

REPORT ON FIRE VICTIM SUPPORT



**Location: Nayapara Rohingya Refugee Camp
Block- E, Upazila: Tekhnaf, Cox's Bazar, Bangladesh**

Period: 15 January 2021 – 28 January 2021

Funded by: OBAT Helpers Inc. USA

Implemented by: Prantic Unnayan Society (PRANTIC), Bangladesh



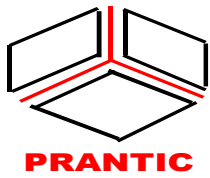


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1. Project Background

About a total of 3,500 people from 677 families suddenly became penniless overnight as a result of sudden fire-break at mid-night on 15 January 2021. It happened in a registered Rohingya Refugee Camp located in Block-E, Nayapara, Teknaf, Cox's Bazaar.

PRANTIC team from PRANTIC Humanitarian Assistance Program (PHAP) visited the area on the next day. They meet the victims and contacted the Camp in Charge (CiC) to discuss and understand the immediate needs of these victims. The CiC suggested to supply non-food Items as different UN organizations has confirmed the supply of food and shelter on an urgent basis, however, it is better to conduct a needs assessment survey to identify their common needs.



Picture-1 showing huge damages as a result of fire outbreak at the midnight on 15 January 2021

2. Needs Assessment Survey

Following an advice from the CiC of Nayapara Camp, Teknaf, Cox's Bazar, PRANTIC team decided to conduct a needs assessment survey immediately. Formed a survey team comprising a total of 5 members under the leadership of Md. Hasan and assistant leader Mr. Sahabuddin. The other three members were Saidul Islam Parvez, Rafiqul Kader Ayoub and Atick Ullah. The team soon after an emergency meeting developed a WhatsApp group incorporating all concerned officials of PRANTIC including PRANTIC Executive Director and high officials from OBAT Helpers USA.

Through long discussions and consultations, the team developed survey form, distribution card with unique numbers, banners for visibility and procured all necessary tools and stationary materials to be required for the survey.

Within two days, the PRANTIC survey team completed the whole needs assessment survey as shown in picture-2 & 3. The victims were identified through checking respective ID cards supplied from the respective CiC office as shown in picture-4 below. On the basis of the needs assessment survey the team in consultation with the CiC identified a total of 8 items with 12 numbers for each family. The team decided to printout the list of items and numbers on a poster to display during the distribution for transparency and accountability as shown below.



Picture-2: Conducting Needs assessment survey



Picture-3: Conducting Needs assessment survey



Picture-4: Justifying fire victims through ID Cards.



Picture-5: Displaying list of items & numbers for transparency

Soon after the finalization of items and numbers to be distributed among the fire victims, the procurement committee decided to search competent vendors in Ukhiya, Cox’s Bazaar and Dhaka to procure required number of items with quantity and quality. The procurement Committee suggested PRANTIC management to procure qualitative product from Dhaka with better price because it was not possible to procure 677 numbers of items maintaining same quality from any shop located in Ukhiya and Cox’s Bazaar.

3. Procurement procedure

Due to emergency, PRANTIC team investigated different markets for different products with suitable price and quality.

3.1 Selection of market

After long investigation (three days) the team selected following markets for different items for best price and quality.

Table: Showing selected markets for different items with quality and quantity		
Sl. #	Name of Item	Name of market
1	Water vessel Aluminium	RFL Company, Delivered from Cox’s Bazar (free)
2.	Thami	Islampur Whole-sale market, Dhaka
3	Bed Sheet	Home textile, Dhaka
4.	Lungi & Mosquito Net	Phulbaria Whole-sale Market, Dhaka
5	Slippers	Siddiq Bazaar Whole-sale market, Dhaka
6.	Boys shirt and pant	Keranigonj garments, Dhaka
7.	Girls frock and Pajama	Shadar Ghat Whole-sale market, Dhaka.
8.	Borkha (Veil)	Keranigonj Bokha factory, Dhaka

3.2 Selection of vendors

The team contacted huge number of traders before selecting the appropriate vendor to procure specific item with specific price and quantity. In general, following three criteria was maintained to select appropriate vendors.

