

LEARNING AND IMPACT BOOK

Recovering the hope of the
devasted Families Hit by
Cyclone-Mocha in Teknaf,
Cox's Bazar



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LEADERS' STATEMENTS



SEEP takes great pride in its dedicated team members who tirelessly go above and beyond the call of duty to reach the most inaccessible areas in Teknaf, Cox's Bazar, ensuring assistance to those affected by Cyclone Mocha.

The Humanitarian Support to Cyclone Mocha-affected families in Teknaf, Cox's Bazar (BGD-1054) project, spearheaded by SEEP in collaboration with Welthungerhilfe (WHH), has made a significant positive impact on the community in Teknaf. This joint effort underscores our commitment to standing alongside vulnerable families, providing Multi-purpose Cash Grant Support (MPCG).

We invite you to join us on this journey of resilience and compassion, as together, we strive to make a lasting difference in the lives of those adversely impacted by Cyclone Mocha in Teknaf, Cox's Bazar.

Md. Fazlul Haque Choudhury
Executive Director, SEEP



Since its establishment in 1985, SEEP has been prioritizing the protection of vulnerable individuals, particularly children and women, differently able persons during crises.

In the context of the Humanitarian Support to Cyclone Mocha-affected families in Teknaf, Cox's Bazar (BGD-1054) project, SEEP aims to extend emergency recovery support to enhance the well-being and resilience of host community families in the aftermath of Cyclone Mocha.

SEEP expresses deep gratitude to its generous development partners, government collaborators, and private and institutional donors.

At the heart of SEEP's mission are the values of integrity, transparency, and accountability. These principles guide our actions, ensuring that our endeavors, particularly in the context of the Cyclone Mocha response, are conducted with the utmost responsibility and humanitarian standards. Through collaborative efforts and the support of our partners, SEEP remains dedicated to providing crucial humanitarian support to the affected families in Teknaf, Cox's Bazar, fostering a sense of hope and resilience in the face of adversity.

Tohomina Jesmin Mita
Deputy Executive Director, SEEP

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About the Project

Project title:

Humanitarian Support to cyclone Mocha Affected Families in Teknaf, Cox's Bazar (BGD-1054)

Project Duration:

July 2023- December 2023

Fund

Allocated:
81,662 Euro

Household

Reach:
1248

Geographical Coverage:

Teknaf Sadar Union and Sabrang Union



Overview of Teknaf

Teknaf is a subdistrict (or upazila) of Cox's Bazar district in the Chittagong Division of Bangladesh. It covers an area of 388.66 square kilometers and has a population of about 264,389 people. It is located on the southernmost tip of mainland Bangladesh, bordering Myanmar across the Naf River. Teknaf is known for its natural beauty, historical sites, and diverse wildlife. Some of the attractions in Teknaf include Naf River, St. Martin's Island, Shah Parir Dwip etc.

Context

Cyclone Mocha hit the Myanmar and Teknaf shore through the Bay of Bengal, and it had put a severe impact in Teknaf Upazila. It not only damaged the shelter, roads, trees, crop fields but also had a major impact on people's lives by ruining their income generating activities. Since the cyclone Mocha devastated Teknaf, humanitarian organizations, including the Bangladesh government, have begun lifesaving efforts such as safe evacuation and distribution of food. There are still many families who have been left behind and require humanitarian aid to repair their homes and meet basic needs.

Intervention

This project took the initiative to provide a Multi-purpose Cash Grant Support to 1,248 beneficiaries (households). With the support, they will be able to recover from the adverse impact of the cyclone and create a positive change in their life.



Teknaf, Cox's Bazar BANGLADESH

Teknaf is the most affected one of all the coastal areas. Cyclone Mocha triggered tidal surge inundated a large part of Teknaf upazila.

Most of the residents of Teknaf are engaged with fishing, betel nut, and betel plant business where the cyclone damaged their income source, by uprooting the betel nut trees, tearing the fishing nets, and destroying the *betel plant stacks* as well.

About the Project

THE SUPPORT COMMUNITIES RECEIVED

The affected communities received Multi-purpose Cash Grant of 5500 BDT via Mobile money transfer with the cash-out charge, they can utilize the support in different recovery and income generating purposes.

Program objective

Improve living conditions and resilience among the targeted households affected by Cyclone Mocha.

