

Situation Report

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Due to heavy rainfall in Cox's Bazar and Chittagong since the since 22 of July, flood, landslides and other difficulties have occurred that has caused damages to shelters and facilities in different areas of the camps and other Upazila. Many camps and host community areas are at risk of flooding and landslides. Eight people have already been died including 4 children in the recent spate of floods and landslides. On 27 July 2021, the situation became worst. SARPV is providing nutrition support to the children under 5, PLWs and adolescent girls in Camp 4, 5, 6, 8W and 10 through integrated nutrition services and advocacy, disability mainstreaming, livelihood, education, energy, wash and other programs in the host community of Chittagong and Cox's Bazar. In the host community at Chakaria, Pekua, Moheshkhali and Lohagara, many people are affected due to heavy rainfall and flood. This report intends to present the immediate situation of the flood affected areas of different Upazila of Cox's Bazar and Chittagong.

There are 9 Upazila in Cox Bazaar District with a total population of around 25 lac, where in 2011, as per census there were 22, 89, 900. As we all are aware now that the whole nation is under Corona Pandemic Box people are psychologically affected and this natural disaster in addition to the people of the Cox Bazaar, Chattagrm, sathkania, lohgora again blocked them economically. Now it is not possible only by the govt to stand for this vulnerable people. Now all badly need to stand beside the people to overcome from this critical situation and to regain the mental strength to the society. Here I am presenting both the host and Rohingya situation.



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Situation in FDMN camps

Camp 4

The INFs in camp 4 were affected badly due to the excessive rainfall. The facility premises and the facility floors were submerged under the flood water on 27 July 2021. By making an instant drain, the clogged water was removed from the INF by using shovel and bucket. Within few hours, the situation was normalized. No major damage was reported in the facility.





Camp 5

Due to heavy rainfall most of the drain that is used to smooth pass of water were over flooded in camp 5. Therefore, about 400 HHs were badly affected. In the affected households, there are 408 children aged under 5 years. The INF is situated beside a canal. Yesterday during heavy rainfall, the canal was over flooded and water entered into the BSFP section which created problems to continue the BSFP activities. The rain intermitted at around 12 noon and the center was cleaned within 40 minutes to continue the services smoothly. No major damage was reported in the facility. However, outreach activities were disrupted.



Flood situation in the community



Flood situation outside the facility

Camp 6

In Camp-6, the INF is situated in sub-block B-H-9 in the block B. Block B is very badly affected by the rainfall. In camp 6, 572 households in 28 sub-blocks were affected. The number of affected beneficiaries is 572. Yesterday at 9.45 am, suddenly the water flooded into the facility and the facility floor was submerged under water. By taking instant initiatives, the food and essential items (e.g., RUTF, Amoxicillin, RUSF, WSB+, WSB++ etc.) and all the documents were placed in the safe areas to avoid any damages due to flood water. By making an instant drain, the clogged water was removed from the INF by using shovel and bucket. Within few hours, the situation was normalized. No major damage was reported in the facility.



Water clogging inside the facility



Submerged facility premise



Flood situation in the community



Removing clogged water

Camp 8W

Site 01

In camp 8W site 01 catchment area, 1 shelter is fully damaged, 10 shelters are partially damaged, 73 shelters are affected by the flood, 1 pathway & 2 stairs are damaged and one bridge is flooded due to heavy rain fall. In the INF, the roof was leaked near CMAMI corner, breastfeeding corner and OTP/TSFP distribution point and water was falling from there. By using tarpaulin, another layer was made instantly to overcome the situation. The INF is situated on the hill and a small proportion of barrage has been damaged nearby the facility. No major damage was reported in the facility.



Water clogging inside the facility due to water fall from roof leakage



Damage at barrage near the INF

Site 02

In camp 8W site 02 catchment area, 2 shelters are fully damaged, 8 shelters are partially damaged, 69 shelters are affected by the flood, 1 pathway & 3 stairs are damaged, one bridge is flooded and one bridge is damaged due to heavy rain fall. In the INF, the roof was leaked near IYCF corner and waiting area and water was falling from there. No major damage was reported in the facility.



Water clogging at IYCF corner



Water clogging at waiting area

Camp 10

Site 01

In camp 1 site 01 catchment area, 5 people are reported dead and 3 are severely injured. 1 shelter is fully damaged, 35 shelters are partially damaged and 21 shelters are affected due to flood. 10 major land slides and 71 small landslides are reported from the community and 4 HHs have been relocated to temporary communal shelters. 2 pathways and 2 stairs are damaged. In the INF, the roof was leaked in some points and water was falling from there. By using tarpaulin, another layer was made instantly to overcome the situation. No major damage was reported in the facility.



