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A Report on Relief & rehabilitation activities in Cyclone (Fani) affected area of Satyabadi Block, Puri District, Odisha



Period: 1st May- 30th Nov' 2019



Foreword



I convey my thanks to WHH Team for supporting the most deserving families affected communities of Puri district. Because of the timely support, most of the families saved their life and got the shelter. When no support was available in the area, WHH and NYSASDRI reached to those villages and offered humanitarian relief.

We remain grateful to WHH for your generous support.

Regards,



Sarangadhar Samal

Odisha has turned to be most frequently cyclone affected state in the entire country. While India's east coast is one of the most cyclone –prone areas of the world, Odisha is twice as vulnerable as compared to other eastern states and it has turned out to be a 'disaster zone'. Recent report of the state government on vulnerability to cyclone reveals that while Odisha is only 17 per cent of the Indian coast, it has been affected by nearly 35 per cent of all cyclones and severe cyclones that have crossed the east coast.

On 3rd May 2019, Fani an extremely severe cyclonic storm, left a trail of devastation over large parts of coastal Odisha with Puri being the worst hit followed by Khurda, Cuttack etc districts.

As Puri district is most devastated over a million trees, hundreds of miles of power lines and innumerable homes and schools were completely destroyed. The banking, telecom services, water and power supply had been paralysed for a considerable period. Lakhs of coconut trees (which is main livelihood source of people) and standing crops were uprooted and submerged with water. People of Puri district witnessed a great loss of human lives, livestock, property, home, standing crops, coconut trees, plants, etc.

Visualizing the plight of the people, NYSASDRI a Dhenkanal based organization-initiated relief and rehabilitation work in two vulnerable panchayats of Satyabadi Block of Puri District. Prior to take up the relief activities, the Govt. officials like Block Development Officer (BDO), Satyabadi Block and select panchayat sarpanchs were consulted for selecting the target area of vulnerability. According to their recommendation, NYSASDRI took up the initiative of surveying and analyzing the situation mainly in Dugal and Sarangajodi Gram Panchayats, which was severely damaged due to Cyclone Fani . Based on the survey report relief materials of rice, jaggery, Biscuits, water bottle, match box, candles, Tarpaulin, mosquito nets, sleeping mats, solar lights etc were procured and packaged. The relief materials were distributed to the identified beneficiaries in two phases by NYSASDRI team with the help of local PRI members and village leaders.



Phase I- Relief Distribution

On the 17th of May'2019, the relief distribution was carried out in Dugal Gram Panchayat, and on 25th of May, the distribution was carried out in Sarangajodi Gram Panchayat. A total 600 families received the relief. The distribution was carried out from 9 am onwards. List of materials distributed were food items such as Flaked rice, Guda (Jaggery), biscuits, and essential household goods such as 18'x15' size tarpaulin, candles, match boxes, mattresses, water bottles etc.

Subsequently on 25th of May, 2019, NYSASDRI team along with volunteers from Rotary International, Bhubaneswar, initiated the relief distribution in Sarangajodi Gram Panchayat. A total 450 beneficiary

families received the above mentioned relief materials. Additional items of mosquito nets, towels, match boxes etc were added with existing list of materials.



Date of distribution of relief	Coverage of household	Relief Materials
17/05/2019	600 beneficiaries of Dugal GP	Flaked rice-4kg, Jaggery-1kg, candle-1pkt, matches-1pkt, water bottle -2ltr, Biscuits -1 pkt for 600 households and total 286 tarpaulin sheets for poor & needy families. Utensils were provided total 50 poor and severely affected families.
25/05/2019	450 beneficiaries of Sarangajodi GP	Flaked rice-4kg, Jaggery-1kg, candle-1pkt, matches-1pkt, water bottle, Biscuits -1 pkt for 400 household, and tarpaulin for 214 needy and poor families. Along with this Mosquito nets to 300 families and towels to 150 beneficiaries were distributed.

Phase II- Relief Distribution



Prior to the distribution household surveys were carried out by NYSASDRI team in the two Gram Panchayats . On 21st of June, the distribution was carried out in Dugal Gram Panchayat for the beneficiaries of 8 hamlets. Similarly from 22nd to 30th June 2019 the distribution was carried out in 20 hamlets of Sarangajodi Gram Panchayat.

Date of distribution of Relief	Coverage of household	Relief materials
21.06.2019 & 22.06.2019	963 beneficiaries of Dugal GP	Mosquito net, Solar Lamp for 1000 households, Tarpaulin for 500 left out needy & very poor families Sleeping mat for 2000 households.
22 nd June -30 th June 2019	1037 beneficiaries of Sarangajodi GP	



Phase III– Cash for Work

Soon after the relief distribution, it was visualized that though the immediate needs of food and other essentialities were met for some time for the affected families, but cleaning of the surroundings was the highest need of the hour. It was observed that the roads were blocked with uprooted trees, village ponds were also covered with leaves, dusts and garbage, many common property resources like Community centers, Temples, Open well etc were damaged. In order to restore the normal living condition NYSASDRI team-initiated Cash for work measures from 10th July'2019. The villagers worked for cleaning/renovating their community structures and against their labor, daily wages were paid. The work had been undertaken in the villages depicted in the table below.