Major Activity

The project will distribute the Multi-Purpose Cash Grant (MPCG) package to the 1,248 families most severely impacted by the cyclone. These families will receive a total of 5,500 BDT via an electronic fund transfer mechanism, as prescribed by the Cash Working Group.

Impact

1,248 targeted households have gained access to essential services, enhanced food and nutrition security, improved WASH and shelter conditions, and strengthened the community to recover from the loss and damage.

✓ WHO RECEIVED THE SUPPORT

- ✓ Families whose shelters were damaged by the cyclone-Mocha.
- ✓ Families who lost their income source and essentials due to the cyclone.
- ✓ Families have persons with disabilities and elderly persons.
- ✓ Families that have been facing severe economic conditions.
- ✓ Female-headed poor households (including widow, divorced, separated, and single women)
- ✓ Large families Household lives on day labor or charity and have no regular income.
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A Paradigm Shift: from traditional to modern method

Provision of cash support has always been a sensitive case. The traditional way of providing hand-to-hand money can cause security issues like theft, external threats, mismanagement, corruption, nepotism, loss etc.

Mobile money transfer can ensure safety, create awareness about the convenience. The users can have access to other financial services, such as savings and insurance that can improve the economic well-being of the project participants.

For these reasons, this project has chosen to utilize the state-of-the-art technology, Mobile Money Transfer via bKash, the leading mobile money transfer company in the country. To receive the support, the participants just have to have an active bKash account.

The way it worked-

- SEEP partnered with bKash as a vendor.
- Transferred the required fund including the cash-out charge.
- Provide the beneficiary list with details.
- Complete the disbursement using a bulk operation.

Challenges and Lessons

| Challenges faced | How the Challenges were resolved |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Several Vulnerable beneficiaries had no active bKash account available. | The project team told and assisted the beneficiaries in opening a bKash account |
| The beneficiaries had multiple NID cards | Project staff checked their NID with a possible match to their number by dialing *16001# |
| The project team and volunteers went through danger areas where abduction cases took place and they faced robbers (at Keruntoli) | The team maintained regular communications with other staff. |
| There were phone Network issues, project beneficiaries did not receive the phone. | Project Staff went to their house, verified their phone, and took help from neighbors. |
| Local govt. stakeholders tried to influence in selection of the beneficiary according to their preference. | Project team convinced them by informing organizational policies, donor requirements, project scope and criteria. |
| The mobile number given by beneficiaries was lost or stolen | Project staff reached the houses, replaced the old number with their new SIM, took approval from the chairman |
| Local people and neighbors of the beneficiaries came to the distribution center with the expectation of getting support | Project team informed them regarding their ineligibility for being not included |
| Sometimes the project team faced logistical constraints and language barriers. Sometimes the community people hesitated to share data. | The orientation was given to surveyors and establish community engagement strategies to build trust. Besides the project staff communicated clearly, approached warmly, and ensured the purpose of collecting data and data security |



Background

RECOVERING THE DAMAGED ONES

Cyclone Mocha affected thousands of households in Teknaf and Cox's Bazar which not only hampered the daily lives of the local people but also had a severe impact on their income-generating activities. They needed emergency support so that they could recover from the devastating effects of the cyclone, rebuild their damaged essential materials, get back to their normal life, and forward their dreams for a better tomorrow.

By realizing this, Welthungerhilfe (WHH) and its partner SEEP provided Multi-purpose Cash Grant to the most vulnerable households with a thorough assessment. They had their full freedom of choice with how they could utilize the support they had.

Utilization of Technology, maintaining Transparency and following Humanitarian Standards are our foremost objectives.

WHH and SEEP ensured that participants in the project were well-informed about their rights and entitlements in a transparent manner. The project staff and volunteers visited households to identify the most affected and vulnerable families.

They have assessed the top-used Mobile Money Transfer service in Teknaf and preferred bKash to be used as the method of transferring support. Mobile Money Transfer rather is chosen than giving the support by hand-to-hand following a traditional way, to cope with the evolving world, and make them aware that this is the most convenient method to be used for cash transfer, where transparency and security issues are the top concerns.

WHH and SEEP have always been following the core Humanitarian Standards in their project implementation. From the selection of project participants to the distribution of resources and Post-Distribution Monitoring, the comprehensive set of humanitarian standards and sensitization are followed universally.



Implementation Process in Brief

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Immersion in Communities

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Beneficiary selection

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Community Consultation

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Key Informant Interview with chairmen

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Recruitment and Orientation of volunteers

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Selected Beneficiary List hung.

