

WAY TO BUILD DISASTER RESILIENT COMMUNITY UNDER THE LEADERSHIP of Sheikh Hasina

Cyclone Preparedness Programme (CPP)

MINISTRY OF DISASTER MANAGEMENT AND RELIEF

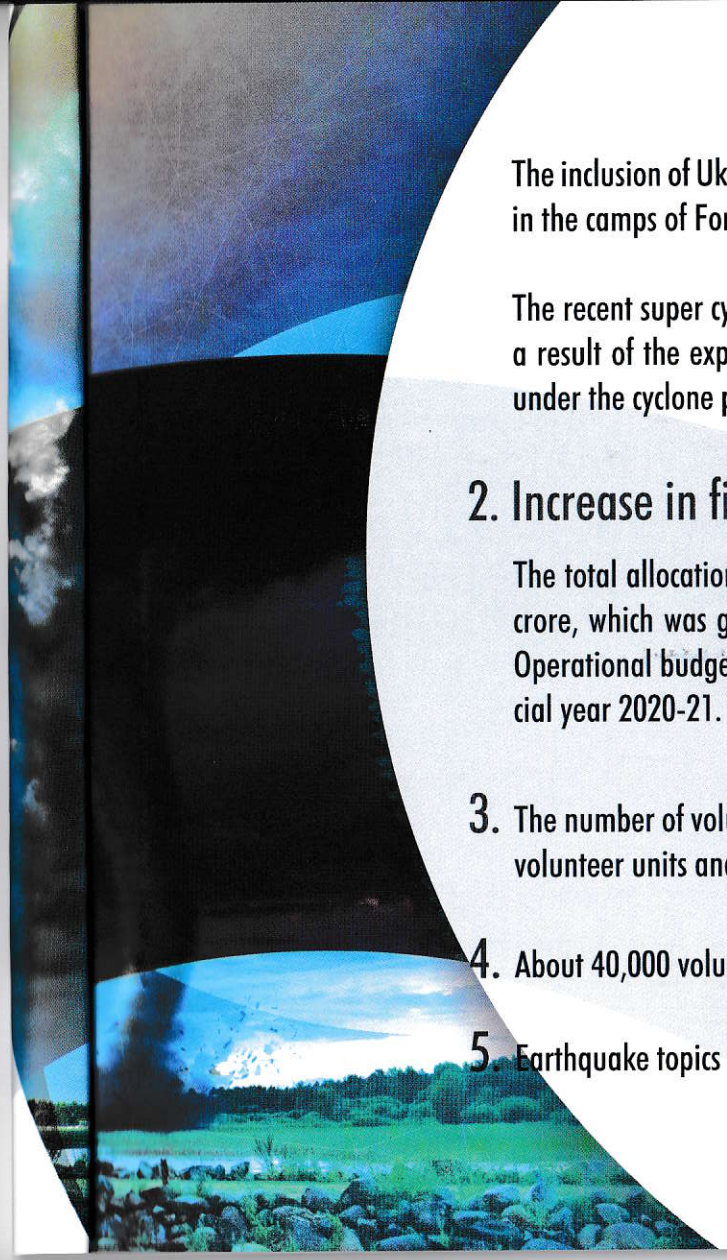


The Cyclone Preparedness Programme (CPP) was established in 1972 in response of of the United Nations as the initiative of the International Red Cross after the devastating effect of cyclone in 1970. Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman approved this initiative in 1973 as a government programme. The government led by Hon'ble Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina, the worthy daughter of the Father of the Nation, revitalized this programme. Over the last ten years, its capacity, area of work and financial allocations have been increased significantly.

Initiatives were taken to increase and expand the capacity of the CPP as part of the overall disaster risk reduction activities of the Ministry of Disaster Management and Relief. Notable activities related to this and its impact are as follows:

1. Expansion of work area

The activities of CPP were limited to 10 districts in 6 zones. Khulna division and Ukhia upazila of Cox's Bazar were included as new areas. Subsequently, the inclusion of 6 more riverside districts expanded the CPP's area of operation to 7 zones and 19 districts.



The inclusion of Ukhia Upazila has resulted in a successful disaster risk reduction program in the camps of Forcibly Displaced Myanmar Nationals.

The recent super cyclone Ampan has spread beyond the coastal area to the mainland. As a result of the expansion of the activities in the new 6 districts, more areas have come under the cyclone preparedness programme.