SI No.	Name of the Village	Type of Work	Total Man days	Total Amount
1	Biragobindapur,Dugal GP	Cleaning of Lokanath Pond	22	6600
2	Bada Hata ,Dugal GP	Pond Cleaning	14	4200
3	Uttar Sahi, (OU Pokhari)Dugal GP	Pond Cleaning	40	12000
4.a	Athaisa,Dugal GP	Cleaning of Bahandia Pond	100	30000
4.b	Athaisa , Dugal	Repairing work of Sidha Narayan Temple		
5	Patapur,Sarangajodi GP	Patapur Pond cleaning	27	8100
6	Dhojamundai,Sarangajodi GP	Pond Cleaning	71	21300
6.a	Dhojamundai , Sarangajodi	Nilakantheswar temple renovation		
7	Uttar Sahi,Dugal GP	Cleaning of new pond	56	16800
8	Bhoisahi , Mardamukha, Sarangajodi GP	Cleaning of Drain in back side of Panchyat	9	2700
9	Manikamal sahi, Dugal	Cleaning of Nadia Khat	54	16200
10.a	Athaisa,Dugal	Repairing work of Sidha Narayan Temple	82	24600
10.b	Dugal, Atheisa	Repairing work of Jaganath Temple		
11	Bishnupur Sasan,Sarangajodi	Cleaning of Pond and Temple road	42	12600
12	Athaisa ,Dugal	Pond cleaning of Bali Pokhari	126	37800
13	Bainsabadi,Sarangajodi	Pond Cleaning	27	8100
14	Bampal,Sarangajodi GP	Pond Cleaning	66	19800
15	Budhimara	Pond Cleaning	108	32400
16	Hansi sahi, Sarangajodi GP	Cleaning of Gosti greh	14	4200
17.a	Subalia sahi,Saranga Jodi GP	Pond Cleaning of Bania Gadia	64	19200
17.b	Subalia sahi,Saranga Jodi GP	road repairing		
18	Panchukera , Dugal	Cleaning of Gopi Sagar Pond	80	24000
19	Raichakradharapur Bhoi Sahi, Sarangajodi	Pond cleaning	170	52200
20	Sethysahi, Raichakradharapur, Sarangajodi	Pond cleaning	16	5000

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21	Khuntiasahi, Raichakradharpur, Sarangajodi	Pond cleaning	21	6500
22	Biragobindapur,Dugal GP	Cleaning of Pond	96	29600
23	Badahat	Plantation, cleaning and construction of platform in open well	126	37800
23	Badahat	Plantation and cleaning and platform constructed at open well		
24	Athaisa, Dugal	Cleaning of Panikhia Pond	69	20700
25	Dugal,	Cleaning of Beherasahi Hada-gadia Pokhari	59	17700
26	Dugal	Plantation and cleaning	55	16500
27	Biragobindpur	Pond cleaning	25	8100
28	Athaisa (work continue from sl no 4 & 11	Jaganath Temple /Jangyagreh	80	24000
29.a	Malicksahi , Badahat	Repair of open well platform	35	10500
29b	Malicksahi , Badahat	Repair of open well platform		
30	Panchukera , Dugal	Pond cleaning	63	18900
31	Pahadchula	Pond Renovation	259	78300
31A	Pahadchula	Drainage Renovation		
31B	Pahadchula	Plantation		
32	Torania	Plantation, Cleaning of road & common property resources	294	89000
33	Torania	Pond renovation	120	36000
34	Malukhapatana	Pond renovation	233	70700
35	Raichakradharapur Sarangajodi	Cleaning of pond No 1	140	42400
36	Raichakradharpur Sarangajodi-	Cleaning of pond No 2	201	60700
37	Sarangajodi	Cleaning of Sarangajodi Panchayat Pond	227	69100
TOTAL			3291	9,94,300

A total of 3291 man days were created for undertaking the cleaning and renovation of above works with



Cash For work was initiated in select villages to clean and revive the function of the structures. The villages that were left out in previous phases were adopted for work camp during Nov'19 . Above table depicts the nature of work with man days created in the respective villages. A total 3291-man days were created for the cleaning, repair and renovation of community structures of the hamlets and villages.

Cash for work during Nov'19

Raichakradharpur, Kotha Pond-1



Raichakradharpur, Kotha Pond-2



Sarangajodi Panchayat Pond



Phase IV- Health Awareness & Check-up camp:

Visualising the disruption of Health services in Dugal and Sarangajodi panchayats, NYSASDRI had organised health camp, free medicine distribution and awareness camps in two central points of the above panchayats on the above-mentioned dates.

Prior to the conduct of camps in both points, mike announcement was made in the surrounding villages to inform the target groups for health consultation.

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On 10th October'19 the camp was organised at Narangapatana village which was followed by the camp at Dugal on 11th Oct'19. A team of medical professional/personnel comprising of medical officer, optometrist, vision technician, paramedics had

assessed the health issues of total 234 patients of two panchayats, who were enrolled in the camps. Besides common ailments of vector borne, water borne and skin diseases, the team also assessed the eye health of patients with vision problems.

