



## FOOD SECURITY CLUSTER MEETING

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**DATE** Tuesday, 25 May 2021  
**TIME** 04:00 pm – 04:45 pm  
**VENUE** Online through ZOOM

### AGENDA

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1. Welcome to the meeting
2. Preparedness and response discussion for the upcoming Cyclone
3. AOB

### SUMMARY OF ACTION POINTS

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- FSC will share the situation report with the members of FSC
- A response plan / Analysis will be developed by FSC
- Members agreed to use the last version of FSC package

### DISCUSSION

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#### 1. WELCOME TO THE MEETING

FSC Cluster Coordinator, Mohammad Mainul Hossain Rony welcomed everyone to the meeting.

#### 2. PREPAREDNESS AND RESPONSE DISCUSSION FOR THE UPCOMING CYCLONE

FSC CC has presented the [GDACS](#) (Global Disaster Alarm and Coordination system) and [BMD](#) (Bangladesh Metrological Department) website for the direction of upcoming cyclone “YAAS” and in both website has showed the same direction of the cyclone. Both websites have assumed that cyclone will fall directly in India, but the extended wind and coverage may strike our territory specially the amphan area. Govt. has advised to keep hoisted distant warning signal number 2. FSC CC has showed another analysis from UNDP which exhibited how many people will be exposed through this cyclone. FSC CC has stated the objectives of this meeting that who should be targeted and what is the assumption of this vulnerability.

Mr. Touhid from Save the Children has shared the field information due to cyclone that high tide has found in many rivers which has raised more than 2 feet from normal high tide. In Galachipa Upazilla around 5 unions mostly has affected and they assume situation will be worse. High tide and salty water might be entered into the house and it will create a long-term impact. SCI has started the preparedness activities like cash distribution for food security and household level support. He also mentioned that there is a strong relationship with moon and high tide and local DMC has mentioned that tide will increase from 5-10 feet from the normal tides. Local DMC and people are assuming Saline water may enter the agricultural field and impact might be same as situation happened in the time of Cyclone Ayla.

Mr. Iqbal from WFP has also agreed the points shared by Mr. Touhid. The tide will be raised in the full moon or 2-3 days gap of full moon. Already Barguna, Shatkhira and Patuakhali has suffered for this cyclone. He is assuming that the more visible picture will be found from 26<sup>th</sup> May. He has mentioned that Govt. are taking lots of precaution steps to face the impact of the cyclone. School, College and Madrassa will be opened for evacuation if needed. Cash and dry food already have allocated to the district (Barguna, Shatkhira, Khulna and Patuakhali) level.

Md. Shishir from IFRC has shared some current pictures of Bagerhat that depict the situation from cyclone. IFRC is responsible to evacuate the beneficiaries (probably 20,000) from the affected area with cyclone preparedness program and also disseminate the warning messages on those areas. IFRC has distributed surgical mask already to the cyclone centers of 7 districts. They are ready to reallocate the people to the cyclone center. Md. Shishir will share the situation report by 25<sup>th</sup> May. IFRC has allocated dry food like energy biscuits to the cyclone centers of 7 districts.

Dr. Rafiq from Department of livestock has informed that all the veterinary medical teams are activated and the admissible modality is DLS will work with Upazilla and District level committee to fight with cyclone "YAAS".

Md. Dulon from World Vision has shared some updates from the coastal zones. He has mentioned that WVI has strong program with Govt that is Navojatra program and has strong partnership with Govt. Currently in coordination with Govt. WVI are working with the ward level community to make them aware about the Cyclone. WVI are working in Shaymnagar, Kaliganj, Dacob and Koera upazillas to disseminate the warning message and evacuate the people of those areas to the shelter. They have identified some spots which is under the risk of this cyclone. WVI has alert raising and situation development mechanism which has already started from 24<sup>th</sup> May. WVI has also opened Emergency Opening Center (EOC) to support the people. WVI has some resource allocation that is they have their own fund so that they can utilize their 20% cash grant to the affected community immediately and around USD 300,000 immediate block grant for deploying Food security and other sector. Further update and preparation will be shared with FSC.

