



Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations

Project Highlights BANGLADESH

“Emergency response to Cyclone Sidr and flood-affected farmers through agricultural input supply and foot-and-mouth disease vaccination for livestock”

Project code: BGD/08/001/34

Donor: UNDP

Contribution: USD 1.8 million

Implementation: 01/03/08–28/02/09

Target areas: cyclone- and flood-affected *upazilas*

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Objective: To rapidly assist farming households most affected by Cyclone Sidr and the 2007 floods in regaining their livelihoods and household food security.

Key partners: The Department of Agricultural Extension, the Ministry of Agriculture and the Ministry of Fisheries and Livestock and local non-governmental organizations.

Beneficiaries reached: Farming households affected by Cyclone Sidr and the 2007 floods, especially women-headed households and the elderly.

Activities implemented:

- 60 000 households received 300 tonnes of local variety aman rice seed (Sadamota).
- Another 60 000 households received more than 174 tonnes of high-yielding variety aman rice seeds, together with urea, triple superphosphate and muriate of potash fertilizers.
- 485 000 doses of foot-and-mouth disease (FMD) vaccine were provided to beneficiary households whose cattle had already received a first round of vaccination and required a booster dose. The remaining 132 500 doses were kept as a reserve in the event of emergency.

Impact:

- Livelihoods of households affected by Cyclone Sidr and flooding were restored.
- Increased agricultural production has helped families to meet household food requirements, generate income through the sale of surplus production and save a portion of the rice produced as seed for planting during the next season.
- The total estimated value of rice produced by beneficiary farmers amounted to USD 10.7 million.
- Vaccine provided by the project is controlling the three most common types of FMD virus in the country.