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Data endorsement

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Planning on distribution

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MPCG Distribution

Implementation Process in Brief



10
Beneficiaries receive the MMT via bKash.



11
bKash agents complete the cash out process.



12
Beneficiaries leave the center with a smile



13
Complaints & feedback are resolved.



14
Post-distribution Monitoring



15
Focus Group Discussion with the local people.



16
PDM KII with NGO representatives and local stakeholders



17
Beneficiaries utilize the support they received.



18
Their opinions are heard, support was given, freedom of choice was ensured.

Amenities in the Distribution

The BGD-1054 project team has successfully established some essential features at the distribution center for the project participants, in accordance with the global humanitarian standard. These include:

- A transparent and accountable system for verifying the identity of the beneficiaries.
- A trained SEEP staff who can provide information and assistance to the beneficiaries
- A feedback and complaint mechanism to address any issues or concerns that may arise
- A clean and hygienic environment with proper waste management facility
- A transparent and accountable system for Multi-purpose Cash distribution
- A respectful and dignified treatment of the project beneficiaries

Some visible amenities include-

Breast feeding corner: At the corner of the center, a private curtained space for lactating mothers was established so that they could feed their infants while waiting for the distribution process.

First aid box and hygiene materials: A first aid box and other hygiene materials were kept standby at the distribution center for proper hygiene maintenance.

Access to safe drinking water: Safe drinking water was there for the project participants at the distribution center. For this purpose, the team has set up a corner where purified water and disposable onetime plastic glasses were available.

Seating Corner for the elderly and persons with disabilities: The distribution center has a dedicated area for the elderly and persons with disabilities. They can sit comfortably and receive priority service. They do not need to move around as project staff assisted them with all the necessary steps of the distribution process.

CRM and Help Desk: The center has a CRM and help desk that serves as the main source of information for the project participants. They can get various kinds of support from this desk, as well as share their complaints, opinions, and feedback on the project activities. The project used this mechanism to maintain transparency and commitment towards the project participants.



Photo 1: Seating corners for PWD and Elderly



Photo 2: Special Care for the disabled persons



Photo 3: Safe drinking water and first aid box

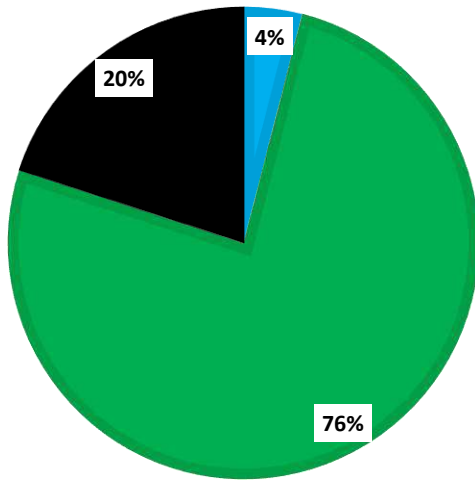


Photo 4: Breastfeeding Corner for Lactating Mothers

Budget Overview

BUDGET OUTLINE

Operational Cost Program cost Personnel Cost



Total Approved Budget
81,662 Euro

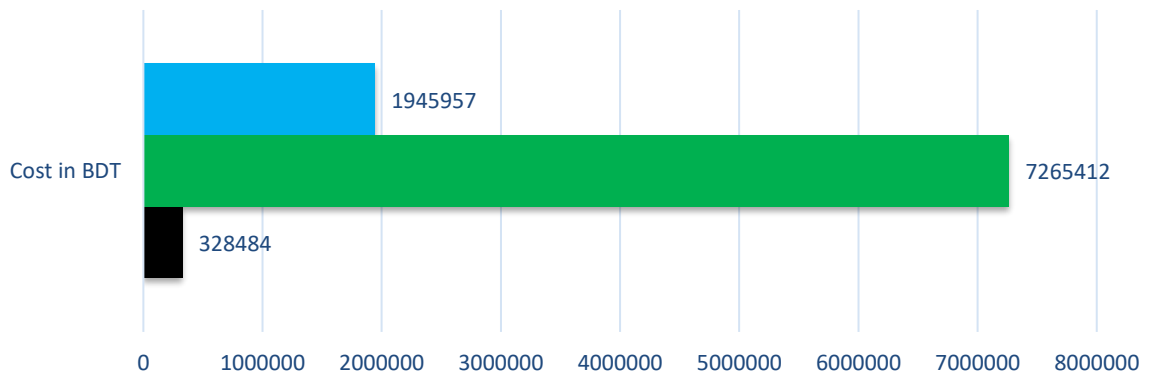


In National Currency
95.4 Lac BDT



Overall Burn Rate
100%

Expenditure



| | Cost in BDT |
|------------------|-------------|
| Personnel Cost | 1945957 |
| Operational Cost | 7265412 |
| Program Cost | 328484 |