Md. Morshed from Child Protection unit has confirmed that in next meeting he will share some common areas of CP and Food security issues where they can work together.

FSC CC has proposed to get ready for a food security response plan for targeted area. He has suggested that cluster response plan may be produced if there is no common response plan which may help resource mobilization to support the cyclone affected people. Alternatively, a food security analysis may be conducted. This may be further discussed during the next meeting when further information is available.

Mr. Peter from FAO has stated that hopefully he can present some information from Ministry in the next upcoming meeting.

FSC CC has showed an analysis which has represented the targeted area for this cyclone. According to the weather department may be wind also affected the Jessore area. FSC has proposed to focus on 7 targeted districts which is similar to the Ampan areas and everybody has agreed on this.

Ms. Dilruba from UNW has also agreed that we need a response plan to ensure the situation don't get worst. She has mentioned that we can wait for the storm landfall to be more specific as we have already the response plan and Need assessment analysis from Amphan.

Ms. Naima from FAO has said that without any evidence we can't move. We can collect information from field for further actions. Before signal number 4 there will no plan publish from Govt.

Mr. Peter from FAO has expected FSC will have more specific data and real time information from field before next meeting. FSC CC has proposed for the next meeting will be placed at 30<sup>th</sup> May 2021.

Regarding FSC packages, members agreed to use the last version and all packages are available in the website.

Ms. Shahanaz from USAID expressed her satisfaction on cluster preparedness and hoped for the best actions for facing this cyclone.

Md. Ismail from Shushilon has shared some updates from Barguna. At 12PM-1.30PM water has increased into 3-4 feet level and the water has entered into the 60%-70% houses or in the backyard of houses that are in the outside of embankment. But after 2.30- 3PM after the low tide time water is decreasing from those places. One embankment is already broken, and water is overflowing. Many preparedness meetings are organized by Upazilla and Union level. BDRCS and other NGO's are engaged for aware the affected people. Govt has allocated rice and around 11 Lakh BDT for the affected community.

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### **3. AOB**

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By thanking everyone FSC CC concluded the meeting.

## MEETING PARTICIPANTS:

11 Participants didn't introduce them in the chat box and therefore not recorded below.

SL	Name	Organization
1	Banasree Bhandery	Ashroy Foundation
2	Momotaz khatun	Ashroy Foundation
3	Md. Iqbal Hossain	Concern Worldwide
4	Dr. Rafiq	DLS
5	Md. Mosheur Rahman	ESDO
6	Ahmed Imtiaz	FAO
7	Peter Angnew	FAO
8	Shamsun Naima Rahman	FAO
9	Ajmerry Hossain	FSC
10	Mohammad Mainul Hossain Rony	FSC
11	Aftab Hossain	GUK
12	Aklima Parvin	IFPRI
13	Mehedi Hasan Shishir	IFRC
14	Khondker Abdul Kader Razu	Muslim Aid-UK Bangladesh Country Office
15	Shahadat Ahmed	Nagad
16	Arun sardar	Rural Reconstruction foundation
17	Miah Mozibar Rahman	Saint Bangladesh
18	Ismail Hossain	Shushilion, Barguna
19	Morshed Khan	UNICEF
20	Dilruba Haider	UNW
21	Marsha Michel	USAID
22	Shahnaz Zakaria	USAID
23	Mahade Mohammad	VOSD
24	Iqbal Hossain	WFP
25	Md. Sameul Nawaz	WFP
26	Piet VOCHTEN	WFP
27	Arunava Saha	WVB
28	Dulon Gomes	WVB
29	Alex Tripura	FAO
30	Anwar	
31	Asraf	
32	Farah Naz	
33	Meherun Mili	
34	Mostak Hossain	SCI
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