

Report from Sandipan on Flood Relief Activity

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Starting from early August we have distributed emergency food, organized medical camp and distributed free medicine. Our program also includes distribution of rice seeds, homestead rebuilding, educational help.

Emergency food

Distribution Area: Dohar, Manikganj, Shirajganj, Shahzadpur.

So far we have distributed a total of 10,500 kg of rice, 900 kg of Daal, 900 kg of Gur, 750 kg of Chira, 150 kg of potato. These food items were distributed to a total of 1500 families (600 in Shirajganj+Shahzadpur, 750 in Dohar, 150 in Manikganj).

Sirajganj has been flooded again and need emergency food aid. Our funds at this stage are not sufficient to carry out such operation.

Medical Camp and Free Medicine

Distribution Area: Keraniganj (2), Manikganj (1), Kamrangirchar (2), Goran (2), Dohar (2), Nawabganj(1).

Three doctors participated in our efforts. We treated around 2000 persons and gave free medicine and saline worth taka 1 lakh. We will arrange a medical camp in Mehendiganj, Barishal on 18th September. We shall continue the medical camp.

10000 Water Purifying tablets have been distributed so far. There is an acute shortage of water purifying tablets.

Rice seeds

We will be distributing rice seeds among 150 farmers in Mehendiganj, Barishal on 18th September.

Homestead help

We have decided to help 50 families in Sirajganj to rebuild there homestead. It would start after the second floods recedes.

SSC examination fees for students

We shall provide SSC examination fees to needy students who are affected by floods. It would be about Tk 1500 per student. We asked for applications from different schools in Sirajganj. Our target group was students from the working classes, in particular children of Kaomi Jute Mill workers. We have primarily selected 130 students, we expect another 15 to 20 students. Upon availability of funds we shall decide on the number of students we will be able to help.

We have prepared a list of schools where we will be giving Khata-pencil to students. This would start upon availability of funds.