

### Support to the members of the fishing community and others affected by YAAS Cyclone in South 24 Parganas District

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13 blocks of South 24 Parganas, part of Sundarbans witnessed the huge cyclone and huge water surge causing demolition of embankments in several areas. The villages have been devastated. While undertaking the relief work, we came to learn a lot from the leaders and grass root activists. Some of these learning may be invaluable for future disaster management.

It has been experienced that although timely evacuation saved lives of many people, the 'Flood Shelters' themselves did not have any ration stocked or brought in before the cyclone hit. There were scarcity of food, potable water, clean clothing and clean environment. One crucial observation and crisis noted this time, was the unavailability of ground water for drinking and/or cooking purposes as wells too got flooded. Therefore, ensuring supply of potable drinking water becomes another necessity immediately after cyclonic events.

The inundation of water and stagnant water with dead animals and other waste materials created a hazardous environment. Hence it was difficult for many to return to their houses. This prolonged the stay of people at the shelters. Therefore, it was crucial that adequate lime, bleaching powder and certain basic medicines along with first aid kits were also distributed immediately after the cyclone. As flood water remains stagnated and people are forced to deal with growing mosquito menace, hence mosquito nets were also required.

Our early reports of the effect of the cyclone came in from grassroot activists residing in 3 blocks of Sundarbans in South 24 Parganas, where it was felt the most, namely; Kakdwip, Kulpi and Patharpratima.

In the pictures below, the devastation of Cyclone Yaas is in full view from Shibpur area in Refugee Colony, Akshay Nagar village of Kakdwip Community Block, where people's houses were completely flooded:



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### RELIEF ACTIVITIES

#### KAKDWIP BLOCK

**27.05.2021** - 18 beneficiaries, 8 from Shibpur Akshaynagar Village under Vivekananda GP and 10 from Manmathapur Mundapara village under Rabindra GP were provided food packets consisting of Chiraa (Poha), Sugar, Batasa, Biscuit, and Soap. A total of 17 tarpaulins were distributed, 7 at Vivekananda GP and 10 at Rabindra GP.

**28.05.21** - 16 beneficiaries of Madhusudanpur GP were provided relief of Chiraa (Poha), Sugar, Batasa, Biscuit, and Soap.

**29.05.21** - 8 beneficiaries of Ramkrishna GP were provided food packets.

**02.06.21** - Kakdwip Fisheries Widows Welfare Society, with the help of Adi Ballygunge Cultural Association, provided relief packets containing Mustard Oil, Potato, Onion, Soyabean, Chiraa or Poha, Sugar, Biscuits, Soap, Candle Stick and few essential medicines to 25 fishermen in Haripur Jelepura Village under Swami Vivekananda GP.



Around 250 villagers were provided relief on 02.06.21

In Dakshin Gobindapur Village under Pratapadityanagar GP, 15 villagers were provided with relief packets.

In 8 No. Dakshin Gobindapur Village under Pratapadityanagar GP, 15 villagers were provided with relief packets.

In 8 No. Kalinagar Village under Ramkrishna GP, 10 villagers were provided with relief packets.

In Basantapur Village under Swami Vivekananda GP, 15 villagers were provided with relief packets.

In Satishnagar Village under Swami Vivekananda GP, 15 villagers were provided with relief packets.

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In Shibpur (Akshaynagar) Villager under Swami Vivekananda GP, 120 villagers were provided with relief packets.

**03.06.21** - Kakdwip Fisheries Widows Welfare Society distributed clothes and food to 60 helpless people and children in Swami Vivekananda village under Kakdwip GP.



**05.06.2021** - 20 beneficiaries of Madhusudanpur GP were provided rations of Chiraa (Poha), Sugar, Batasa, Biscuit, and Soap.

**13.06.21** - Relief materials in the form of dry food items were distributed in Khutiapara, Shibkalinagar villages in Kakdwip.



