

Background

The major part of The Indian Sundarbans constitutes Nineteen blocks from south and North 24 parganas District, the most critical and unique agro-climatic zone of the earth. The Sundarbans, facing severe crisis like – Tropical Cyclones, flood, submergence after monsoon and cyclic salinity requires technical and specific solutions towards managing it. In order to create the climate resilience through integrated natural resource management and sustainable livelihoods enhancements, South 24 parganas district has conceptualized a unique programme partnership with a wide range of stakeholders.

The cyclone Yaas left trails of destruction and the rivers and coastal and riverine belts are devastated to the core. The severe cyclonic storm 'YAAS' (pronounced as 'yass') lay centred at 13.30 hrs IST of the 26th may, 2021 over north coastal Odisha near latitude 21.55°N and longitude 86.8°E, about 15 km west of Balasore with 100-110 kmph gusting to 120 kmph. Tidal waves of height 1-2 meters above astronomical tide have inundated low-lying areas of Balasore, Bhadrak, Medinipur, South 24 Parganas, North 24 Pgs districts during the cyclone.

In the project areas of DRCSC in the South and North 24 Parganas, there has been massive devastation disrupting life and livelihood security due to long term water logging situation. Along with cyclone Yass, the high tide followed by deep depression, has caused the saline water inundation in most of the Sundarbans. The most of the crop lands are under water, the water logging situation is lasted for more than 30 hours. The agricultural lands are submerged, domestic fish ponds are full of saline water – fish either have flowed away or are dying and the livelihood options are under threat.

The severity of the cyclone on 26th May, 2021 has badly impacted all the embankments of the river. A Large number have failed across the delta and the saline river water has obtained a free flow access to the villages and the agriculture lands. The imputes is too high for the habitats of the delta while just got back to the post-aila(Cyclone 2009) normalcy. Agricultural lands were submerged in places and are inundated with saline water, by and large, made the land and pond as non productive in nature. The worst impacted resources are water bodies' saline river water polluting the tank water to the extreme to spoil the phyto and zoo planktons and the entire fish species in the sweet water tanks. Almost more than half of the water bodies, affected due to intrusion of saline water during and after the cyclone, has also incurred the fish loss, in totality.

The vulnerability of the people has increased many folds by breaching in the embankments of the river, which has caused the saline water to inundate the villages and the crop fields. Saline water made its way to the fresh water pond. Most of the tube wells have also got inundated which has eliminated the possibility of getting drinking water. The vulnerable families are starving and facing an acute crisis of food. During the state wide lockdown, a huge number of workers from the unorganized sectors in urban and rural areas have lost their jobs. They are getting ration but that is not sufficient for 4-5 member families. Unlike last year, this year the village people have also got affected from COVID 19 vastly, in most of the houses, people are suffering from fever, cough & cold. Neither are they going for tests or medicine nor they have access to any nutritious meals, as a result they become so weak that they are unable to go for any physical activity.

Location

DRCSC provided relief support for **approx 2400 households covering 5 Gram Panchayats in Patharpratima and Namkhana Block of South 24 Parganas district.**

This relief programme was conducted in most vulnerable area of the delta of sunderbans where the people took shelter in school or flood centre of the respected area for a long period of time. For this relief programme there are 5 GP of 2

block namely Ramganga, Gplot, Drubachati, Gopalnagar gram panchayat under patharpratima block and Freserganj gram panchayat of Namkhana block of south 24 parganas district has been selected.

Support for immediate relief:

- Dry ration kits
- Nonfood items such as water resources purification kit (Lime & bleaching powder), sanitary napkin, soap, mask, etc.

Reach

During this situation relief programme was conducted under the WHH-SIFS (IND-1377) project for the affected families by YAAS. Through this relief programme the major effort given to rehabilitate the normal life of village community. Where **the 700 family got dry ration kit for the family members, 2400 family (Women) got the hygiene kit for maintaining the good health and hygiene during the wet condition and 1000 family got the kit for the purification of their water resources** for rejuvenating the aquaculture livelihoods in the delta.