Medicines were distributed to a total 202 patients for common ailments and spectacles were distributed to total 90 persons who were identified with ophthalmic problems.

Patients who were assessed with other diseases were referred to consult the District hospital at Puri.

Besides the medical assessment, health awareness was conducted on the prevention of water borne and vector borne disease like diarrhoea, Jaundice, typhoid, malaria, common cold and cough etc. The communities were oriented to use chlorinated water for drinking. Importance of Hand wash was also explained to the masses.

At the end the team from NYSASDRI reminded the masses present over there for adopting the preventive steps of diseases and requested to consult the District hospital that was functional.



Phase V :Distribution of Vegetable seed kits :



In order to support the revival of livelihood of the affected families in the third phase vegetable kits were distributed to the members of total 198 women SHGs of Dugal and Sarangjodi panchayats of Satyabadi Block. Thus a total 2500 families of above panchayats have received the vegetable kits through the SHGs. The SHG leaders received the kits of 10 varieties vegetable seeds from NYSASDRI as a part of restoring their livelihood through kitchen gardening within their premises.

In order to identify the needy and affected families the members of Panchayat Raj Institution (PRIs) specifically the sarpanchs and ward members of Dugal and Sarangjodi panchayats were contacted prior to the distribution. Besides this, door to door survey was also conducted by NYSASDRI team in the villages of above panchayats to prioritize the list of families. The gram panchayat level women Mahasangha president and secretary of both GPs cooperated during selection of beneficiaries and distribution of seeds kits to Women self help group members. The sarpanchs and ward members introduced the leaders of SHG federation with NYSASDRI team . Accordingly, the president and secretary of above SHGs received

the kits of seed on behalf of their members.

On 30th Oct 2019 the seeds distribution was carried out in Dugal panchayat. Because of the prior intimation of the distribution leaders of 91 SHGs (with 1150 members) had assembled in the panchayat offices of Dugal. From NYSASDRI a team of 15 members had been involved for this distribution and the action was conducted in presence of the lady sarpanch and the Zilla Parishad member.

To begin with the senior staffs of NYSASDRI briefed about the organization, its major



activities, and their past contribution of relief work in the two panchayats. They also appealed the women masses to initiate kitchen gardening with the vegetable seeds, which could revive the nutritional needs of the families.

The lady sarpanch at Sarangjodi sought the help of NYSASDRI for work camp (Cash for work) of cleaning the uprooted trees and surrounding. They also stated that most of their surrounding area is still submerged with water, so they can initiate the vegetable cultivation once the water is pumped out or dries up.

The women members were enthusiastic to receive the kits. Local Zilla Parishad member was also present in Sarangjodi panchayat and he gave away the kits to few SHGs.

At the end of the distribution, Panchayat leaders of both panchayats expressed thankfulness to the team and requested for further support to the victims.

Similarly, on 31st October'19 the team distributed the seed kits to 104 SHGs (1350 members) in Sarangjodi panchayat in presence of the sarpanch and other PRI members.

Challenges:

Rendering support for humanitarian assistance and rehabilitation after a havoc of natural calamity is a daunting task for an organization or team. NYSASDRI and its partners for the rehabilitation of Victims of cyclone Fani, also encountered many hurdles for carrying out the initiatives.

- The team had to face difficulties for door to door survey just after the onset of calamity. It was an accessibility problem to the vulnerable families. While asking about the destruction/loss people were apprehensive, suspicious, and were unsure about the information they should give out. Thinking NYSADRI team as Govt officials they had been over expecting the quantum of support.
- It was also hard to differentiate the severely affected families from the less affected as everyone was demanding his/her name to be put in the list.
- During the 1st phase relief distribution a mob raised by many of unlisted families of neighboring villages who also demanded relief materials. Situation being uncontrolled local police was called upon. But policemen also surrendered to the situation. Finally the distribution was carried out as per the decision of the persons who could suppress the beneficiaries in the list.

Partners in this mission:

NYSASDRI had collaborated with the following local and International organizations to carry out the initiatives. The organizations/agencies had contributed/supported either in the form of financial donations or assistance in distribution.

- DIK Germany
- Hand in Hand Germany
- Meikirch Model Switzerland
- Hindu Society Canada
- Rotary International Bhubaneswar
- Local district administrations

Conclusion:

NYSASDRI's relief work helped a lot of families with various goods that were essential for them to rebuild their lives after the devastation caused by Fani. The families receiving the relief materials were extremely grateful as it helped a lot in emergency food supply & renovation of houses when it was extremely difficult to arrange so.

The distribution was mostly hassle free except a few mishaps due to people from other villages turned up to demand the relief materials. Few inter-caste conflicts

among the receivers was also reported which was sorted out on the spot. The objective of this drive was also to spread awareness about helping those in need and collaborating with partners to fulfill the same. Natural calamities are unfortunate and unavoidable realities of life. So, people who are affected and underprivileged must be helped by those who have access to resources.