## PATHARPRATIMA BLOCK

Some of the major flood affected areas in Patharpratima Block are Sridharnagar, Gopalnagar, G Plot, K Plot, Laximpur, Durbachati villages,

**27.05.2021** - 8 beneficiaries of Paschim Surendranagar Village under Patharpratima GP were provided food packets consisting of Chiraa (Poha), Sugar, Batasa, Biscuit, and Soap. 4 tarpaulins were also distributed.

**29.05.21** - 16 beneficiaries of Durbachati, Ramganga & Patharpratima GP were provided food packets.

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**29.05.21 & 30.05.21** - A total of 24 beneficiaries were provided relief support at Patharpratima GP.



**06.06.2021** - With the support of MAA Foundation, Bankura, relief packets containing; Potato, Rice, Musur Dal, Salt, Chiraa or Poha, Veli Gur, Soap, Biscuit, Soybean and a pouch of Sanitizer were provided to 190 villagers in Paschim Dwarikapur Village under Patharpratima GP.

In Baradapur Village under Patharpratima GP, 24 villagers were provided with relief packets with the support of MAA Foundation, Bankura.

In Dakshin Gopalnagar Village under Gopalnagar GP, 80 villagers were provided with relief packets with the support of SC ST Confederation of Bankura.



**08.06.21** - Relief items were distributed in Radhakrishna Nagar and Kamdebnagar Villages.

**10.06.21 & 11.06.21** - Relief items were distributed to around 120 families in Kamdebnagar Village and Radhakrishna Nagar respectively.



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### NAMKHANA BLOCK

**27.05.2021** - A total of 24 beneficiaries from Dwariknagar village of Namkhana GP, Uttar Chandanpiri Village of Haripur GP, and Paschim Amrabati village of Frezargunj GP were provided food packets consisting of Chiraa (Poha), Sugar, Batasa, Biscuit, and Soap.

**28.05.21** - Relief, in the form of food packets of Chiraa (Poha), Sugar, Batasa, Biscuit, and Soap, was provided to a total of 16 beneficiaries from Sibrapur and Narayanpur GP in Namkhana block. 1 tarpaulin was also provided.

**02.06.21** - With the support of BNR Central Hospital Staff, relief packets containing Mustard oil, Soybean, Rice, Turmeric powder, Soap, Muri, noodles and pulses were distributed to 225 villagers of Iswaripur Village in Narayanpur GP.

**07.06.21** - With the support of Prof. Niranjan Das and his Colleagues from Garia College for Women, Rs 500/- were given to total 20 beneficiaries in Narayanpur Village under Narayanpur GP.

With the support of Nadi Bachao Andolan, relief packets containing Potato, Rice, Soybean, Musur dal, Drinking Water, Sanitizer 1 bottle were distributed among 75 beneficiaries in Amarabati village and to 75 villagers in Laxmipur Village under Frezerganj GP.

### GOSABA BLOCK

**09.06.21** - In Malopoara, Katakali Village under Gosaba GP, relief packets containing - Mustard oil, Soybean, Turmeric powder, Soap, Salt, Cumin, Musur dal, Bleaching Powder and Lime were distributed among 75 beneficiaries.



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In Pakhiralay Dakshinpara Village, under Gosaba GP, 25 beneficiaries were provided with a mosquito net each.



In Rangabelia, Tarakhali Villager under Rangabelia GP, 75 beneficiaries were provided with relief packets with food materials and hygiene kits.



**10.06.21** - Relief packets containing Mustard oil, Soybean, Turmeric powder, Soap, Salt, Cumin, Musur dal were distributed to around 175 families in Malpara, Katakhal, Rangabelia and Tarapukur villages.



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### KULPI BLOCK

28.05.21 - 8 beneficiaries of Tengrachar village were provided food rations of Chiraa (Poha), Sugar, Batasa, Biscuit, and Soap.



### SANDESHKHALI - 1 BLOCK

08.06.21 - Tarpaulins were distributed to 400 families in Atapur, Karaiti village.

