

DIDR & What Worked



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**Government: Inclusive
Evacuation with specific
protocol for disability**

Government Response

A total number of 10,95,794 persons were evacuated to safe places



Early Warning Involvement of People



Government Protocol

- **One day before cyclone protocol issued by Government that special attention be paid to pregnant women, elderly & disabled in preparedness**

Right Steps

- **Carers / family members be with them in the same shelter**
- **Keep disability certificates and medical reports safe**
- **Provide Assistive devices as soon as possible**

Inclusiveness & Special Needs

- *The community & disabled experienced the first hand knowledge on the need of inclusive approach in disaster risk management process*

Innovation



Preparation: Community and Persons with Disabilities

Helping after the cyclone

- Preparation over the years by setting up task forces
- Leadership building of all
- Issues of vulnerability & Agency

Task Forces Set up after 1999



Community Prepared



Preparing The People



—Survivors of
1999 cyclone
come forward
to help

Promoting and helping design accessible buildings and shelters



Long term DRR
From 1999-SMRC from 2008 HI

Shelters

- Equipping Shelters with megaphones, wheel chairs, stretchers, Sign Language, Braille writing by DPOs (SMRC/Handicap International)

Accessibility



Study

- **Total: Persons; 10868**
- **Persons with Disabilities 490**
- **4.5%**

GAPS: Parallel Process

- **Government process inclusive built on DPO knowledge**
- **But Civil Society esp DPOs not included in evacuation process**

No mechanism in place for DPO inclusion

GAPs: Evacuating Excluded Communities



Left to evacuate themselves



**Knowledge
Evacuating
is not
Enough
Proper Way
of
Evacuating**



No Linking of Evacuation with Rehabilitation



WHAT WE CAN DO



Building Blocks ADVOCACY

2005



Advocacy at all Levels International to National
to Local



United Nations



Inter State



**National Govts
Change/Introduce
Laws/ Inter-
Ministerial Mtg**

Local



Learning Experiences



- **Learn from Other Country Experience**
- **Change legal frameworks (Bangladesh- First Responders/Community)**
- **Building accessibility (Thailand Topong-Tourism/Tsunami)**
- **Shelter construction (World Bank , ADB etc)**
- **Inclusion in Disaster authorities eg FEMA (USA)**

No One is left out Policy



- **Excluded Communities: Islands chars and other excluded areas and Communities**

Adopt a Policy of Security



- **Women & Children & Old Age**
- **Sexual abuse, Widows Orphans**
- **Psycho-Social Services**
- **Capacity building not stop at empowerment but leadership**
- **Vulnerability & Agency**

Universal Approach

- **Apply principles of Reasonable accommodation**

Finances

- **Track finances to review the amounts allocated and spent on the disability sector.**

Research

- **Research around, best practices - and inclusion principals and budgetary needs.**
- **Need better disaggregated data**
- **Rapid Assessment of needs during each disaster as all disasters have different impact**

- **Building alliances with other stakeholders climate change**

In General

- Not crisis related DRR= Protocols in Place before disasters
- Use the new Sphere Guidelines
- De politicizing Disasters
- Vulnerability & Agency

Who Pays Linkage Between Poverty and Disability

