

CDDiDRM & CCA

Quarterly Newsletter

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Facts and Figures



409 persons with and without disabilities reached



25 persons with and without disabilities participated training on Fire Fighting and Disability Inclusive Search, Rescue and Evacuation



264 persons with disabilities reached



9 persons with disabilities received assistive device and repair support



52.08% were female with disabilities



355 times different therapy sessions conducted



163 persons with and without disabilities reached by awareness raising sessions



472 persons with and without disabilities reached through COVID-19 response initiatives of WDMC, SHG, OPD and local government

Project Interventions



Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities

9 monthly meetings of total 3 Self-help Groups (SHG) held at Southkhali Union of Bagerhat District

45 persons with disabilities and their caregiver participated in the meetings



Capacity Enhancing of Disaster Management Committees

30 number meetings of Ward Disaster Management Committees (WDMCs) held at Savar Municipality, Dhaka North City Corporation (DNCC) and Southkhali Union of Bagerhat District

1 quarterly meetings of Municipal Disaster Management Committees (MDMC) held at Savar Municipality



Training Program

25 Cyclone Preparedness Program (CPP) Volunteers including 1 person with low vision from Southkhali Union of Sahrankhola Upazila under Bagerhat District participated 3 days Training on Trainers (ToT) on Effective Communication, Search, Rescue and Evacuation with Persons with disabilities



Health and Rehabilitation Service

28 persons with disabilities received 355 time different types of home-based services at Gaibandha and Bagerhat District

17 people including 8 persons with disabilities were referred for general medical services at Southkhali Union

9 persons with disabilities received assistive device and device repair support at Southkhali Union



Disability inclusive **DRR & CCA**

10 number of disability inclusive contingency plans of 9 WDMC and UDMC finalized at Southkhali Union

1 Bi-monthly meeting of Southkhali Union Disability inclusive Climate Change Adaptation Working Group (SUDiCCAWG) took place

1 battery operated waste collector van handed over to Savar Municipality for strengthening waste management system of Savar Municipality



Awareness Raising **Initiatives**

3 number of courtyard meetings took place at Southkhali Union of Bagerhat District

3 number of sensitization meeting on Urban DiDRR took place with slum and apartment committee members at W-23, DNCC



Disability inclusive CCA Study findings dissemination workshop took place with the active participation of Government high officials from Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change; Department of Environment; Bangladesh Climate Change Trust; representatives of UN body; INGO; NGO; Organization of Persons with Disabilities; C3ER BRAC University; CBM and CDD

Lobbying, Networking & Advocacy

Relief Support from Local Philanthropy Group

In W-23 of Dhaka North City Corporation (DNCC), project communicated with local philanthropy groups for supporting persons with disabilities who suffered due to COVID-19. As a result of successful networking, 90 persons including 89 persons with disabilities received food support at Ward no 23 of Dhaka North City Corporation (DNCC).



Figure: Person with disability is receiving relief support at W-23, DNCC

Through WDMC and OPD






123 persons with disabilities received food support from Councilor's Office at Savar Municipality



1 persons with disabilities received 7 types of vegetable seeds, machine for rice drying and 50 sacks for preserve rice from Upazila Livestock Department at Gaibandha



2 persons with disabilities received training from Upazila Livestock Department and SKS Foundation at Gaibandha

Disability Inclusive Climate Change Adaptation (DiCCA)
POLICY BRIEF

July 2021

Persons with disabilities in the context of Climate Change Adaptation in Bangladesh

Persons with disabilities are a diverse group with different kinds of impairments and their needs also differ depending on individual circumstances and capacities. During climate-induced disasters, persons with disabilities experience the same impacts as other community people, but they are far less able to cope with these changes. In this context, climate change disproportionately affects them and their organisations.

Bangladesh is already facing multiple impacts of climate change, and is cited as one of the most climate vulnerable countries in the world¹. The country's coastal region, inhabiting approximately 40 million people, is especially vulnerable because of its geo-physical characteristics and disadvantaged socio-political conditions that often limit people's access to resources^{2,3}. Research also shows that the country's people have remarkable ability to cope with natural disasters^{4,5}. However, regardless of their abilities, poor and vulnerable populations like persons with disabilities bear the most severe brunt of climate change and are also often excluded from being included in adaptation measures.