Sl.no	Name of GP	Block	Dry Ration kit (family)	Hygiene kit (family)	Water resource purification kit (family)	Remarks
1	Gopalnagar GP	Patharpratima	200	500	0	All kits distributed
2	Durbachati GP	Patharpratima	250	600	400	All kits distributed
3	G plot GP	Patharpratima	100	400	300	All kits distributed
4	Ramganga GP	Patharpratima	0	500	0	All kits distributed
5	Fraserganj GP	Namkhana	150	400	300	All kits distributed
Total			700	2400	1000	

Some pictures of devastation of Yaas:



River water inundated paddy fields, ponds in the Uttar Gopalnagar village of Gopalnagar GP in Sunderbans



Breaches of river embankment and overflows of river water over the bunds in Krishnadaspur in G-Plot GP



Massive destruction in agricultural land in Gobindapur Abad village in Brajballavpur GP



River water overflows roads and enters into cropping fields in G-plot,



Villagers trying hard to fix the river embankments in G-plot

Some glimpses of relief distribution
under SIFS-WHH project



Relief distribution at Gopalnagar, Patharpratima block



Relief distribution at Gplot of Patharpratima block





Relief distribution at
Brajballav pur of
Patharpratima block




Relief distribution at
Durbachati of Patharpratima
block



Hygiene kit distribution at
Ramganga Gp of
Patharpratima block

Some Participant lists of Relief distribution are:-


DEVELOPMENT RESEARCH COMMUNICATION AND SERVICES CENTRE (DRCS) SUPPORTED BY WII
 SBA, Dharmotata Road, Busepokur, Kasha, Kolkata - 700 042
 Distribution List of Food & Non Food Items for Vulnerable Families (YAAS Cyclone and COVID 19)
 VILLAGE- Satyabaspur P.O. SATYABASPUR BLOCK-patharpratima
 DIST-24 pgs WEST BENGAL PIN- 743371

VENUE- Satyabaspur, Sabuj Bagar G.P- G-Plot DATE- 09/04/21

Sl. No.	Name of the Receiver	Name of the Group/guardian	No. of Family Member	TYPE OF RECEIVER (MIGRANT/ELDERLY/DIFFERENTLY ABLED/MS)	Contact No.	Aadhar or Voter ID Card No.	Dry Ration Kit	Health & Hygiene Kit	Water purification kit	Signature
54	Rina Sarder	Nimai Sarder	3	Migrant	9732332546	2141398478	1	1	1	[Signature]
55	Bishupriya Mondal	Shaktipada Mondal	4	Fisherman	9629471178	3232451953	1	1	1	[Signature]
56	Arbika Mondal	Tanupada Mondal	5	bc	9832183887	3232452548	1	1	1	[Signature]
57	Surnidra Mal	Sajeb Mal	3	Fisherman	880631851	2141394871	1	1	1	[Signature]
58	Anita Maity	Late Anukul Maity	4	Single Women	9701512660	4876/126/55	1	1	1	[Signature]
59	Prabhati Debnath	Anul Debnath	2	Fisherman	9236630760	3231910093	1	1	1	[Signature]
60	Rahana Maity	Hebru Maity	4	Migrant	8695063234	2141582682	1	1	1	[Signature]
61	Jayana Maity	Hebru Maity	2	Fisherman	8618805660	3231310954	1	1	1	[Signature]
62	Prabhati Debnath	Dulal Debnath	4	Migrant	8948820985	2141442355	1	1	1	[Signature]
63	Tapasi Debnath	Kamal Debnath	6	Fisherman	9207470669	3232452514	1	1	1	[Signature]
64	Shikha Pramanik	Ajit Pramanik	5	Migrant	9773467857	3232451664	1	1	1	[Signature]
65	Doli Debnath	Sujanta Debnath	4	Fisherman	7551062170	2141697037	1	1	1	[Signature]

Date: _____ Name: _____ Distribution in charge
 Place: _____ Designation: _____
 Supervised by: **Razoanal Molla,**
 12-02-2021
 Member
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 District - 24 pgs


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VENUE- Satyabaspur, Sabuj Bagar G.P- G-Plot DATE- 09/07/21