Personnel Cost Operational Cost Program Cost

Project Achievement

| Level | Description | Achievement |
|------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Project purpose | Increased access to essential services, enhanced food and nutrition security, improved WASH and shelter conditions and strengthened community capacity to cope with and recover from future disasters. | At the end of the project, 1,248 targeted households have gained access to essential services, enhanced food and nutrition security, improved WASH and shelter conditions, and strengthened the community to recover from the loss and damage. |
| Output | Improved access to essential food and nutrition security, improved WASH and shelter conditions through cash grants/assistance. | 1248 households received a multipurpose cash grant. 100% of the project participants reported being satisfied with the provided assistance |

Total Household reach: 1248

Target Reach: 1215 Households

Actual Reach: 1248 Households

33 additional
Beneficiaries
reached



Female 935

1:3 Male-female Ratio

75 % female of the total
beneficiaries



Male 313

Persons with Disabilities 105

Female: 64, Male: 41

8.4 % of the total beneficiaries



Elderly 81

Female: 27, Male: 54

6.5 % of the total
beneficiaries

Focusing Women and Persons with Disabilities

The 'Humanitarian Support to Cyclone Mocha-affected families in Teknaf, Cox's Bazar' (BGD1054) project prioritizes women and persons with disabilities as beneficiaries based on gender equality, empowerment, and targeted assistance to vulnerable populations.

The reasons for prioritizing women

1. Vulnerability of Women: After the cyclone, women faced challenges like displacement, loss of livelihoods, and increased caregiving and they needed more support than others.

2. Women's Empowerment: The project promotes gender equality and women's empowerment. It helps women tackle their challenges and improve their well-being.

3. Maternal and Child Health:

Pregnant or breastfeeding women need more food, health, and support. This helps them and their babies stay healthy.

4. Community Resilience Building:

Community resilience depends on women's empowerment and support. Women have key roles in family and community structures, and they can contribute to recovery and rebuilding. Women's participation and resources can foster a more resilient and sustainable community.

5. Humanitarian Principles:

Maintaining humanity, impartiality, and neutrality while choosing beneficiaries is fundamental to humanitarian assistance, prioritizing women fulfils the criteria of humanitarian principles.

6. Cultural Sensitivity:

The project recognizes that women face barriers to accessing resources and participating in decision-making due to cultural and gender norms. Therefore, the project aims to be culturally sensitive and address the existing inequalities by prioritizing women as beneficiaries.

The reasons for prioritizing Persons with Disabilities

- They are among the most vulnerable and marginalized groups in crisis situations.
- They face multiple barriers to accessing basic services, protection, and information.
- Their rights, needs, and capacities are respected and addressed, if they are prioritized while providing the emergency support.
- Their participation and empowerment can be improved in decision-making processes which may affect their lives and well-being.
- To ensure the project's effectiveness and sustainability that it is inclusive, accessible, and responsive to the diversity of the affected population by cyclone Mocha.