Highlights of the study

- Dependence on natural resources coupled with lack of skills, knowledge and limited alternative livelihood opportunities threaten livelihoods of coastal communities including persons with disabilities.
- Existing adaptation strategies are largely inadequate for protecting the livelihoods of persons with disabilities against worsening climate-induced disasters.
- Promotion of alternative climate resilient livelihood and trainings in climate smart agricultural methods are essential to reduce loss of livelihood.
- Awareness campaigns and policy advocacy needs to be done for making disability-inclusive law and policies while ensuring effective implementation.
- Strengthening institutional capacities and capacity building of community people is needed on CCA and the rights of persons with disabilities for ensuring their equal participation, empowerment and inclusion in CCA measures.

*As the floodwaters started coming in during Sidr, I had to save my children. So I left my paralyzed mother in law behind and went to the shelter. This was the most difficult choice I made and only I know the guilt and mental trauma I live with now because my mother in law survived the event. On the next day, we found her still lying in bed with waters up to her bed." - Saleha Khanom, Rayenda

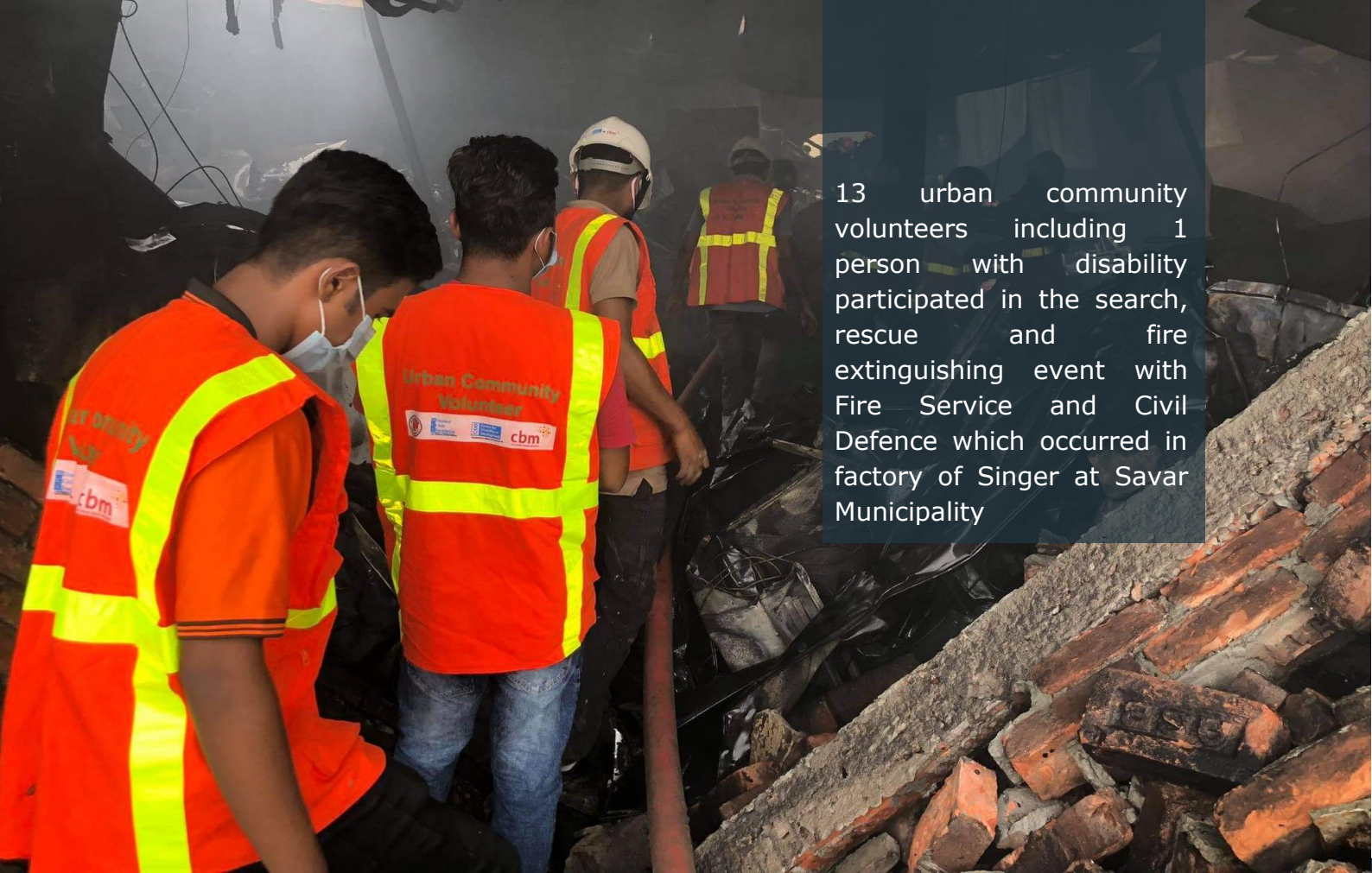
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Policy Brief on Disability inclusive Climate Change Adaptation (DiCCA)