2. Increase in financial capacity

The total allocation of the organization for the financial year 2008-09 was only Tk 2.18 crore, which was gradually increased to Tk 25 crore in the current fiscal year 2020-21. Operational budget has been increased from zero to TK 13.50 crore in the current financial year 2020-21.

3. The number of volunteers has been increased from 42,675 to 74,020 by forming 639 new volunteer units and increasing the number of women volunteers.

4. About 40,000 volunteers were provided with signaling equipment and volunteer gear.

5. Earthquake topics have been included in the volunteer training curriculum.

6. All volunteers have been given basic and specialized training. Orientation was given to sea-going fishermen on what to do in cyclones.

7. Regular exercises and simulations are being organized.

8. The CPP is now not only been limited to cyclone disasters but has also expanded its activities to other disasters.

9. The previous manpower of officers/employees has been increased from 232 to 264.

10. The CPP Volunteer Award has been introduced to provide incentives to volunteers.

11. One-third of the CPP's volunteers were women. The number of women volunteers has been doubled with the aim of empowering women and increasing women's response to disasters.

Outcomes and effects

In addition to enhancing organizational capacity, it has been possible to prepare a trained volunteer teams, resulting in-

These volunteers are now much more capable of dealing with cyclones.

Volunteers have been able to respond to road accidents, boat capsize, river erosion and other disasters such as floods, earthquakes, thunderstorms, landslides, etc.

A Rapid Response Team of 5,000 volunteers, specially trained and equipped to respond to any natural or man-made disaster, has been formed.

Deep-sea fishermen are now acquainted with the dangers of cyclones and what to do to reduce the loss of their lives and property.

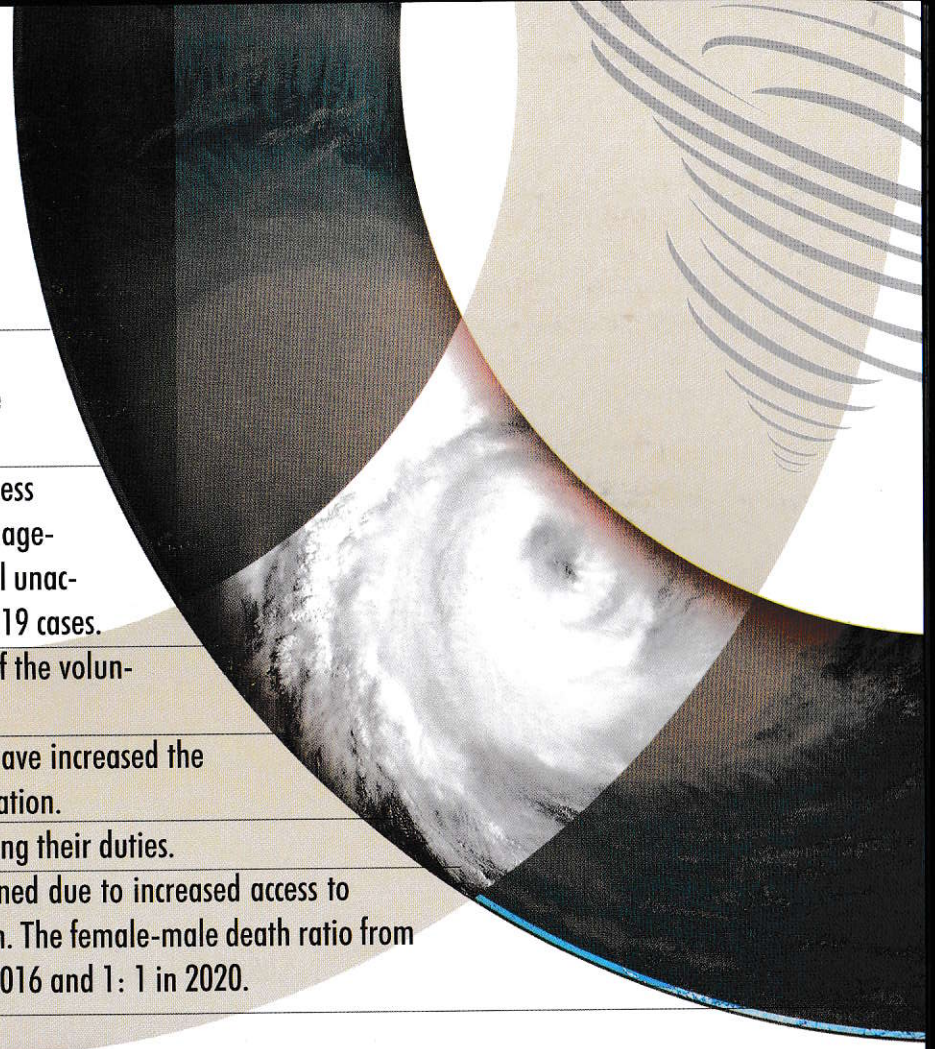
Volunteers are working to spread health awareness in response to COVID-19. The CPP dead body management team has established for the burial of several unaccompanied/unclaimed dead bodies due to COVID-19 cases.