1. Valid trade license
2. Active bank account by the name license.
3. Ready stock
4. Trustiness and reliability(confirmed through checking third party)
5. Having capacity to deliver products soon after receiving money.

3.3 Payment System

All payments were made through account payee cheques following PRANTIC Procurement Policy.

4. Transportation System

4.1 Transportation from Dhaka

To minimize time and reduce risks of delay, a truck was hired from Dhaka to collect all items from different vendors in different market and carry all products to Teknaf in one go. The truck started loading firstly from Keranigonj, 2ndly from Sadarghat, thirdly from Islampur, fourthly from Siddik Bazaar and finally from Phulbaria whole-sale market. Some important pictures such as body of truck, loading goods, driver, helper and the number plate of truck was shared with the team through WhatsApp as shown below. The truck left Dhaka at 9.30 pm on 27-01-2021.



Picture-6: Final loading from Phulbaria market



Picture-7: Covering goods by water proof cloth



Picture-8: Number plate of Truck conveyed

4.2 Goods arrival at Teknaf

All the products reached Teknaf at around 12.30 pm on the following day means on 28 January 2021. All the products were unloaded from the truck and stored in a previously managed ware-house owned by Bangladesh Red Crescent Society (BDRC) in Teknaf. Please see picture-9 below.

5. Distribution Procedure

Following steps were under-taken to distribute the items to the fir-victims properly and smoothly.

5.1 Development of distribution Card

A distribution card was designed for each of the 677 families identified during the needs assessment survey. Cards were distributed among the families one day prior to the distribution. Please see picture-10 below.



Picture-10: A child is showing distribution card before receiving support



Picture-9: Unloading items in Teknaf

5.2 Development of Master roll

PHAP Team in Ukhiya developed Master roll for 677 families so that each and every family can receive the support properly and transparently. Please see picture 11 and 12 on master roll development. The team also designed a banner to endure visibility of the program (Picture- 13).



Picture-11 & 12: Team members are busy with master roll development at Ukhiya office.



Picture- 13: Showing Banner for visibility

5.3 Making Delivery Bag

A total of 700 large sized bags were made in Dhaka to accommodate all 12 items in one bag. In order to promote visibility, logo of PRANTIC and OBAT Helpers were printed on the delivery bags.



Picture- 14: Showing delivery bag with logo

5.4 Packing system

All support items were inserted in one bag soon the goods reached in Teknaf on 28 January 2021. A total of 677 packets were made so that each fire victim family can receive one packet through showing the distribution card as discussed earlier. Please see following pictures on packing system.



5.6 Delivery system

Packets were delivered to the family members according to the distribution cards. PRANTIC team received the distribution card from the recipients and took signature/thumb on the master roll before the delivery of support packet to every household.

It took only several hours to distribute all packets to the targeted families.





6. Media Coverage

This fire victim support event attracted huge online and print news media on the same and also on the following day. Some important news is documented below.

<p>কক্সবাজারে ৬৭৭ পরিবারকে প্রান্তিকের ত্রাণ সহায়তা স্টাফ করেসপন্ডেন্ট বাংলানিউজটোয়েন্টিফোর.ক ম আপডেট: ১৯৩১ ঘণ্টা, জানুয়ারি ২৯, ২০২১</p>	<p>https://www.banglanews24.com/national/news/bd/838222.details</p>
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Rohingya fire victims get aid in Cox's Bazar

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COX'S BAZAR, Jan 30: A total of 677 Rohingya fire victims have received humanitarian assistance in Teknaf Upazila of the district on Thursday. Prantic Unnayan Society (PRANTIC) with financial assistance from OBAT Helpers Inc. USA distributed emergency non-food items among the fire-affected families of Nayapara Rohingya Refugee Camp E-block in the upazila. OBAT Helpers Inc. USA Programme Manager Shakil Ahmed, officials from respective Camp-in-Charge offices, Rohingya leaders and PRANTIC officials were present during the distribution. The fire broke out in the camp at night on January 14 and damaged many of Rohingya houses and other properties.

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been distributed among 330 cold-stricken people from remote areas of the district.



