

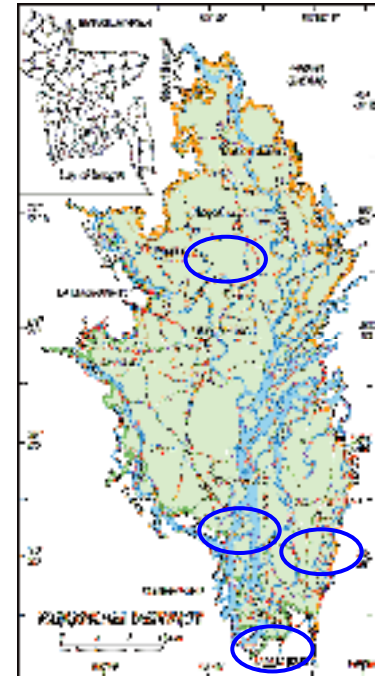
## Emergency Humanitarian Assistance to the Most Vulnerable Flood-Affected People in Kurigram Districts of Bangladesh

### Final Report: Kurigram District, September 2019

The project is aimed to provide Multipurpose Cash Grants (MCG) amounting BDT 4500 which is enable the most vulnerable 12,840 people(2,571households) among the flood affected population in Kurigram district to meet their immediate basic needs covering the different areas like food, shelter repairing, health, livelihood inputs, transports and other non-food items. Additional BDT 1,000 is aimed to provide 42 most at risk people. The project has the provision of family hygiene kits for the same affected households.

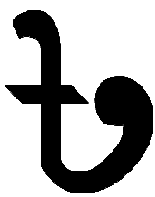
Upazila wise project location is shown in the figure and number of families in the below table.

Upazila	Union	# of households	Population (approx.)
Chilmari	Chilmari	321	1605
	Nayerhat	321	1605
Raumari	Bandaber	321	1605
	Dantbahanga	321	1605
Char Rajibpur	Char	321	1605
	Rajibpur		
	Kodaikati	321	1605
Nageswari	Noonkhawa	321	1605
	Narayanpur	321	1605
<b>4 upazila</b>	<b>8 union</b>	<b>2,568 households</b>	<b>12,840 people</b>



Map: Upazila-wise project location

### Project Intervention (Distribution completed)



**2,571** Households



**42** Households  
Additional grant for most at risk people –BDT 1000



**2,571** Households  
Distribution of hygiene kits - bucket, mug, bathing & laundry soap, ORS & sanitary napkin (clothes)

Awareness raising on hygiene promotion & IEC materials

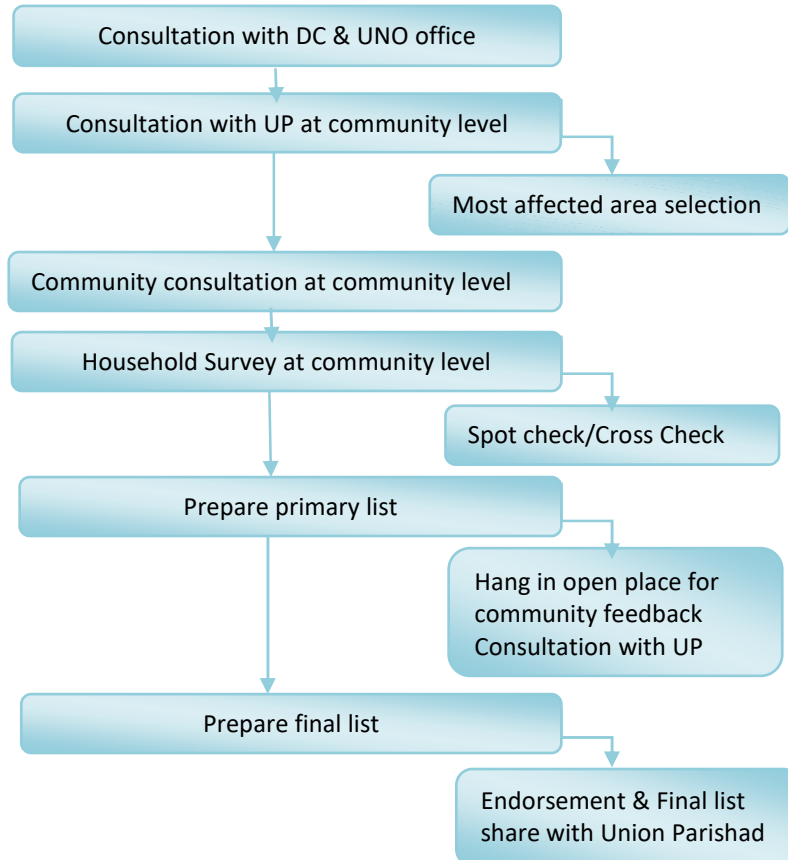




### Project Implementation Strategy

**Target vulnerable groups:** Older people, persons with disability, widow, female headed households, pregnant and lactating women, children/orphan.

