Supporting Bangladesh Rapid Needs Assessment (SUBARNA) II

BACKGROUND

Bangladesh is stated as one of the most natural hazard-prone countries in the world. The geo-morphological settings of the country make it vulnerable to natural hazards such as monsoon floods, cyclones, landslides, etc., which claim many lives and incurs a loss of assets almost every year. To reduce the risk of future disasters and protect the communities from disaster impacts, there is a growing need for evidence-based decision-making in humanitarian assistance where the Joint Needs Assessment (JNA) of Needs Assessment Working Group (NAWG) has a huge potential for supplements. Going forward, lessons learnt from phase one of SUBARNA (Supporting Bangladesh Rapid Needs Assessment) program has indicated that it has mostly dissipated major misunderstandings regarding assessment-related activities of JNA. Second Phase of Subarna project started from May 2021 with a broader aim to enhance resilience of communities, affected by and vulnerable to disasters, through (early action and) evidence-based response and recovery.

AREA & ACTIVITY

This project will cover evidence-based needs assessment process in all over Bangladesh when emergency strikes/happen.

The National Needs Assessment hosted by CARE Bangladesh Under SUBARNA II Project. Form May 2021 to till date the National Needs Assessment Working Group (NAWG) conducted a coordinated Joint Needs Assessment for Cyclone YAAS and took full preparation for Monsoon Flood Joint Needs Assessment (JNA). With an aim to effective, time-bound, and accurate assessment after a disaster during previous tenure of SUBARNA project NAWG has established 03 regional networks under regional leadership of three local/National NGOs i.e. SKS Foundation from the Northern region, Rupantar from the southwestern (Khulna) region and JAGO Nari form southern (Barisal) region. This partnership will continue in the current phase which started from JULY 1, 2021.

PROJECT APPROACH

- Conduct Disaster specific Joint Needs Assessment & Anticipatory Impact Analysis.
- Information Management & Provide technical support.
- Capacity Development of relevant professionals for efficient and time bound Needs Assessment after emergency.
- Increase localized capacity in terms of rapid needs assessment.
- Support government for strengthening disaster damage and needs information management mechanism.

MILESTONES

- Government Damage and disaster needs assessment committee (as per SOD 2019) are functional, capacitated and leading inclusive, coordinated rapid needs assessment process in time of emergency.
- Strengthen capacity of humanitarian stakeholders to use improved tools and technology (INFORM, drone, KOBO, Tableau, anticipatory assessment) to reduce time for data collection, increase accuracy and evidence for anticipatory actions and response decision timely.
- Strengthen localized capacity to conduct rapid assessment and improved coordination among local actors for timely humanitarian actions
- Increased collective actions and advocacy by local humanitarian actors for equitable allocation of resources and funding (Govt, donor and other sources) for most affected people and locations prioritized by JNA and HRP.

DURATION & BUDGET

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