Rohingya fire victims receive humanitarian aid

Imran Zahed, Ukhiya (Cox's Bazar): Prantic Unnayan Society (PRANTIC) with the financial assistance from OBAT Helpers Inc. USA distributed emergency non-food items among 677 fire victim families of E-block, registered Rohingya Refugee camp in Nayapara, Teknaf. The devastating fire broke out at mid night on 14 January and burnt out all their belongings including houses. Officials from respective Camp in Charge (CiC) office, Rohingya leaders and a team of PRANTIC attended in the distribution event. Shakil Ahmed, Program Manager said OBAT Helpers Inc. USA has been engaged in supporting the Rohingya communities since its influx in August 2017. PRANTIC, with financial assistance of OBAT Helpers and other donor agencies, has been supporting the Rohingya communities through health, education, women empowerment and other humanitarian assistance program since September 2018. Mohammad Islam of the fire victim family, said, "The distributed items are very useful, and we are happy to receive this humanitarian assistance. It will greatly help us to cope with the prevailing situation."

Rohingya fire victims received Humanitarian aid from PRANTIC

SHIFUL ALAM, COX'S BAZAAR CORRESPONDENT:

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PANCHAGARH : The cultivators and the local officials of Department of Agriculture Extension (DAE) are expecting a bumper potato production in the district this season.

Department of Agriculture Extension sources said a total of 9750 hectares of lands have been brought under potato cultivation in the district with the production target of 2,24,250 tons of potato.

The farmers are cultivating the crop taking logistic support from the field-level officers of the DAE. Agriculture officer of DAE Md Mizanur Rahman said the farmers have already completed necessary nursing of potato fields and tender plants of the crop are now growing beautifully amid favourable.



Officials from respective Camp in Charge (CiC) office, Rohingya leaders and a team of PRANTIC attended in the distribution event. Photo: Shful Alam

অগ্নিকাণ্ডে ক্ষতিগ্রস্ত রোহিঙ্গা পরিবারকে সহায়তা

নিজস্ব প্রতিবেদক, কক্সবাজার

কক্সবাজারের টেকনাফের নয়াপাড়া আশ্রয়শিবিরে অগ্নিকাণ্ডে ক্ষতিগ্রস্ত ও গৃহহীন ৬৭৭ শরণার্থী পরিবারে নিত্যপ্রয়োজনীয় ত্রাণসহ মানবিক সহায়তা দেওয়া হয়েছে। গত বৃহস্পতিবার বিকেলে বেসরকারি উন্নয়ন সংস্থা প্রান্তিক উন্নয়ন সোসাইটি ও ব্যাট হেল্পারস ইউএসএসের যৌথ উদ্যোগে শরণার্থীদের এ সহায়তা দেওয়া হয়।

১৪ জানুয়ারি মধ্যরাতে অগ্নিকাণ্ডে নয়াপাড়া রেজিস্টার্ড ক্যাম্পের ৬৭৭ রোহিঙ্গা পরিবারের বসতি পুড়ে যায়। এরপর থেকে তারা মানবের জীবন কাটাচ্ছিল।

বৃহস্পতিবার নয়াপাড়া রেজিস্টার্ড রোহিঙ্গা ক্যাম্পের ই ব্লকে ক্ষতিগ্রস্ত প্রতিটি পরিবারের মধ্যে কাপড়, রান্নাসামগ্রী, মশারি, বিছানা-চাদরসহ নিত্যপ্রয়োজনীয় সরঞ্জাম বিতরণ করা হয়। এ সময় প্রান্তিক উন্নয়ন সোসাইটি ও নয়াপাড়া ক্যাম্প অফিসের কর্মকর্তারা উপস্থিত ছিলেন।

প্রান্তিক উন্নয়ন সোসাইটির প্রকল্প ব্যবস্থাপক শাকিল আহমেদ বলেন, উখিয়া ও টেকনাফের শরণার্থীদের মানবিক সহায়তায় কাজ করছে প্রান্তিক উন্নয়ন সংস্থা। এর অংশ হিসেবে অগ্নিকাণ্ডে ক্ষতিগ্রস্ত পরিবারে মানবিক সহায়তা পৌঁছে দেওয়া হয়েছে।

