

## **Cyclone “Bulbul” damage assessment report**

On 10 November 2019, Cyclone Bulbul hit the southwest coast of Bangladesh and moved inland, destroying infrastructure, causing numerous injury, disrupting economic activities, and affecting social conditions in the poorer areas of the country. However, the Government’s investment in disaster risk reduction mechanism served to limit these damages and led to timely evacuation of the affected populations. This report describes a rapid assessment of damage based on observation to physical assets, people and the subsequent losses sustained across all economic activities. In the aftermath of Cyclone, the Government of Bangladesh responded to the affected areas with timely food aid and assistance, supported by civil society and donors. In coordination with the government efforts, JJS has also provided supports to the Government, donor and other organizations those who were involved in spread their support to cyclone Bulbul affected people. JJS also worked with the communities for protection of lives and assets. The following observations were reported after cyclone hit.

### **MorrelgonjUpazila**

- ✓ Lots of trees were damaged and an emergency rescue team is formed immediately by Union Parishod to clean the road.
- ✓ According to Government report, almost 39435 people including 3350 child and female adolescents took shelter in nearby cyclone shelter of Morrelgonj before hit.
- ✓ People have started to back to their home from cyclone shelter since morning.
- ✓ Most of the houses, especially katcha houses were severely damaged by the cyclone.
- ✓ Flood water did not recede yet to the river due to water pressure in canal.

### **SaronkholaUpazila**

- ✓ Approximately 20% trees were severely damaged in this area and local people took an emergency initiative to clean the road.
- ✓ People have been experiencing an inconvenience of disruption in power and telecommunication services due to cyclone since morning.
- ✓ Katcha and Tin-shed houses were partly damaged by the cyclone in this area.

- ✓ The sluice gate of ModdhoKhonta Kata Union which is used to control the flow of river water was opened and houses of 300 families were inundated.
- ✓ Standing crops were also damaged, although the extent was not immediately clear. The cyclone has mainly affected production of Amon and vegetables.
- ✓ Almost all have left the cyclone shelter, when this report was written at evening.

### **MonglaUpazila**

- ✓ Most of the Sirish tree was damaged in this area.
- ✓ About 50% katcha houses were damaged.
- ✓ People are experiencing disruption in power and telecommunication services.
- ✓ According to Upazila administration, about 27530 people took shelter in cyclone shelter, of which 5781 were children and women.
- ✓ Upazila administration provided security to women and children in cyclone shelter.
- ✓ Upazila administration provided foods and services to the people who stayed in the cyclone shelter.
- ✓ People have started to back to their home from cyclone shelter.



Figure: A damaged house in Mongla (Photo taken by MahmudulHasan, JJS)



Figure: A tree fell down on road damaged by cyclone Bulbul (Photo taken by MahmudulHasan, JJS)

### **KoyraUpazila**

- ✓ According to Government sources, approximately 1200 families were affected partially and 300 families were affected fully.
- ✓ One side of a Sluice gate of Moheswaripur union of Koyraupazila has broken. As a result, water is entering to the villages. Community people are trying to repair the broken part of the Sluice gate on their own initiative.
- ✓ Most of the Paddy field has inundated. Crops and plants are damaged.
- ✓ About 15% of roof of houses were damaged.
- ✓ Electricity has become disconnected from 9.00pm of 9 November 2019 in entire KoyraUpazila.
- ✓ About 65% ponds were inundated.
- ✓ People have started back to their homes from cyclone shelter.

## **JJS Street Children Centre**

- ✓ JJS runs Drop in center in Khulna city for protection of street children.
- ✓ A total of 23 street children took shelter in JJS Drop in Centre since Saturday morning (9 November 2019) for protection from cyclone Bulbul.
- ✓ All the children were present today and enjoyed lunch, breakfast and dinner in the center.
- ✓ Children were also enjoyed recreational activities.