Process followed in the Distribution Center



Step 1: Beneficiaries waiting



Step 2: Initial check of the selected beneficiaries



Step 3: Verification of the beneficiaries



Step 4: Awareness Messages Dissemination



Step 5: Checking the list for final data upload



Step 6: Uploading the data list to bKash server



Step 7: Bulk Disbursement



Step 8: Disbursement received



Step 9: Agents completing the cash-out process



Step 10: Beneficiaries receiving the tangible cash



Step 11: Taking sign on the Muster roll



Step 12: Checking the final disbursement report



Step 13: Dedicated help desk with staff or volunteers



Step 14: Participants using the center amenities



Step 15: A volunteer providing FCRM number to every participants

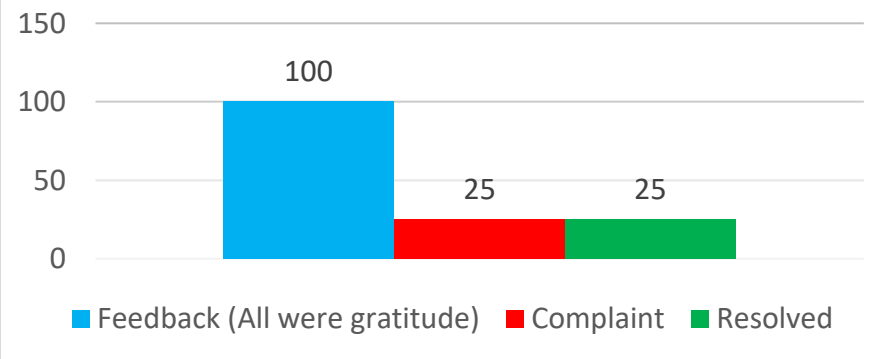


Step 15: BNF Received Cash & Informed the TEAM

FCRM CHANNELS

- ✓ Email address: complaintseep@gmail.com
- ✓ Face-to-face
- ✓ Through Helpline: **+880 1865 333 050**
- ✓ Complaint box at the project office.
- ✓ By SMS
- ✓ Local address (Project Field office, Area Programme Office etc.)
- ✓ Through the SEEP OFFICIAL Facebook page (through the link: <https://www.facebook.com/seep4dignity>)
- ✓ Anonymous Reporting (through the link: <https://rebrand.ly/SEEPFCRM>)

FCRM FINDINGS



FCRM was an integral part of the project. The team received feedback and all of them were grateful. Also, 25 complaints were reported, and all were resolved satisfactorily.

FCRM improved the quality, accountability, and effectiveness of the BGD-1054 project. It also enabled the SEEP & WHH staff to better understand the needs, preferences, and expectations of the affected community, and to adapt their interventions accordingly. It also developed trust, participation and empowerment of the beneficiaries who received the Multi-purpose Cash Grant Support.

The team met a beneficiary named Yahia (pseudonym). He showed his ID, but his phone number did not match. Another person claimed he was Yahia too. The team was puzzled.

The caller was in Hnila (out of the project area). The real Yahia had more validating documents (e.g., NID), and Teknaf Chairman Ziaur Rahman approved the real one with proper evidence.

The team gave support to the real Yahia, and fixed the issue where two people had the same name, Yahia.