মানবিক সহায়তা পেয়ে ক্ষতিগ্রস্ত রোহিঙ্গা মোহাম্মদ ইসলাম (৫৫) বলেন, 'অগ্নিকাণ্ডে ঘর পুড়ে যাওয়ায় থাকার জায়গা ছিল না। ঠান্ডায় ঠিকমতো ঘুমাতেও পারছিলাম না। এমন অবস্থায় ত্রাণ সহায়তা পাওয়ায় কিছুটা স্বস্তি হচ্ছে।'

অগ্নিকাণ্ডে ঘরবাড়ি হারিয়ে গৃহহীন হন রোহিঙ্গা সাবেকুম্মাহার। তিনি বলেন, এত দিন তিনি চার ছেলেমেয়ে নিয়ে অন্য এক রোহিঙ্গার বাড়িতে ছিলেন। প্রচণ্ড শীতে তাঁদের মানবের জীবন কাটাচ্ছিল।

7. Effect & Impact

The fire-victim support program created huge impact in the Rohingya Refugee Camp. PRANTIC for the first time lunched such program particularly in Teknaf. It was really a very well organized program. Local government, civil society members and opinion leaders highly appreciated the program as it was done very systematically according to the needs which was identified before the whole program.

8. Budget & Expenditure

A total of BDT 2288260 was estimated for the program as shown in the picture below:

OBAT Helpers					
Cost assessment for NFI (non-food item) support to Fire victim Rohingya refugees in Nyayapara Camp, Teknaf, Cox's Bazar, Bangladesh					
SI #	Items	Description	Unit	Req Nos	Unit price
1	Bed Sheet	6'x7.5', Home textile	No	1	350
2	Thami, (Burmees women ladies dres	Local & Cotton	No	2	400
3	Lungi	7.5' Local & Cotton	No	1	250
4	Kids clothing	18', Local & Cotton	No	2	800
5	Veil (Bokha)	Local made	No	1	550
6	Mosquito Net	6'x7'	No	1	230
7	Vessle (watre Jar)	Silver made Medium size	No	1	250
8	Slipper (Sandal)	3 size	No	3	300
9	Packing cost		No	1	100
10	Handling, shipping and distribution		No	1	150
Total per unit cost in BDT					3380
Total cost for 677 families (Taka)					2288260
Total cost for 677 families in USD @ 1 \$ = BDT 84.5					\$ 27,080

So far, a total of BDT 2,288,260 (twenty two lakh eighty eight thousand two hundred sixty) only has been spent to complete the program. A brief statement is presented in the table below:

sl #	Name of Item with Specification	Unit	Req Nos	Budget /family	Budget for 677 family	Expenditure			Voucher NO	Cheque No
						Qty	Unit Price	Amount		
1	Bed Sheet 6'x7.5', Home textile	No	1	350	236,950	677	365	247,105	1	SE-102443734
2	Thami, Bangla Local & Cotton	No	2	400	270,800	1354	180	243,720	2	SE-102443732
3	Lungi 7.5' Local & Cotton	No	1	250	169,250	677	245	165,865	3	SE-102443741
4	Kid's Clothing (Girls) Local & Cotton	No	1	400	270,800	677	375	253,875	4	SE-102443735
5	Kid's Shirt (boys) Local & Cotton	No	1	200	135,400	677	200	135,400	5	SE-102443733
6	Kid's Pant Local & Cotton	No	1	200	135,400	677	210	142,170	6	SE-102443737
7	Veil (Bokha) Local	No	1	550	372,350	677	550	372,350	7	SE-102443740
8	Mosquito Net Local	No	1	230	155,710	677	215	145,555	8	SE-102443738
9	Vessel (water Jar)	No	1	250	169,250	677	259	175240	9/1 & 9/2	GA/CHA/10 2616586 & GA/CHA/10 2616585
10	Slipper (Sandal) 3 Sizes	No	3	300	203,100	677	285	192,945	10	SE-102443736
11	Packing cost	No	1	100	67,700	700	85	59,500	11	SE-102443739
12	Handling and shipping cost in Dhaka	No	1	150	101,550	677		36,400	12	
13	Handling and shipping cost in Ukhiya	No						68,467	13	
	Total				2,288,260			2,238,592		

Total Funds Received 2,288,260
Total Expenditure 2,238,592
Balance 49,668

Total costs (**excluding Vat& Tax**): Twenty Two Lakh Thirty Eight Thousand Five Hundred Ninety Two.