Information communication technology capacity of the volunteers has been created/increased.

Recognition and incentives at the national level have increased the willingness of volunteers to work with more dedication.

27 CPP volunteers scarified their lives in discharging their duties.

The women death toll from the cyclone has declined due to increased access to early warning and life-saving services for womeån. The female-male death ratio from cyclones was 14: 1 in 1980, 5: 1 in 1991, 2: 1 in 2016 and 1: 1 in 2020.



Overall Outcome

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina's emphasis on disaster risk management and strengthening social engagement through volunteers resulted a positive impact, some of which are as follows:

1. The death toll from the cyclone has been dropped drastically. It has been possible to reduce this number from 10 lakh to single digit.

2. Awareness of the coastal people has increased regarding natural disasters, climate change and its adaptation process.

3. Disaster response has been increased among the people. The culture of providing first support in all disasters from one's own society or community has been created.

4. Disaster-trained communities have been created in coastal region, especially in marginal areas.

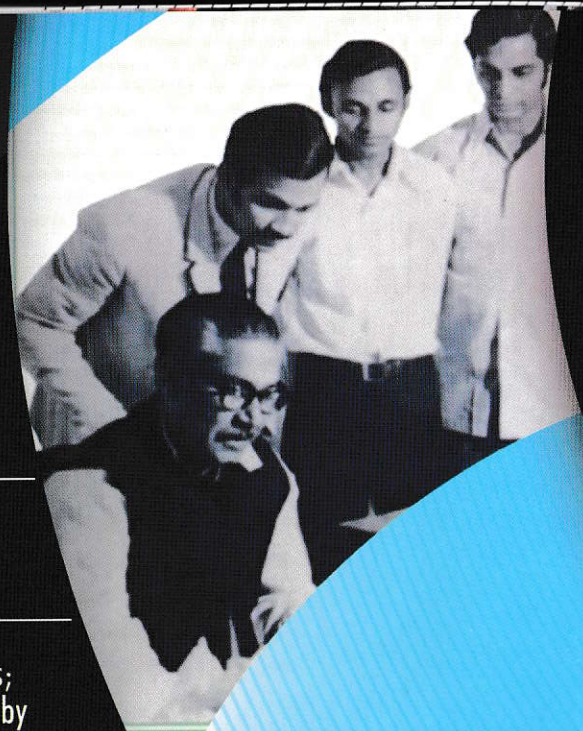
5. People have developed a positive attitude towards risk mitigation, infrastructural development, better restructuring (build back better) than reliance on relief, which is one of the key factors in building a disaster resilient nation.

6. It has been possible to build a participatory and inclusive disaster management as a whole.

CPP to new horizon:

Beyond the initial mandate, CPP has already been switched to multi-hazard response. Besides, CPP is aiming at:

- Improving Cyclone Shelter management, giving security to left-out properties of sheltered people by Community based security system.
- Increasing disaster risk awareness, awareness on public health and nutrition etc. by CPP yard meetings in villages facilitated by CPP women volunteers.
- Monitoring embankments/dams, high tide and reporting arrangements; surveying people living outside of embankments and their vulnerability by CPP volunteers.
- Establishing a communication mechanism to reach the fishermen at deep sea who are out of all means of communications.
- Creating awareness on disaster, environment protection, volunteerism and to make a ready generation to face future challenges by CPP School Programme.



Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman in conversion with CPP volunteers through wireless



Honorable Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina
handing over Volunteer Award
on 13 October 2019

CPP volunteers
in shelter support in Cyclone Amphan

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