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FACTS

- The risk score for natural hazards is ranked the second highest in the world.
- Bangladesh has been affected by more than 200 natural disasters over the last three decades, causing a loss of 1.8% of GDP every year.
- More than 80% of the population is potentially exposed to floods, earthquakes, and droughts, and more than 70% to cyclones.
- About 25% of the land mass is inundated with flood water almost every year.

World Vision International – Bangladesh supports community, various groups, and micro project to be resilient from disasters and impact of climate change with a focus on disaster preparedness, community capacity building, vulnerability reduction, and early warning system development. Our target is to reach 14.4 million children by 2025 through disaster risk reduction initiatives.



KEY INTERVENTIONS

- > Community-based risk reduction plan
- > Community-based early warning system
- > Strengthening disaster preparedness capacity through drills and simulations
- > Youth-led disaster risk reduction

Key approach

To promote household and community resilience, community-based disaster risk management committees are linked to government structure like the Union/Ward Disaster Management Committees. Through capacity building sessions, these groups are trained on disaster management and local-level disaster preparedness plan development. Besides that, community people are engaged in awareness-raising session on disaster management so that they can take appropriate measures during and after the event of disaster to reduce losses.

Results

Increasing household and community resilience is critical to sustaining program outcomes. Therefore, World Vision International – Bangladesh intentionally incorporates disaster risk reduction and climate change adaptation into its community engagement and sponsorship planning as well as other technical programmes. Impact assessments show:

- > 42.9% of households in target areas have been sensitised on disaster management
- > 224 community-based risk reduction plans have been developed
- > 165 capacity building events have been facilitated with 2,699 participants
- > 22,289 beneficiaries – including 6,305 men, 11,092 women, 2,859 boys, and 2,033 girls – have been reached through community-based disaster risk management model



NOTABLE PROJECTS

Increasing community resilience to disaster

Strengthen inclusive community mechanisms in disaster preparedness, response, and mitigation

- > **Donor:** Office of U.S. Foreign Disaster Assistance (OFDA)
- > **Timeline:** October 2020 – June 2022
- > **Reach:** 15,413 households for cyclone resilience building

Strengthening urban public-private programming for earthquake resilience

Strengthen resilience of businesses and urban communities to reduce the impact of earthquakes in Bangladesh

- > **Donor:** ECHO
- > **Timeline:** June 2020 – June 2023
- > **Reach:** 393,616 people

Increasing community resilience to disaster

Provide humanitarian assistance using a diverse team of international and national staff to more than 740,000 Rohingya poured into Cox's Bazar district, Bangladesh

- > **Timeline:** since September 2017
- > **Reach:** 34 camps with an estimated 498,906 refugees and more than 200,000 host community members.