

# ACTIVITY REPORT

## After Action Review Workshop on Chattogram Flash Flood Response, 2023, and Anticipatory Action Orientation (WASH in Emergency Preparedness and Response)

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### 1. Introduction

In response to the devastating floods and landslides that impacted the Chattogram Division of Bangladesh in 2023, UNICEF, in collaboration with the Department of Public Health Engineering (DPHE), provided emergency WASH response to affected community. This workshop aimed to evaluate the effectiveness of the flood response and to draw lessons for future interventions. The AAR provided a platform for stakeholders to reflect on the multi-sectoral response efforts, assess the challenges faced, and identify best practices that emerged during the crisis. Additionally, the workshop included an Anticipatory Action Orientation focused on WASH in Emergency Preparedness and Response, emphasizing the importance of proactive measures in mitigating the impacts of future disasters. By bringing together DPHE engineers, Govt. officials, UNICEF representatives, NGO representatives, local authorities, and implementing partners, the workshop aimed to foster collaboration and enhance the capacity of stakeholders in emergency response. This activity report outlines the key objectives of the workshop and orientation program, highlighting the collective commitment to improving disaster preparedness and response strategies in the region.

### 2. Goals and Objectives

The main objective of the After-Action Review Workshop and Anticipatory Action Orientation was to critically assess the effectiveness and efficiency of the flood response interventions implemented in 2023 while identifying key lessons learned and best practices for future disaster management. The specific objectives of the assignment were:

- To evaluate the effectiveness and efficiency of the flood response interventions implemented in 2023.
- To identify lessons learned and best practices from the response efforts for future reference.
- To foster collaboration among stakeholders, including local authorities and implementing partners, for improved disaster response.
- To enhance the understanding of anticipatory actions in WASH for emergency preparedness and response.

### 3. Activity Overview:

The activities have been done through this program are:

- After Action Review Workshop on Chattogram Flash Flood Response in 2023.
- Orientation on Anticipatory Actions for the DPHE Local level officials in eight districts.



## 4. Description of Activities

### 4.1. After Action Review Workshop on Chattogram Flash Flood Response in 2023:

A workshop was arranged at the Zinnia Hall, Hotel Peninsula, Chattogram on 21 May 2024 to evaluate the response to the 2023 floods and landslides in the Chattogram Division, aiming to identify strengths and weaknesses in the interventions implemented by UNICEF and DPHE. By bringing together key stakeholders, the workshop sought to foster collaboration and enhance understanding of effective emergency preparedness and response strategies. Additionally, it aimed to promote anticipatory actions in WASH, ensuring that lessons learned from the recent disaster could inform future interventions, ultimately improving the resilience of communities against similar crises in the future. A total of 38 participants attended the workshop. Among the participants were Executive Engineers and Assistant Engineers of DPHE, NGO representatives, and other Government officials. The list of participants is attached as [annex-1](#).



Figure 1: After Action Review Workshop on Chattogram Flash Flood Response in 2023

### 4.2. Orientation on Anticipatory Actions for the DPHE Local level Officials in Eight Districts:

A total of eight orientation programs were arranged at Sirajganj, Jamalpur, Bogura, Kurigram, Gaibandha, Khulna, Satkhira, and Potuakhali districts where the participants from these districts, attended the program. The schedule of the orientation program is attached as [annex-2](#). The members of the meeting were the DPHE Superintendent Engineer, Executive Engineer, Assistant Engineers, Sub-Assistant Engineers of DPHE, Estimators and draftsmen of flood and cyclone affected upazilas of the concern districts. At the beginning of the meeting, a brief overview of the objectives of the program and its scope of work was provided. The focus of the orientation program

was to enhance stakeholders' understanding of anticipatory actions in Water, Sanitation, and



Figure 2: Orientation meeting on anticipatory action in Sirajgonj district,

Hygiene (WASH) for emergency preparedness and response. It aimed to equip participants with knowledge and strategies to proactively mitigate the impacts of future disasters, ensuring a more effective and timely response to emergencies in vulnerable communities.