A manger was placed to collect water

Site 02

In camp 10 site 02 catchment area, 272 households of 28 sub-blocks are affected due to the rainfall. A total of 398 beneficiaries are affected. The INF is located on the top of the hill. It was in the risk of landslides. Few days ago, a protection barrier was made to avoid the landslide but due to heavy rainfall, the barrier is seriously affected. The risk of landslide is increasing day by day. No major damage was reported inside the facility. No major damage was reported in the facility.



Damaged protection guide-wall



Damaged pathway near the facility

Situation at Chakaria

In Chakaria, several unions named Fasiyakhali, Karara, Kairabil, Lakshyachar, Baraitali and Harbang have been submerged under water due to heavy rainfall. The flood has damaged the crops and agricultural stocks. About three fourth of the households are submerged under water and people couldn't move their necessary belongings to the safe places due to lack of time. They are in a miserable condition and trying to survive by any means. They are facing difficulties to go outside and manage food & employments. Latrines and tube wells have ben drowned under water and people are using river water for household purpose. Children, aged people and person with disabilities are also facing trouble for their movement. If the rain continues for few more days, their situation will be worse.



Situation at Moheshkhali

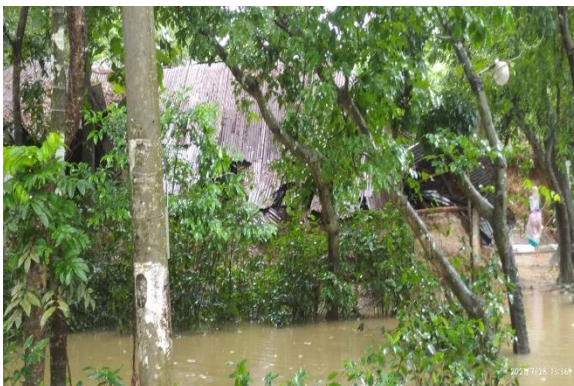
Moheshkhali Upazila is a coastal area situated by the Bay of Bengal. This year, excessive rainfall has caused damages in public properties and wealth very badly in the lower lands of Moheshkhali such as Dhalghata, Matarbari and Hoanok union. There are waterlogging in every place. Most of the areas have been flooded, roads are damaged, a bridge is collapsed due to this heavy rainfall. More or less, all the Community Nutrition Centers are facing difficulties conducting daily activities. Community nutrition volunteers are facing a hard time to continue the community outreach activities. Out of 38, 4 CNCs have waterlogged and facing difficulties to preserve documents & materials. Beneficiaries are also facing problems to visit CNCs. The detailed situation of the CNCs is presented below:

SL	Union Name	CNC Name	Present Situation
1.	Dhalghata	Sotoria Family Welfare Center (FWC)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• CNC & courtyard has been waterlogged.• CNC connecting roads been flooded & muddy.• The main connecting road into the locality has been damaged due to heavy water flow.• Beneficiaries are facing difficulties to visit CNC.• CNC's general activities are being interrupted.
2.	Matarbari	Matarbari Union Health and Family Welfare Centre (UHFWC)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Salt field, Fish farm & several roads have been affected.• The water level rose almost up to knee level at the front yard of the CNC• The linking road is badly affected• Most of the households from Sairardail, Shikdarpara, Monhajirpara, Greater Razghat, Dakshin Bilapara, Shaitpara, Fuljanmora, Ulobuna, Baniakata, Dakshin MogdailBaniakata, Khanderbil, Noyapara have been flooded due to the heavy rainfall.
3.	Dhalghata	Begunbunia Community Clinic	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Rainy water is entering the CNC through windows & doors as the infrastructure is poor.• The main connecting road has been damaged.• The surrounding area has been flooded.
4.	Hoanak	Hariharchara Family Welfare Center (FWC)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• CNC & courtyard have been waterlogged• Several equipment of the CNC has been damaged.• More than 200 households have been flooded due to heavy rainfall.



Situation at Lohagara

In Lohagara, microcredit activities are ongoing by SARPV. Like other upazilas, Lohagara is also facing difficulties during this flood situation. Most of the areas including localities, roads, markets, lands are submerged under the water and the people are facing difficulties for their regular chores. So far 20 beneficiaries of the microcredit programme of SARPV are reportedly affected by the flood and heavy rain fall in last few days.



