

# Disaster, Humanitarian Crisis, and Climate Change



Persons with disabilities are most at-risk during any kind of disaster. CDD puts persons with disabilities at the center of disaster risk management to help them recover, keeping safe, engaging in reducing disaster risks, and preparing them to face future shocks and stresses for enhancing their disaster resilience.

CDD is actively contributing to the implementation of national and international frameworks and policies. To address this, CDD took various kinds of initiatives such as capacity-building training for Urban Community Volunteers (UCV), Self-help Group (SHG) of persons with disabilities, different Disaster Management Committees (DMC), as well as developing Information, Education, and Communication (IEC) materials. Aside from that, CDD organized court-yard meetings, observed national and international days that relates to disaster issues.

CDD had worked with Union and City Corporation Disaster Management Committee to conduct disability-inclusive Community Risk Assessment (CRA) and to develop Risk Reduction Action Plan (RRAP) in addition to develop disability-inclusive Contingency Plan. CDD made collaboration with the GO-NGO at both national and local levels to practice Disability inclusive Disaster Risk Management (DiDRM) and Climate Change Adaptation (DiCCA).

CDD carried out a study on Disability inclusive Climate Change Adaptation (DiCCA) with a view to enhance the climate resilience of persons with disabilities across the country. Existing adaptation strategies are largely inadequate for protecting the livelihoods of persons with disabilities against worsening climate-induced disasters.

### Study on Disability inclusive Climate Change Adaptation (DiCCA)

Understanding the impacts of climate change-induced hazards and disaster in the Southkhali Union, with a special focus on persons with disabilities and their inclusion in climate change adaptation measures

#### Some of the key recommendations are:

- Policy advocacy for making disability-inclusive law and policies in the context of climate change and ensure effective implementation of the relevant national policies and legal frameworks.
- Training to persons with disabilities who are farmers on climate-smart agriculture methods and techniques. Capacity building and knowledge dissemination for Alternative Income Generating Activities (AIGA) and livelihood options for persons with disabilities.
- Strengthening institutional capacities and capacity building of community people on CCA and the rights of persons with disabilities for ensuring their equal participation, empowerment and inclusion in CCA measures.
- Increase the knowledge of persons with disabilities and local communities on the adverse impact of climate change through accessible information dissemination, training and awareness campaigns.



## Disability-Inclusive Cyclone Preparedness by WDMC

Before the Cyclone Yaas occurred, due to high tide, the water-level of adjacent rivers of Southkhali Union increased, the roads near the rivers were broken and water entered into the community. Around 150 households including 12 households of persons with disabilities became vulnerable due to waterlogging.

Abdul Jolil Peyada, president of Shotota Self-Help Group (SHG) and member of Ward Disaster Management Committee (WDMC) of Ward NO. 9 in Southkhali Union along with other WDMC-members decided to repair the damaged road. They collected mud and repaired 0.5 km road. All those affected households were relieved from waterlogging and community was protected from huge amount of damage.



Bogi Primary School cum cyclone-shelter and Sonatola Adarsha cyclone-center at Ward 1 & 7 is not accessible. There is no connecting road between the main-road and these cyclone-shelters. Every year during any cyclone, persons with disabilities, elderly people, women, children, and pregnant women reach the shelters by passing water and clay. In the time of the Cyclone Yaas, WDMC prepared and repaired 220 feet connecting-road of Bogi Primary School cum cyclone-shelter and 450 feet connecting road of Sonatola Adarsha cyclone-center.