Policy brief on Disability inclusive Climate Change Adaptation (DiCCA) developed on highlighting climate change related vulnerabilities and its impact on the coastal community including persons with disabilities, gaps of inclusion of persons with disabilities in adaptation measures to climate change.

Policy Brief: <https://cutt.ly/7Uf1tTn>

Study Report: <https://cutt.ly/zUf1WjW>



13 urban community volunteers including 1 person with disability participated in the search, rescue and fire extinguishing event with Fire Service and Civil Defence which occurred in factory of Singer at Savar Municipality

Initiatives by WDMCs & SHGs



100 number of palm trees planted in the side of roads by SHG



1 application submitted to UP Chairman by SHGs for giving priority to persons with disabilities during COVID-19 vaccination



1 person with disability received seed support from WDMC



43 households received dry food support during waterlogging from WDMC



Figure: SHG member is submitting letter to UP Chairman at Southkhali



Figure: WDMC members are installing Oxygen Cylinder at Savar Municipality



**COVID-19
Response Initiatives**



213 persons with and without disabilities received food support through WDMC, OPD, Councilor Office



214 persons with and without disabilities received support to complete COVID-19 vaccine registration



37 persons with disabilities received Eid gift support through the networking of WDMC



3 persons with without disabilities received hygiene kit support from member of SUDiCCA Working Group member DSK



3 persons received emergency oxygen support from the Oxygen Bank of WDMCs



2 festoon developed and hanged through own initiatives of businessman representatives

**Story of
Change**

Prodip Proceedings Towards a Better Life

Prodip Saha who is a person with mental illness who lives in Savar Municipality. In 2009, due to family pressure, financial crisis and depression, Prodip became mentally unstable. At that time, he was unable to talk with anyone. He used to spend his days sitting idle and quietly. Sometimes he broke materials of the house.

On 2020, he came to the mental health assessment camp of project. In the camp he was assessed by the psychiatrist. He received 4 months medicine support from the project as per prescription by psychiatrist. Also, in 2021 through the linkage of project he received psychiatrist and counselling support from the Day Care Centre of CRP for 2 months without any cost.

Now a positive change took place in his behavior and he returned to sound life. He used to talk with his mother, father and fraternizes with neighbors. Now he is regularly receiving phone calls and talking with his relatives and friends. Her mother is expecting that he will be able to start tuition very soon and will start to contribute to reduce the financial crisis and sorrow of their family. Right now, he started working in a medicine shop of his relative.

"Previously, Prodip didn't go to outside of the house, never fraternized with the community people, broke materials, and talked alone. But right now, he takes medicine by himself, talks with us and neighbors. I am extremely happy to see that my son is recovered from his illness."

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