

YAAS RELIEF PROGRAM: PURBA MEDINIPUR

Support to the members of the fishing community and others affected by YAAS Cyclone in Purba Medinipur District

Purba Medinipur is one of the two worst affected districts by YAAS. The district has a long stretch of coastal line of 66 Km. It is adjacent to the Balassore coast of Odisha, where the landfall of YAAS took place in the morning of 26 May. The tin rooftops of the houses were blown away by the wind. It caused an extraordinary rise in the water level in the coastal areas and adjacent rivers. Vast areas of the district were inundated. The sea water rose to unprecedented levels, damaging dwelling houses, fishing boats, nets, fishing gears, water bodies and ponds, agricultural fields etc. Even in the tourist towns like Digha, Mandarmani, Tajpur and Shankarpur hotels, local shops and nearby residential areas were devastated. In certain areas, the waves were seen surging as high as 25-30 feet. Boulders, rocks used for embankments were on the roads.

Extensive damage of standing crops, vegetable, paan, flowers, fish, live stocks, dry fish store houses was reported at community blocks of Ramnagar-I & II, Contai - I & II, Khejuri & Kolaghat. 51 embankments in the district were breached.



Dakshin Purushottampur & Baguran Jalpai - inundated

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Disaster in Shoula 3 Fish Landing Centre



Glimpses of DIGHA town after YAAS

RELIEF ACTIVITIES

DISHA, in collaboration with Dakshin Banga Matsyajibi Forum (DMF) started providing relief to the victims in the working areas where the small scale fish workers have organizations in the district. Fraternal organizations were also invited in those areas to support the victim fish workers and other coastal communities. Till 10th June, more than 1800 affected families in 8 community blocks were provided support. Brief reports of relief activities in different blocks may be seen

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RAMNAGAR-II BLOCK

29.05.2021 - Cooked food was provided to 450 families at relief camps of Dakshin Purushottampur (Arakbania) at Kalindi GP. The initiative was supervised by Kanthi Mahakuma Khoti Matsyajibi Union and supported by Sarat Smriti Sangha of Dakshin Tentultala.



30.5.2021 - 24 tarpaulins were distributed at Dakshin Purushottampur and Dadanpatrabar village under Kalindi GP.



1.6.2021 -A total of 410 fish workers of Soula-II, Cheoyasuli-I & II, and Dadanpatrabar fish landing centres (325 beneficiaries from Soula-II and Cheoyasuli-II and 85 beneficiaries from Cheoyasuli-I and Dadanpatrabar) were provided food packets (Poha, Puffed rice and Biscuits), Soap and garments. 80 sanitary napkins were also provided at Dadanpatrabar. The initiative was supported by DISHA, Dakshinbanga Matsyajibi Forum and Amra Kajan, Kolkata. On 6.6.2021, 2 bags each of bleaching powder and lime was distributed at Dakshin Purushottampur village.

4.6.2021 - With active support from Give Foundation (Karnataka) and Program for Social Action (PSA), 42 beneficiaries of Dakshin Purushottampur village of Kalindi gram panchayat were provided food packets (Rice, Potato, onion, Mustard Oil, Sooji,

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Sugar, Soybean, Lentils, Spices, Salt, Biscuit), Soap & detergent, bleaching powder and lime. 5 tarpaulins were also distributed.

06.06.21 -Food rations of Muri, Chire, Chanachur, Soyabean, Potato, and Biscuits; soap, sanitary napkin, mask and old clothes were distributed at Dadanpatrabar primary school to 50 flood affected families. The program was supported by Sankalpa Foundation of Paschim Medinipur.



KHEJURI II BLOCK



30.5.21 - With active support from Give Foundation (Karnataka) and Program for Social Action(PSA), Delhi, 150 beneficiaries from Khejuri, Nijkasba, Aragbari, Bansbasuria, Thanabari, Kaukhali, WayasilChak, Purba and Paschim Panchuria gram panchayats were provided food packets (Rice, Potato, onion, Mustard Oil, Sooji, Sugar, Soybean, Lentils, Spices, Salt, Biscuit), Soap & detergent, bleaching powder and lime. 55 tarpaulins were also distributed.

On the same day, 25 tarpaulins were distributed at Thanaberia Fish Market, Khejuri II block.

31.5.2021 -120 packets of dry food, drinking water packet, 50 tarpaulins and 32 printed sarees were distributed to the small scale fishworker families of cyclone affected areas of Kaukhali, Arakbari, Thanabera, Wasilchak, Paurba& Paschim Pachuria, Nankar, Govindopur villages of Khejuri -II block by the Paschim Medinipur District Branch of Dakshinbanga Matsyajibi Forum and Kashinath Acharya Memorial Society, with active support from Medinipur Chhatra Samaj



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RAMNAGAR-I BLOCK

1.6.21 - 22 tarpaulins were distributed for the beneficiaries of Jaldha, Jhaugeria villages of Talgachhari-II GP

3.6.21 - 3 tarpaulins were distributed at khadalgobra village in Padima - I GP

6.6.21- Around 400 flood affected victims, most of them small-scale fish workers, took refuge at makeshift tents on the sea-dyke near Jaldha-Tajpur Crossing since 26.05.2021. The local community members, organizations and clubs made helped these people in distress. On 6.6.2021, DISHA, in association with Dakshinbanga Matsyajibi Forum, distributed cooked food among them.

EGRA-II BLOCK

29.05.2021 - 7 tarpaulins were distributed for Asti and Dubda villages under Dubda GP.

NANDIGRAM - I BLOCK

09.06.2021 - 15 tarpaulins were distributed among the fishworker families at Kendamari village of Nandigram-I block.

NANDIGRAM-II BLOCK

07.06.2021 - 55 fisher families at PurbaGopalchak village were provided relief in form of food packet (Rice 5 kg, Soyabean 1 kg, Lentil 1 kg, Sugar 1 kg, Sooji 1kg, Soap, Spices, and Salt 1 kg). Apart from food, 15 tarpaulin, 1 bag of lime and 4 bag bleaching powder were also provided.

CONTAI-I BLOCK



30.5.2021 - In association of a local club called “Chalo Paltai”, reliefs were provided to the fish workers of Baguran Jalpai and Soula-I fish landing centres.

09.06.2021 -Dry food, ORS and medicines were distributed among 100 fish worker families at Baguran Jalpai village in association of Mariners of Bengal.

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DESAPRAN BLOCK



2.6.2021 - 7 tarpaulins were distributed at Bhogpur village in Dariyapur block. Further, on 09.06.2021, 13 tarpaulins were distributed among the fish worker families at Bhogpur and Dahasunamoi village.

10.6.2021 - 31 tarpaulins were distributed at Dariyapur GP. Beneficiaries from Haripur, Pratappur, Ramchak and Gopalchak villages attended the program.

11.06.2021 - 30 tarpaulins were distributed to cyclone affected fish worker families at Haripur village.