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103	Sahadudin Saah	Soleman	4	Farmer	7701590813	4076/125/55	0	0	1	[Signature]
104	Sahadat Molla	Sahalan	5	Migrant	9883171163	323241007	0	0	1	[Signature]
105	Rajul Saai	JJSat	5	Migrant	9230848576	4076/125/55	0	0	1	[Signature]
106	Azhar Rafi	Samed	5	Fisherman	9235636108	4076/125/55	0	0	1	[Signature]
107	Rabin Mondal	Jadab	4	Fisherman	9732409234	4076/125/55	0	0	1	[Signature]
108	Pratijay Mondal	Ananta	5	Migrant	9732409234	323245534	0	0	1	[Signature]
109	Kanjit Singh	Kanjia	5	Farmer	9732409234	4076/125/55	0	0	1	[Signature]
110	Ibnexin Nola	Ashkan	4	Farmer	808763209	323245400	0	0	1	[Signature]
111	Nesikat Saah	Ahamed	4	Migrant	908392377	323245474	0	0	1	[Signature]
112	Masud Daptari	Anamul	6	Migrant	83320884	23132421	0	0	1	[Signature]
113	Mahmud Saah	Inuiddin	5	Fisherman	8295648888	3232510325	0	0	1	[Signature]
114	Rajjak Saai	JJSat	6	Migrant	9883320210	214053401	0	0	1	[Signature]

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 DIST - 24 PGS



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G.P. - G-Plot

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101	Jahangir Kazi	Ajed	5	Migrant	9938883708	44714125155208	0	0	1	[Signature]
102	Eunaj Saha	Kajal	4	Farmer	7092885307	723153467	0	0	1	[Signature]
103	Abdul Malak	Mahabdin	6	Farmer	977623481	723143440	0	0	1	[Signature]
104	Amoran Sipa	Umaj	5	Migrant	621855368	723240557	0	0	1	[Signature]
105	Sadok Ghali	Am bakwan	4	Migrant	8009230023	723240557	0	0	1	[Signature]
106	Nosad Mulla	Achan	7	Farmer	808740320	44714125155208	0	0	1	[Signature]
107	Abuzakid Gaji	Kassan	6	Farmer	87837456	723153467	0	0	1	[Signature]
108	Kajem Nayya	Amset	5	Migrant	80267446	44714125155208	0	0	1	[Signature]
109	Abdul Rahaman Saha	Jalal	4	Farmer	883948446	723240557	0	0	1	Abdul Rahaman SK.
110	Ajatar Saha	Jemal	5	Migrant	8641042840	44714125155208	0	0	1	[Signature]
111	Kabir Saha Baidi	Jemal	6	Migrant	8006575320	214082319	0	0	1	[Signature]
112	Abdul Hamid Saha	Soleman	4	Farmer	8006575320	44714125155208	0	0	1	[Signature]

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128	Shibu Bhakta	Gale	7	Landless	9732513040	214037243	0	0	1	[Signature]
129	Pihonim Bhakta	Rachal	6	Landless	8206637762	214037243	0	0	1	[Signature]
130	Bhaskar Bhakta	Rachal	7	Landless		214037243	0	0	1	[Signature]
131	Prabhakar Bhakta	Rachal	5	Landless		214229325	0	0	1	[Signature]
132	Chittya Bhakta	Rachal	4	Landless		214229325	0	0	1	[Signature]
133	Lakshmi Bhakta	Rachal	4	Landless		7523245162	0	0	1	[Signature]
134	Kaibari Bhakta	Pradip	5	Landless		802209660	0	0	1	[Signature]
135	Analya Bhakta	Mithun	5	Landless		214231848	0	0	1	[Signature]
136	Mani Mallik	Biraj	6	Landless		214232808	0	0	1	[Signature]
137	Madhu Mallik	Biraj	5	Landless		214229325	0	0	1	[Signature]
138	Pulpe Mallik	Tapan	5	Landless		214229325	0	0	1	[Signature]
139	Sajjuddin Daptari	Majit	4	Migrant		214276627	0	0	1	[Signature]

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