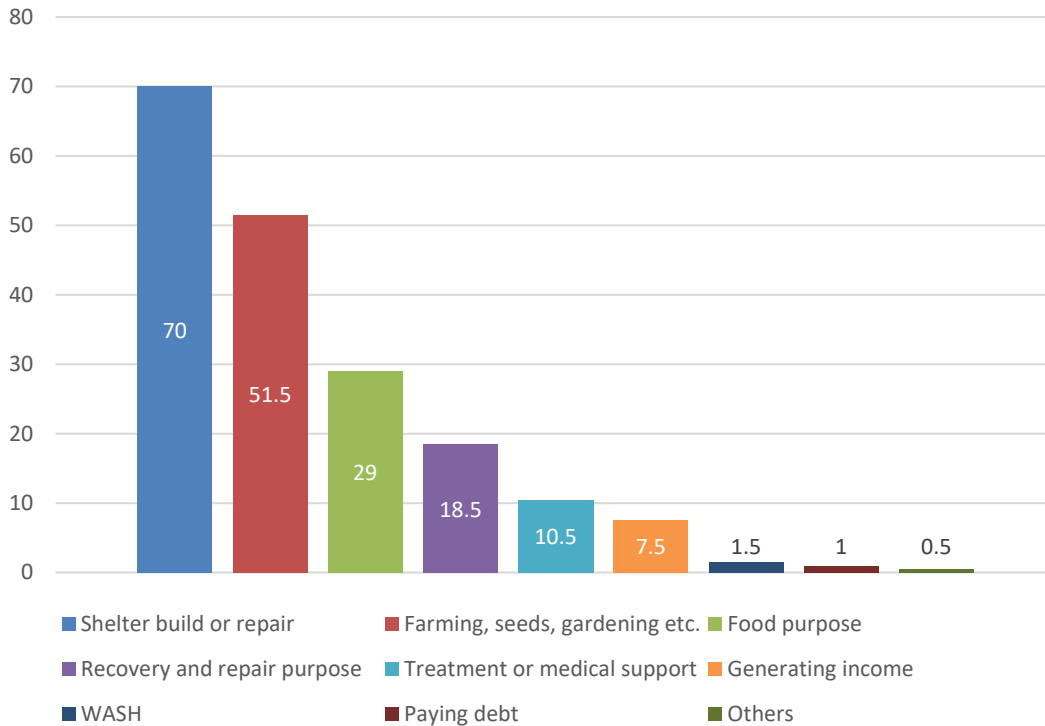


Photo: A participant expressing her satisfaction level

How the project participants used the support

This graph summarizes the results of the Post-Distribution Monitoring survey. The survey interrogated the beneficiaries how they used the cash assistance for the recovery from cyclone Mocha. The graph shows the percentage of beneficiaries who spent the cash on food, health, education, debt repayment, and other categories.

MPCG Utilization in Percentage



DIVERSIFIED USAGES OF THE CASH GRANTS

STORY-01 NUR NAHAR BEGUM



Nur Nahar Begum, aged 56, lives at Alir Deil, Sabrang Union. Her husband, Ashraf Miya (58) is a fisherman. She had three children, but

everyone got married and left them. Her monthly income is around 7 thousand BDT.

With the support from the project, she bought livestock (chickens), repaired her damaged shelter, bought medicines, and invested in her small business. She expressed utter gratitude towards SEEP & WHH for their kind support.



She invested in her small business.

“I was stressed about how I could manage things so well with my husband’s little earnings. Your support helped me a lot. I will always pray for you.”

Nur Nahar Begum
Alir Deil, Sabrang Union

Impact Stories

MPCG SUPPORTS TO SMALL BUSINESSES GROW

STORY-02 SAMUDA BEGUM

“I have not only invested in my small shop but also bought and stocked betelnuts in my home, even sold some. I feel relaxed now. On behalf of my family, I warmly thank you.”

Samuda Begum
Mithapanir Chora, Teknaf



She bought betelnuts and stocked in her house



Samuda Begum, aged 37.



She invested the rest of the money in her shop

PIGEON - THE FLYING HOPE

STORY-03 HAMIDA KHATUN

Hamida Khatun, aged 39, is a poor housewife in Hairyakhali, Sabrang Union. Her husband is a day laborer whose income stays between 6 thousand to 8 thousand BDT per month. She has two daughters and one son whom she sends to Madrasah.

Cyclone-Mocha damaged her shelter too. She repaired it, bought some essentials, and bought pigeons for her family.

Rearing up the pigeons; she has taken it as a small business. She takes care of them whenever she gets time. Hamida is planning to sell them in appropriate time and breed new ones.



Hamida Khatun with her daughter

“When I received the support in my account, my husband suggested me to buy some pigeons or chickens for our family. I along with my daughters look after them regularly. It feels good to see them growing. I appreciate that you count us.”

Hamida Khatun
Hairyakhali, Sabrang Union



Hamida Khatun with her peaceful pigeons

A COUPLES'S NEW NORMAL LIFE

STORY-04

REHANA & ISMAIL

Mohammad Ismail is a project participant of the cyclone-Mocha project of SEEP & WHH, and resides in Camppara, Shahparir Dwip, Sabrang Union, Teknaf. They are a very young and energetic family. Ismail is 24, and her wife, Rehana is 22. They have a son aged five. Despite regular fishing, they have monthly expenses of nearly 15 thousand takas, which is less than their income. Camppara was severely affected by the cyclone, their house had massive damage, but they together recovered.

Mohammad Ismail gave all the money he received to his wife and suggested she spend the money wisely. Rehana spent money on dried fish after the repair. She has planned to sell them all to the markets after processing and continue the process



Rehana invested money on new business



Mohammad Ismail, Rehana, and their child

“I have always wanted my wife can be engaged with little things that can contribute to our family. Your support helped my wish come true. Your assistance meant a lot to us.”

Mohammad Ismail

Camppara, Shahparir Dwip, Sabrang Union

STRENGTHENING A WOMAN ECONOMICALLY TO LEAD A LARGE FAMILY

STORY-05 SHAHENA AKHTER

Shahena Akhter, a 35-year-old housewife, lives in Moheshkhaliyapara, Teknaf Sadar. She has been always in a hardship to make her family financially stable, as his husband is chronically sick and cannot go to work.

