk. 33,349,525

Beneficiaries (No) : Direct: Male - 26,160 Female - 25,015 Total : 51,175
Indirect: Male - 4,500 Female - 4,800 Total : 9,350

Targets & Achievements:

The target and achievements of the project are provided below:

Sl.No	Items/Activities	Achievements as on June 2008	Performances in FY 2008-2009			Cumulative as on June 2009
			Target	Achievements	% of Achievement	
A.	Shelter					
1.	Construction of new shelter without fence	939	1	1	100	940
2.	Fencing of new shelter completed by beneficiaries	842	98	98	100	940
3	Repairing of shelter	0	432	432	100	432
B.	Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH)					
1.	Water - Tube-well					
1.1	New TW installation	161	170	170	100	331
1.2	Making platform for new TW	44	287	287	100	331

		Performances in FY 2008-2009				Cumulative as on June 2009
2.	Sanitation					
2.1	Raising plinth, installation (cementing 4 rings + 1 slab) latrine	891	1755	1755	100	2646
2.2	Latrine house making	219	2427	2427	100	2646
3	Hygiene					
3.1	CAP group coordination meeting	110	155	155	100	265
3.2	CAP small group meeting (10 family = 1 group)	222	448	448	100	670
C	Monitoring					
1	Monthly staff meeting	7	8	8	100	15
2	PIC meeting	7	5	5	100	12

The above Table shows that during the reporting period one new shelter was constructed, 98 beneficiaries covered their shelters with fence and 432 shelters were repaired. Further, 170 new tube-wells were installed while 287 new platforms were constructed. Besides, 1755 new latrines were installed including raising the plinth and 2427 latrine houses were made. There were 155 Community Action Plan (CAP) group coordination meetings, 448 CAP small group (10 families make one small group) meetings, eight monthly staff meetings and five Project Implementation Committee (PIC) meetings.

Results:

- In Magurabinod, Baruhas and Talom unions under Tarash *upazila* 1372 families live in safe and secure shelters.
- People have access to safe drinking water throughout the year including summer and rainy season as well.
- In all 2646 family members have access to sanitation through-out the year and they have a healthful atmosphere.

Conclusion:

ERFAFB-2007, a project with huge activities - shelter and WASH (water, sanitation and hygiene) was been designed to cover the distressed people of a particular area. WASH is a new component that has been added to emergency response activities. The project was implemented in a very short period of time with new staff under the guidance of a Project Implementation Committee formed by Caritas Rajshahi Regional Office. The project was supported by CRS, USA and Bill Gates Foundation, USA. The project has benefited a lot of families who fell victims to two consecutive floods and their sorrows knew no bounds. Now they live in a safe environment. A study was conducted by CRS on WASH Lesson Learning in March 2009. The learning and experiences gained from this project can be replicated in future emergency response.