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Humanitarian Responses for the FDMN Community at Bhasan Char, Hatiya, Noakhali

Background: Bhasan Char is an island in Hatiya Upazila, Noakhali district. It spans 40 square kilometres (15 sq. mi; 4,000 ha) surrounded by the Bay of Bengal. The Government of Bangladesh planned to construct a total of 1,440 buildings, including 120 cyclone shelters to relocate the homeless people in Bangladesh. But later due to the influx of Rohingya Refugees in Bangladesh, GOB decided to relocate 100,000 Rohingya refugees from the mainland camps of Cox's Bazar. To date, 32000 FDMN are living in Bhasan Char and enjoying a better life with greater access to shelter, food, protection, healthcare, education & livelihood opportunities.

December 2020, ACLAB has been working in different sectors, such as Livelihood, WASH, Education, protection, etc. to serve the FDMN communities at Bhasan Char, with its own financial & technical resources, support from Government and Development partners.

Initiatives of ACLAB for the relocated FDMN at Bhasan Char

DISTRIBUTION OF FOOD & NON-FOOD ITEMS: Initially ACLAB has distributed food & non-food grocery and household appliance items among the FDMN families for their well-being.

SUSTAINABLE LIVELIHOOD AND AGRO FIRMING: ACLAB has introduced multi-level and integrated sustainable livelihood approaches for the FDMN to ensure their food and nutrition security along with creating income generation opportunities. ACLAB is implementing participatory agriculture and livestock farming like poultry, duck, and cow farming, home-based gardening, participatory fish cultivation, vegetable farming, nursery plantation, and organic fertilizer plants, etc. In the agro village of ACLAB currently, FDMN volunteers are rearing 20 Cows, 55 Sheep, and 100 Ducks, and around 1000 beneficiaries are having food and nutrition support besides income generation. The agro-village activities are supported and guided by the RRRRC, CIC, and other development partners like TIKKA- Turkey, BRAC, and ACLAB's fund.

WASH & SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT PROGRAM: To improve the sanitation system and promote a healthy and hygienic lifestyle and clean environment, ACLAB has introduced the WASH program for the FDMN community at Bhasan Char with the guidance and collaboration of ARRRRC, CiC, and BRAC Pooled fund. ACLAB is doing hygiene awareness and promotion programs besides household cleaning, drain cleaning, waste collection and disposal, repairing and maintenance for safe drinking water etc. ACLAB gives priority to the inclusive gender-segregated WASH services for the FDMN, especially for children, women, PWD, and aged persons.

EDUCATION FOR FDMN CHILDREN: ACLAB provides education for FDMN children. It operates 3 learning centers covering nearly 1200 FDMN students. The children are learning the Myanmar curriculum besides math, English, and life skill education and protection in the grades early childhood Development to 6. ACLAB has introduced child-friendly spaces for early childhood development (ECD) of the students and extracurricular activities like outdoor & indoor games, cultural programs & play-based learning besides regular study. The children are enjoying tiffin in classes and having to play with items in the learning centers.

Opportunities:

- Opportunity for agriculture and livestock farming in the uncultivated lands.
- Opportunity for tree plantation to protect the natural resources and biodiversity.
- Opportunity to train the human resources for their livelihood and income generation.
- Opportunity to produce food and handicraft items by utilizing the FDMN volunteers.

Photo Gallery



Harvesting cauliflower from ACLAB Agro Farm



ACLAB Sheep Farm at Bhasan Char



ACLAB Duck Farm at Bhasan Char



ACLAB Cow Farming at Bhasan Char



Fumigation of ACLAB catchment area of BC FDMN Camp



Ongoing WASH Maintenance work



ACLAB Education Program at Bhasan Char



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Thank you