## 5. Conclusion

The effective execution of the workshop and the orientation program for DPHE engineers, Government officials, and NGO professionals across 9 districts stand as a commendable achievement. The list of the districts from which DPHE officials participated in the training is provided in [Figure 1](#)

Figure 1: List of participating districts in the training

Sl. No.	DPHE Circle	Participating Districts
1	Workshop	Chattogram, Cox's Bazar, Rangamati, Bandarban
2	Orientation	Sirajganj, Jamalpur, Bogura, Kurigram, Gaibandha, Khulna, Satkhira, Potuakhali

The responses observed in the performances and feedback from participants underscore the success of this initiative.

## Annexure

### Annex-1: List of workshop participants

SI no.	Name	Designation
1.	Md. Mustafizur Rahman	EE, DPHE, Cox's bazar
2.	Md. Ruhul Amin	Nutrition Officer, UNICEF
3.	Daniel Sipu Gomes	Program Officer, Caritas Bangladesh, Chattogram
4.	Nirudra Nath Roy	Supervision Engineer, WSUP
5.	Md. Borhan Uddin	AD, District Information Office, Chattogram
6.	Porag Borua	EE, DPHE, Rangamati
7.	Mohammad Abul Khair	Child Protection Officer, UNICEF, Dhaka
8.	Thwiewoi Ching Marma	Upazila Social Services Officer
9.	Abu Hanifa	Project Officer, DSK, Chattogram
10.	Jatan Kumar Dewar	BED, Greenhill
11.	Md. Abdul Manan	DPEO, Bandarban
12.	Mong Yai	Program Officer, UNICEF
13.	Md. Abdul Jalil	UNICEF
14.	Mizanur Rahman Faisal	SAE, DPHE, Satkania, Chattogram
15.	Dr. K. M. Abdullah Al-mamun	UHFPO, Satkania, Chattogram
16.	Md. Mohebbullah	UNICEF, Chattogram
17.	Md. Ali Sheekder	Executive Director, SOPNIL, Chattogram
18.	Rebeka Ahsan	Executive Engineer, DPHE, Chattogram (Store Division)
19.	Jony Rozario	Area Program Manager, World Vision, Chattogram
20.	Md. Enamul Hasan	District Manager, BRAC, Chattogram
21.	Palash Chandra Das	EE, DPHE, Chattogram
22.	Dr. Md. Mahbubur Rahman	DCS, Bandarban
23.	Md. Farhad Uddin	SAE, DPHE, Chandmari
24.	Md. Wahidul Alam	AD, DSS, Chattogram
25.	Mr. Md. Nurul Haider	MODC, DCSO, Chattogram
26.	Razwan Nabin	SBC Expert, UNICEF
27.	Zahidul Mamun	WASH Specialist, UNICEF, Chattogram
28.	Safina Naznin	WASH Officer, UNICEF, Chattogram
29.	Lawrence Oduma	UNICEF
30.	A.H.M Khalekur Rahman	SE, Store Circle, DPHE, Dhaka
31.	Priscilla wobil	UNICEF
32.	Dr. Hasnain Ahmed	Health Officer, UNICEF
33.	Madhuri Banerjee	CFO, UNICEF, Chattogram
34.	Suman Ahsanul Islam	Consultant AAR
35.	Delwar Hossain	Health officer, UNICEF
36.	U-Ba Swee	Nutrition Officer, UNICEF
37.	Eng. Md. Golam Morshed	SDO, , DPHE, Chattogram
38.	Md. Babul Hossain Milon	Managing Director

### Annex-2: Schedule of Orientation Program

Date	District of Orientation	Participants
18 May 2024	Potuakhali	Superintendent Engineers, Executive Engineers, Assistant Engineers, Sub-Assistant Engineers, Estimators and draftsmen
23 May 2024	Sirajganj	
26 May 2024	Jamalpur	
27 May 2024	Bogura	



28 May 2024	Kurigram	
30 May 2024	Gaibandha	
26 May 2024	Khulna	
27 May 2024	Satkhira	