Situation at Pekua

Pekua Upazila is a coastal area situated by the Bay of Bengal. This year, due to excessive rainfall, public properties, salt production areas, agricultural lands of the people of Pekua sadar, Uzantia, Rajakhali and Shilkhali have heavily affected. There are waterlogging in many places. Most of the areas have been flooded and roads are damaged. Several Community Nutrition Centers of SARPV are facing difficulties conducting daily activities. The detailed situation of the CNCs is presented below:

SL	Union Name	CNC Name	Present Situation
1.	Uzantia	Fakirpara Community clinic	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The embankment broke and the area has been flooded.• CNC connecting roads have been flooded & muddy.• Most of the area under Fakirpara CNC such as Koida bazar, Ghoshal para, Pashchim Uzantia,veluar para has been flooded.• Beneficiaries are facing difficulties to visit CNC.• The Koriyardiya sub-center has been flooded and all types communication is disconnected.
2.	Uzantia	Godarpara Community Clinic	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The front road of CNC has been locked due to heavy rainfall.• Communication is disconnected• In this current situation, it is impossible to transport food and other logistics.• Beneficiaries are facing difficulties to visit CNC.
3.	Shilkhali	Sobujpara Community Clinic	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The connecting road is badly affected and damaged due to heavy water flow• Water level rose almost up to knee level ate the front yard of the CNC• The road is locked due to be at the slope of the hill.• Most of the households have been flooded due to the heavy rainfall.
4.	Shilkhali	Jarulbonia Community Clining	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Main connecting road has been flooded and water logged.• In this current situation, it is impossible to transport food and other logistics.• Surrounding area has been flooded.



Overall, it is a very hard and challenging situation we are facing at present. During this disastrous situation, SARPV is trying to ensure all the emergency services in the flood affected areas. The staff and volunteers are working very hard to track the affected people and provide them emergency food and medications. But the vulnerable groups especially PLWs, children under 5, old age people and PwDs are at high risk of different water borne disease, malnutrition and other complications. So, it should be our highest priority to ensure all the necessary services for all of them.

Conclusion

At the end, this is a challenge that we all are working together to overcome. Disability mainstreaming, nutrition services, energy, wash and other services are still functional in the camps and host communities at Chittagong and Cox's Bazar.

Sufficient tarpaulins are provided to cover the required inside and outside area of the facilities at camps so that landslide risks can be minimized. Food and medicine items along with other non-food items are all still safe there. We are trying to manage ORS, drinking water and some dry food in this situation which are really very much priority. We are continuously advocating with government officials at host communities both in Cox's Bazar and Chittagong to minimize the hazards of the vulnerable groups. SARPV's Physio team is in action who continuously working hard to serve the vulnerable groups their best. Nutrition services are also functional in all camps with the hard-work of staff and volunteers. Energy services are still functionally running with their dedicate teams. WASH people are also trying their best to serve the community. Emergency team is functional with their priorities.

Finally, the concerns that worry us, that the pregnant and lactating women who breastfeed their child under 2 years of age are mostly vulnerable to their regular lifestyle or even the cold issue, diarrhea which are also challenges to the children and others and even the persons with disabilities who are facing more challenges due to this heavy rain fall and its consequences. The list below are other relevant concerns at this moment that SARPV thinks should immediately be addressed:

This flood hazards are mainly due to lack of proper drainage and dragging of canals and river. So, the drainage system should be improved immediately.

Community people should have psychological training or support mechanism to boost up or keep up mental strength at the time of such disastrous situation, so that the risk unnecessary damages can be minimized.

LPG can be a cost-effective solution for the camp. However, Improved Cook Stoves (ICS) in this heavy rain or flood situation would be one of the most effective cooking solutions for the community. They are portable and easily usable traditional cooking stoves. During this flood situation LPG can make disaster to the community in several aspect.

Accessible toilet - In this heavy rain situation, accessible toilet is mostly needed for the vulnerable groups. It will cause damage to their health and nutrition and even in the psychology that will deprive them in the future.

Diarrhea – Children are at risk of diarrhea due to water clogging and plying with contaminated water.

Dengue – This concern should be in consideration.

Pneumonia – This concern should also be in the concern.

Pure drinking water supply is a challenge in this heavy rain. Where mini-grid can play a big role. A mini-grid can also play a great role in protection perspective for the adolescent girl, disable people and other vulnerable groups.

PLW – PLW are in great danger due to the accessibility issue. They need some special care in this moment.

PwD, - PwD are also in a great challenge in this heavy rain. They need accessible services from every corner of the camp and host community humanitarian services.

Aged people – Aged people are in vulnerable condition due to this heavy rainfall. They also need special or prioritized care to overcome the situation.

Soap – To ensure the hygiene more soap will be required.

Stretcher – for PLW and aged people, stretcher can be used to move from here to there, to the health facilities and to the services.

Drainage – This is the worst scenario in the camp and even in the host community. Draingae system should be improved a lot so that the water will not be clogged in the plain land.

Landslide risk minimization – No shelter should be setup in the ground to hilly area.