



INTEGRATED DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME (IDP)

Response to COVID-19 : Emergency food Security in the form of cash distribution

BRAC has undertaken comprehensive action plan in connection with COVID-19 response. Distribution of cash among the vulnerable people in the urban and semi urban areas is one of its projects. Integrated Development Programme (IDP) is one of the responsible programmes distributed cash grants to vulnerable indigenous communities and people living in haor (wetlands).

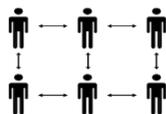
Since 2012, IDP is working to 'Improve the socio - economic condition and livelihoods of 1.1 million poor and ultra-poor people in the hard to reach area of *Haor, Char, near gas fields and Indigenous people (IP)*' at 12 Upazilas of Habiganj, Sunamganj, Kishoregonj, Netrokona, Naogaon, Joypurhat, Dinajpur, Sylhet, and Moulvibazar districts.

In this pandemic situation, government is putting the people of different areas including haor and Indigenous Peoples Upazilas in lockdown and putting restrictions in movement and limiting social interaction. But the people those who rely on daily wage to run their family, especially the rickshaw puller, van puller, street hawkers, day laborers, cobbler, barber, fisherman, sweeper, boat/water man, porter, tea sellers/boy, mobile small traders are the worst sufferer in this situation. These people who already lost their income would need the support most as they don't have any savings.

BRAC IDP served these vulnerable community people by providing them with food security in the form of cash. Following the BRAC criteria, household that have elderly members, persons with disabilities, headed by women, with pregnant or lactating women, haven't received any support from any other sources, BRAC enlisted ultra-poor groups, households currently don't have any income or livelihood opportunities at all and out of government social safety net support are given priority this time.



05 Haor Upazilas & 04 Indigenous Upazilas from 07 districts



3,710 VDO covered out of 3820



8,000 Vulnerable Household reached



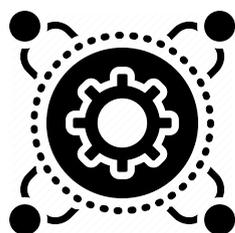
6,000 Household covered of haor areas



2,000 Household Covered of Indigenous Peoples Project areas

Worked closely with local administration, Peoples Representatives, Mayor, Union Parishad, Upazila DMC

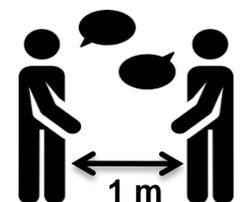
Distribution assistance received from UNO, police stations, Peoples Representatives, Other BRAC programmes



Coordination

Kept close communication with respective BRAC District Coordinator (BDC)

Shared list of food security recipients with DC, UNO, Upazila DMC and BDC to avoid duplication



Frontline staffs Visits door to door



“

It's been ten days since my family was starving. No work, no food. No one came to see me or my children if we were dead or alive. Thank you BRAC! ”

Liton Das, (40) a person with hearing deficiency was fighting to resist himself from crying when UNO AHM Ariful Islam and UDC Mohsin Mia knocked on his door and handed over BDT.1,500 as a cash grant for food from BRAC. He is non-VDO member from Khaliajuri of Netrokona.

Emergency support for the people in most need

IDP assisted 8000 vulnerable households through cash support as nearly 29 per cent of the population in wetlands (haor) of Bangladesh live below the lower poverty line. For selecting beneficiaries from haor and indigenous communities, it conducted a quick need assessment survey by following the BRAC cash distribution guideline.

Around 88 percent of the participants/beneficiaries are members of IDP's Village Development Organisations (VDOs). Rest of the participants (12 percent) were selected from non-VDO households. During April 02-04, 2020, Upazila Development Coordinators (UDC) and District Managers (DM) distributed BDT 1500 to each household in the presence of local administrations, police representatives, Upazila chairman. The overall process was conducted in coordination with BRAC District Coordinator (BDC) and local government administration.



95% women



1 Crore 20 lac
BDT 1500 each HH



At Haor VDO 5,540
Non VDO 460



At IP VDO 1,504
None VDO 496



“BRAC has rightly selected the participants who are really vulnerable in this crucial moment, thanks to BRAC for its rapid initiatives and response.”

Mst. Nazmun Naher, UNO, Nawabgonj, Dinajpur

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