

Dear Mr. Fluhr

Hope you all are well!

We are deeply sorry to inform you that the devastating super cyclone '**Umphun**' has created massive destruction all around us and put the entire community here at deadly distress. The magnitude of the impact was extremely high. At an expansion of 4 hours of almost 200 km per hour and heavy rainfall the cyclone devastated everything.

The worst impacted district is South 24 Parganas- vast areas of which are our core operational area. Devastations impacted at its worst in four blocks which are both close to the sea coast and riverine – Sagar, Namkhana, Patharpratima and Mathurapur II.

Vast area, approximately 720 Hactres are now under brackish water with all embankments broken. More than 5.6 lacs people in around 125 villages are severely impacted. At least 115500 houses are either partially or fully damaged.

As per the news coming from GPs, more than 6000 people have already been taken shelter in relief camps. All communications are gone- roads blocked with fallen tree trunks, electricity poles etc. Communication through phone is not working. No electricity. More than 70% of the drinking water sources are contaminated. Water is being carried from far away places.

Sabuj Sangha's establishments like Hospital, Chidrens' Home, School Building, Main Office etc. are also severely damaged.

Yet at this hour of extreme crisis our Health Team is ready to serve 24 X7 the ailing, wounded and people in dire needs. We are very happy even in this situation 4 babies are born safely in our hospital at Nandakumarpur village in Mathurapur II block.

We desperately are responding to the affected people along with local PRIs and Govt. Disaster department. At our limited capacity we are providing tarpaulins, ropes, dry foods and also running Community Kitchen. Some solar lanterns are also provided. But we really don't have sufficient materials now to cater the huge needs.

I am attaching some pictures for your understanding. Also please visit our website www.sabujsangha.org

In this situation we appeal to you to please open your hearts to stand by the helpless people in deep crisis now.

Please allow us to send a proposal in this regard.

We sincerely hope to receive your support for the distressed communities here in this extreme human crisis.

Thanking you,

Yours faithfully,

Ansuman Das