### Beneficiary Selection Process:





### Community preparation for MPCG & Kits distribution

- ✓ The list of the targeted beneficiary shared with local government authority and endorsed before preparing muster roll (Grant Distribution Payment Spreadsheet).
- ✓ The targeted beneficiary informed and provided a card as their ID to receive the cash grant.
- ✓ Coordination meeting conducted with the local government earlier to determine the location, time and date.

### Organizational preparation for Cash transfer

- ✓ Bank informed day before confirming the amount of money.
- ✓ Amount segregated as per distribution point and serial no. of the muster roll before distribution and organize into bundles for each distribution point.
- ✓ Staff again check the amount when beneficiary received for observing.
- ✓ Distribution time frame, responsibility of staff and other necessary security was planned the day before of the distribution.
- ✓ Local law enforcement agency member (Police & village police) informed earlier and they supported the team until the distribution completed.

### Project Monitoring & Evaluation

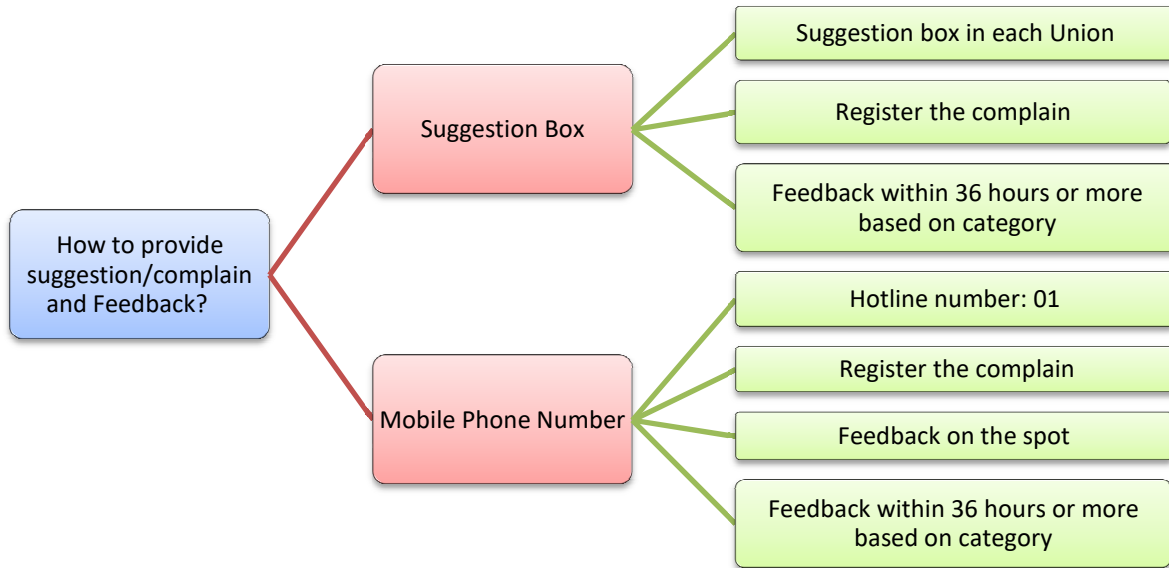
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Hotline phone number is in each beneficiary card and suggestion box in each UP to share the response and feedback from community people and other stakeholders.





**Feedback & Response Mechanism (Accountability):**



**Other Activities:**

**Information centre** in each distribution point to aware community people about to disseminate message on safe water, health and safe shelter etc. Leaflet prepared and distributed to the community on awareness raising activity.

**Engagement of Local Women Led Organization at Chilmari, Kurigram**

**Meeting held on July 26, 2019 at Kurigram in between AFAD, NARI & AID-COMILLA. Based on the decision of the meeting the following task has been done.**

- 1) AFAD provides 04 volunteers for finalizing of beneficiaries list
- 2) NARI provides one staff soon to work with AID-COMILLA staff.
- 3) At the time of emergency relief work at Chilmari both AFAD and NARI representative was present
- 4) The logo of AFAD and NARI was used all IEC/BCC materials such as banner, faston etc.
- 5) Relief distribution date was finalize in consultation with NARI & AFAD and representative was present at Chilmari & Noyarhat Union during the distribution.
- 6) At present NARI & AFAD staff working with our staff member for data entry in the KoBO.

**Challenges & overcome:**

- ✓ Selected area upazila/union were scattered and lack of communication facilities that hamper smooth implementation. For local transport as almost all the connecting road were damaged, we are using traditional vehicle, boat and maximum time on foot.
- ✓ Budget allocation is quite low than the current emergency situation for hygiene kits transportation & distribution, local travel for the implementing staff & volunteer.
- ✓ Local level procurement of hygiene kits within a short time is challenging. AID COMILLA directly contact with District level dealer, motivated them as the support was for flood affected people. They also less cost as the support is for affected people.
- ✓ Local transport as almost all the connecting road were damaged, we are using traditional vehicle and maximum time on foot.
- ✓ Community political power practice hamper the fare selection in some cases which was avoid with a zero tolerance.



