

**DRR and Emergency Preparedness Activities in Host Communities Update 9<sup>th</sup> May 2018**

**Ongoing & Completed Activities**

**Capacity-Building and Institutional Development**

- Technical and human resources support have been provided to Ukhia and Teknaf UNOs to strengthen their capacities to reduce work load, along with training and equipment provided to CPP volunteers in Teknaf
- Union Disaster Management Committees (UDMCs) have been supported through:
  - Reactivation and support to the four UDMCs and WDMCs of Bahachor, Teknaf Sadar, Hnilla and Sabrang Unions, along with establishment of early warning system in 4 schools, 18 WDMCs, 2 UDMCs for Bahachora and Teknaf Sador
  - Functionality and capacity assessment of UDMCs in Ukhia
- A capacity-building program for local government structures and NGOs in Ukhia and Teknaf to strengthen humanitarian interventions has been designed, with the following trainings planned:
  - Multi-Sectorial Operational Recovery Programming for development workers/NGOs working in Ukhia and Teknaf (12-16 May)
  - Understanding Humanitarian Action and Rapid Assessment for Local Government structures and Disaster Management Committees of Ukhia and Teknaf (12-14 May)
- Cyclone Preparedness Program (CPP) support in Ukhia host communities includes:
  - Retraining 135 existing CPP volunteers from Ukhia (completed in February)
  - Addition of 240 CPP volunteers or 16 CPP units (16 units x 15 volunteers each) for Ukhia Upazila (MoDMR approval received through CPP Implementation Board in April)
  - Training of new 240 CPP volunteers or 16 CPP units for Ukhia covering the unions of Hadia Palang (7 units), Ratna Palang (5), Jalia Palang (1), Raja Palang (1), Palangkhali (1) and Khunia Palang (1)
- Ukhia Upazila emergency preparedness and disaster preparedness is being supported under UNO leadership, through:
  - Enhancement of disaster management systems within Ukhia Upazila through support to government agencies and systems (initial stakeholder discussions ongoing with UNO, Fire Service and other stakeholders)
  - Integrated disaster risk reduction program covering DRR, health, wash and livelihoods sectors

**Mitigation activities**

- A major road/slope protection work to ensure access of students to schools, workers to their workplaces, families and to medical services, market, trading etc. has been implemented in Teknaf, in addition to construction of 10 bamboo footbridges and 6 footpaths protected with sandbags and with lined ditches
- Rehabilitation of 40 kms of host community connecting roads in Ukhia and Teknaf. Ukhuya ( Rajapalong– ward number-5 6 8 9, Palongkhali-ward number- 4 5 6), and Teknaf (Whykhong - 1 2 3 5, and Nhila - 1 5 6)
- Four small-scale mitigation schemes have been implemented in Teknaf Sadar, Bahachora, and Sabrang Unions.

**Risk Assessment**

- Public infrastructure mapping of 170 public/community buildings in Ukhia and 167 in Teknaf has been conducted for cyclone sheltering capacity, design, location, and state of facilities and access (report being completed). In addition, an assessment of community facilities in proximity to the camps that could be utilized as shelters, and is conducting upgrades to these municipal facilities including rehabilitation of roofs, windows, and doors, and expansion of WASH facilities.
- Community Risk Assessments have been conducted for Rajapalong and Palongkhali unions, with reports currently being completed
- Risk assessment of cyclone shelters in all 11 Unions of Teknaf (6 UDMCs) and Ukhia (5 UDMCs) Upazilas has been conducted in collaboration with UNOs and Disaster management committees, with identified priority mitigation actions against the anticipated cyclones and floods submitted to respective UNOs for endorsement and support.

### **Planned Activities**

- Investment in community and public infrastructure is planned, including rehabilitation, enhancement and retrofitting of public facilities and infrastructure. Implementation will be through quick impact projects at host community level that aim to improve public infrastructure to ensure equitable access as well as to strengthen cohesion and cohabitation between refugees and local communities – partially started since February.
- Capacity Building of Disaster Risk Management structure and mechanism (including DMCs) through the provision of human resources, logistics, infrastructure and training support is planned.
- Institutional capacity development for 20 groups of UDMCs/WDMCs/CCPs on early warning system, basic DRR, mock drills and first aid is planned in 2018/2019 along with construction of small scale mitigation measures (Cash for Work schemes) in line with RRAP
- Provision of human resources, logistic, infrastructure and training support to strengthen capacity of the Fire Service and Civil Defence and its volunteers to respond to emergencies in Ukhia and Teknaf
- Provision of human resources, logistic, infrastructure and training support to the Cyclone Preparedness Program
- Additional activities to support CPP engagement in host districts is planned (to be confirmed with funding):
  - Additional retraining of 200 CPP units (appx 3,000 CPP volunteers) in Kutubdia, Mahashkhali and Pekua sub districts to increase their disaster preparedness measures with a focus on the most vulnerable sub districts of Cox's Bazar
  - Enhancement of CPP telecommunication systems throughout the district with support and coordination with Emergency Telecommunications Sector (ETS)/WFP
- In Palongkhali union:
  - Support to the Union Parishad through follow up on a Community Risk Assessment already conducted at ward-level, to enable UPs to deploy their resources as well those of other development partners to support the CRA results
  - Support to the DMCs at Union and Upazila level as per the SOD
  - Support risk mitigation options (re-excavation of canals, building roads and culverts) using cash for work programming
  - Training of volunteers and health service providers in basic first aid and community based disease surveillance, along with small-scale WASH activities