She faces a struggle to carry the expenses of her large family. Including 4 children (Three sons and a daughter). The names are Abdul Muttalib, Md. Ashraful, Md. Adnan, and Reshma Moni. They all go to school and madrasah. Her husband, Mohammad Yunus is sick, so he cannot go to work. For this reason, she took the financial responsibility of her family. She is earning by sewing. And the cyclone damaged her shelter, since her monthly income is low, she struggled to repair the damaged shelter.

With the cash grant received from SEEP & WHH, she repaired her sewing machine and the house with the money and spent the rests for the education purpose of her children. Now she's spending her earnings on building a new stable house for her family.



Shahena Akhter with her sewing machine

MONWARA HAS SOMETHING TO RELY ON NOW

STORY-06 MONWARA BEGUM

Monwara Begum resides in Gucchogram, Ward 02, Sabrang Union, Teknaf, along with her husband and two daughters. She lives below the poverty line and earns a little by begging. She also has some debts from her relatives and neighbors. She's having a tough time maintaining the expense of her family. She has some physical disabilities.

Unfortunately, her husband is a person with mental disabilities. She has two daughters named Asma (7) and Taskia (3). Her Rooftop was blown away and livestock were dead due to the strong wind of cyclone Mocha.

With the cash grant from SEEP, she repaired the rooftop buying some old, corrugated sheets and bought some chickens, and paid her debts as well. She is now recovering to get back to normal life.

“I genuinely appreciate your support. I am one of the most affected families by the cyclone. Thanks for choosing me. Now I have at least something to fight with.”

Monwara Begum

Gucchogram, Ward 02, Sabrang Union



Monwara Begum with her child

Impact Stories

THE SUPPORT HELPED A FAMILY TO DIVERSIFY THEIR LIVELIHOOD

STORY-07 NUR ALAM

Nur Alam aged 45 is a masonry resides in Khurer Mukh, Ward- 02, Sabrang Union, Teknaf. He has a large family, consisting of 6 children. He has been struggling to bear the expenses. Among them, two children go to Nurani Madrasah.

Among rest of the children, two work as fisherman. Their income range is around 3000 to 4000 BDT, Due to the financial difficulties, they were having hardships affording daily expenses. Cyclone Moha had some major effects on them as the trees in front of their house and houses were broken.

With the cash grant assistance from SEEP, they repaired the house and spent money on homestead gardening.

Nur Alam and his wife together work in their garden during the daytime. They also have crop fields where several crops are ploughed. They are expecting a financially solvent life.



Nur Alam and his wife are working together.



Nur Alam and his wife, an example of a happy family

ALL MANAGED WITH THE 'LITTLE' RESOURCES

STORY-08 RAHIMA KHATUN

Rahima Khatun, aged 34, lives in Katabonia, Ward-3, Sabrang. She has two daughters. The elder one is 18, a dropped out and cannot continue her education due to financial crisis, another daughter is 8, and currently goes to school. Her husband left her and married someone else.

She was selected as a project participant of the project, and she spent money on buying ropes to repair the shelter damages caused by Cyclone Mocha. Additionally, she bought a goat and chickens with the rest of the money aiming to start generating income.

When our project staff went to her home, they were amazed to see how she could manage all things well with this support.

“Thank you, SEEP, we are grateful to you for the kind support. We hope you will bring further assistance to us in future”

Rahima Khatun
Katabonia, Sabrang



Rahima Khatun with her goats and chickens



Rahima Khatun with her daughter

A FISHERMAN BECAME AN HOMESTEAD GARDENER

STORY-09 ABDUL MALEK

Abdul Malek is a poor fisherman who lives in Khurer Mukh, Sabrang. He has two brothers and one sister. He is still unmarried but has to take care of his siblings and parents. His monthly expenses often exceed the

income he earns from fishing. When the fishing season is off, he has to borrow from people. His residing place, Khurer Mukh is just beside the marine drive road and very open and susceptible to the cyclone. For that, his house is severely damaged by the cyclone- Mocha. Before

receiving the cash grant support from SEEP & WHH, he never thought of making a vegetable garden in front of his house, but eventually, he did. Not only did he buy tarpaulin and fences for his broken house but also, he bought seeds with what he grew vegetables in front of his house. He is planning to sell the vegetables in the right season.

“I feel like I am a gardener now, whenever I get free time, I take care of it. It should help us sustain our family; I no longer have to depend solely on fishing. Thank you for your kind support.”

Abdul Malek
Khurer Mukh, Sabrang



Abdul Malek is content and happy.



