Addressing the Rights and Needs of Climate Forced Displaced People in the South-Eastern Coast of Bangladesh

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Objectives of the Project

- To build the capacity of climate forced displaced people and community youths for ensuring the rights of climate forced displaced people and their livelihood security;
- To do advocacy with the relevant stakeholders for rights-based solutions to the climate forced displacement.
- To ensure shelter with basic facilities for displaced people in the safer location.
Stakeholders of the Project

- Climate Change Induced Displaced Communities
- Local Community People
- Youth Population
- Local Government Elected Representatives
- Officials of Upazila Administration
- Government Policy makers, Member of Parliament, Government officers, Researchers, Academicians, Journalists, Representatives of civil societies
Focused Target Population of the Project

Exposure to Slow and Sudden onset climatic events

**SLOW ONSET**
e.g. Drought, Sea Level Rise, Salinity Intrusion, Temperature Rise, Precipitation Pattern Change etc.

**SUDDEN ONSET**
eg. Cyclones, River erosion, Flood etc.

Displacement

[Failure to adapt to the changing situation]

Migration

[those have kinship, network, alternative scope, risk taking behavior....]

Remained in Point of Origin (trapped people)

[Poor kinship, network, fear of movement, lack of security (women headed), social bonding]

Trapped people live in the temporary settings (roadside, embankment side, other lands) without having basic rights and needs

[addressing rights and needs is essential for repairing LnD]
Major survey results in project locations

Key Findings are

- Cyclones, coastal erosion and floods are the major causes of people’s displacement in the coastal areas of Bangladesh.
- Identified 15,000 people, who are living in temporary settings (lands owned by others) after being displaced such as embankment side, roadside in three sub-districts of Bangladesh.
- 70% displaced households experienced displacement two times and more.
- 50% displaced households forced to change their occupation.
- 95% families use unhygienic poor condition of latrine which leading to different diseases.
- 68% of people want to relocate within the same union (own territory).
YPSA Approaches in addressing Rights and Needs of Displaced People

Building the capacity of climate forced displaced people, Community Team and Youth Forum for claiming their rights and alternative livelihood skills.

Demand side

Supply side

Advocacy/campaign with the relevant stakeholders for rights-based solutions to the climate forced displacement.

Planned Relocation

Repairment of Loss and Damage and for durable solutions to the displacement.
Demand Side: Court yard session with displaced people for general awareness, Youth Forum formation and capacity building as change agent,

Courtyard Meeting with Displaced People

Meeting with the Youth Forum

Training for the Youth Forum
Demand Side: Formation, meeting and capacity building of Community Team so that they can mobilize others and able to claim their rights.
Demand Side: Training on Alternative Livelihood for Displaced Households

Training on Tailoring

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Training on Driving

Training on Goat Rearing
Demand Side: **Startup capital support** to displaced households for IGA

Input Distribution to successful Trainee

Successful Trainee involved in IGA

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Successful Trainee involved in IGA
Demand Side: Need based inputs/materials support to displaced people (comparatively for better housing)
Demand Side: Provide **Water and sanitation support** to the displaced households
Supply Side: Advocacy/campaign with the relevant stakeholders for rights-based solutions to the climate forced displacement
Supply Side: One to One Advocacy at local and national level with Government and Relevant Stakeholders
Supply Side: Advocacy/campaign by the Community Team and Youth Forum with the relevant stakeholders for rights-based solutions to the climate forced displacement.
Supply Side: Orientation to Journalists for Awareness building on Climate Displacement [as part of media campaign]
Supply Side: Reflection of Journalists after Orientation
Model Community Based Planned Relocation: For repairing of LnD and as durable solutions to the displacement
**Significant Changes**

- **National Strategy** on the Management of the Disaster and Climate Induced Internal Displacement

- Community teams are able to communicate with the relevant duty bearers in their respective areas

- Youth have been proactive to work for vulnerable people

- Government officials come forward to the rights of the displaced people i.e. they are seeking lists from YPSA, providing different government facilities to displaced communities.

- Average income through alternative IGA increased by BDT 3000 monthly basis after providing training and input support

- A number of displaced people availed safe water and sanitation

- A number of displaced people living in the better housing condition after having housing materials

- 50 people (8 households) have been relocated with all other basic facilities as a durable solutions
Lesson Learnt

✓ Community people are potential to assess their own problems and have the possible solutions.

✓ Engagement of local communities is essential for sustainable impact.

✓ Creating scope for alternative livelihood for displaced people can protect mass migration to urban cities.

✓ ‘Community team’ formed by displaced people is the key to selecting the vulnerable household for relocation and sustainable solutions.

✓ Community based planned relocation is the durable solutions of climate forced displacement.
Challenges

- Procure dispute free lands
- Eviction of displaced people
- Physical communication to the Island area during bad weather
- Local political pressure during household selection
- Big gap between demand and supply
Thank You

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