Abdul Malek takes care of his garden

WEAVING FISHING NET IS WEAVING DREAM TO HOSSAIN

STORY-10 MD. HOSSAIN

Md. Hossain, aged 51, lives in Mithapanir chora, Sabrang. His father's name is Late Abdul Jabbar. His wife is Hasina Begum (40). He has three adult kids as well.



The cyclone Mocha damaged his shelter and torn his fishing net; he was unable to recover from the effects without external assistance. During this challenging period, Md. Hossain was selected as a project participant in the BGD-

1054 project, which provided her with Multi-purpose Cash Grant Support. This support has allowed him to buy a new fishing net, repair his house, save some money and lessen the financial load on his family.

“I have received 5,500 BDT from SEEP, and with that, I bought a new fishing net, as my previous fishing net was torn apart. Now I can rely on fishing, and I along with my family are happy now. I appreciate your assistance.”

Md. Hossain
Mithapanir chora, Sabrang



Md. Hossain



Md. Hossain preparing nets for a working day

Recommendations for the Future Project



Integrate Income-generating and livelihood Activities

Support the economic empowerment of the communities by designing programs that address the beneficiaries' immediate needs and create opportunities for them to generate income and improve their living conditions in the long term. For example, vocational training, market linkages, or value chain development for the sectors with potential for the Teknaf upazila.

Engaging the community and ensuring their participation

Community engagement is essential to reduce the gap between the actors and project participants and raise trust among them. By involving the community in the planning stage, they feel like an essential part of the project and its outcomes. This makes it easier to achieve the desired outcomes.

Developing a strong trust in community-level

Building a strong trust is crucial for successful project implementation. Trust can be ensured by maintaining transparent communication and engaging with the community. Developing strong trust and mutual empathy can help meet the core and concrete objectives of the respective development programs.

Building and maintaining relationships with the local Stakeholders

A strong relationship with the local stakeholders can help to ensure the relevance, effectiveness, accountability, and sustainability of the humanitarian interventions. It can also foster trust, collaboration, and mutual respect among the different stakeholders.

Strengthening Monitoring system

Strengthening monitoring systems is important for accountability, transparency, and effectiveness. They help to track and improve humanitarian activities, and to report on their progress and challenges. It ensures the quality of project implementation.

Regular beneficiary condition assessment

To monitor the impact of humanitarian interventions on the well-being of the affected population. By collecting and analyzing data on the needs, vulnerabilities, capacities, and preferences of the beneficiaries, stakeholders or staff can adjust their programs and strategies to better meet the changing needs and contexts. Regular assessment also enables accountability and learning.

What People say about the Project



"The SEEP team conducted a rapid assessment of the disaster-affected areas and selected the most in need of assistance. I observed their work with admiration."

-Nur Hossain
Chairman, Sabrang Union



"On behalf of the Teknaf community, I express my gratitude to SEEP & WHH for their valuable assistance. This 'little' support has made a huge difference for some of the project participants. We hope to receive your continued support for other interventions."

-Md. Ziaur Rahman Zihad
Chairman, Teknaf Sadar Union



"The project was executed smoothly with high standards of professionalism and teamwork. The documentation from reports to video documentaries, maintained a sign of proficiency. I commend the team for their efforts and dedication."

-Md. Ziaul Haque
Head of Project,
Welthungerhilfe (WHH)



"Throughout the project, the team demonstrated excellent collaboration and performance. They communicated effectively and solved problems creatively. I look forward to future opportunities to work with this amazing team and contribute to the community."

-Octavian Saikat Sarker
Area Manager,
Welthungerhilfe (WHH)



"I have noticed the SEEP team has been engaging with the local govt. stakeholders in the implementation of their project. I hope they will remain active and implement new projects in Teknaf."

-Md. Adnan Chowdhury
Upazilla Nirabhi Officer, Teknaf

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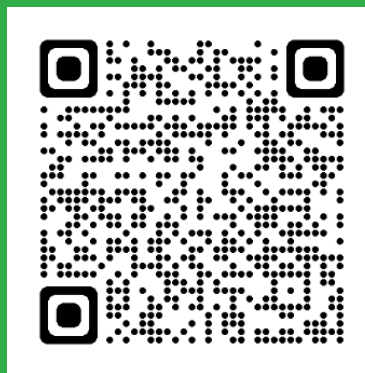


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