- ✓ UP members and local leader sometimes hampered to select beneficiary as per criteria, but our staff motivate them about our criteria which was also discussed in UP meetings.

Lessons learnt:

- ✓ Strong Coordination with Upazila level local government support to overcome community and UP level limitations
- ✓ Communication with law enforcement committee support smooth distribution.
- ✓ Communication and motivate the dealer at District level support to purchase materials in time.
- ✓ Hotline number (01715082180) is an effective way to receive response and feedback from community rather than using complain box.

### Expected Results

The proposed response envisages the following achievements at the end of the project:

- ✓ 2,571 most vulnerable households will receive multi-purpose cash grants of BDT 4,500 to meet their food, shelter and health needs and buy other provisions as necessary. This will help people avoid relying on negative coping mechanisms. Amongst them, we will provide additional BDT 1,000 to 42 most vulnerable people.
  - 2,571 most vulnerable households will have access to essential hygiene materials leading to improved health outcomes to mitigate water borne disease and improved knowledge and awareness on basic health and hygiene practices.

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**1. Project Title: Providing Emergency Multipurpose Cash Grants (MCG) and WASH Services to support the most flood-affected people in particular the elderly in Kurigram District in Bangladesh.**

The project is aimed to provide **Multipurpose Cash Grants (MCG)** which is enable the most vulnerable flood affected 1,771 households among the flood affected population to meet their immediate basic needs covering the different areas like food, shelter repairing, health, livelihood inputs, transports and other non-food items. Additionally, the project has the provision of family hygiene kits for the affected population also.

**2. Project Location & Beneficiary Coverage:**

**District:** Kurigram **Upazila:** Nageswari & Bhurungamari **Union:** Kaliganj & Noonkhaoa Union in Nageswari & Tilai, Pathordubi & Bongosonahat Union in Bhurungamari

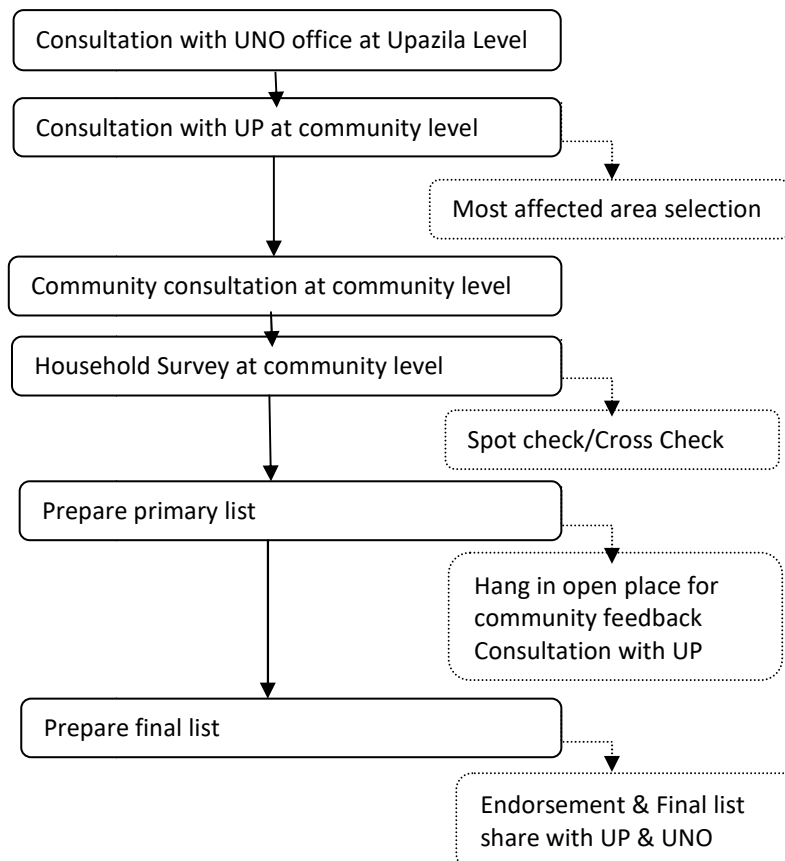
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Nageswari	Nunkhooa	443	137	80	42	50	33	101
Nageswari	Kaliganj	443	159	102	21	50	07	104
Bhurungamari	Tilai	441	162	80	23	52	16	108
Bhurungamari	Pathordubi	231	106	50	10	26	05	34
Bhurungamari	Bongosonahat	213	91	25	07	24	05	61
	<b>Total</b>	<b>1771</b>	<b>655</b>	<b>337</b>	<b>103</b>	<b>202</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>408</b>
	<b>Percentage(%)</b>		<b>37%</b>	<b>19%</b>	<b>06%</b>	<b>11%</b>	<b>04%</b>	<b>23%</b>

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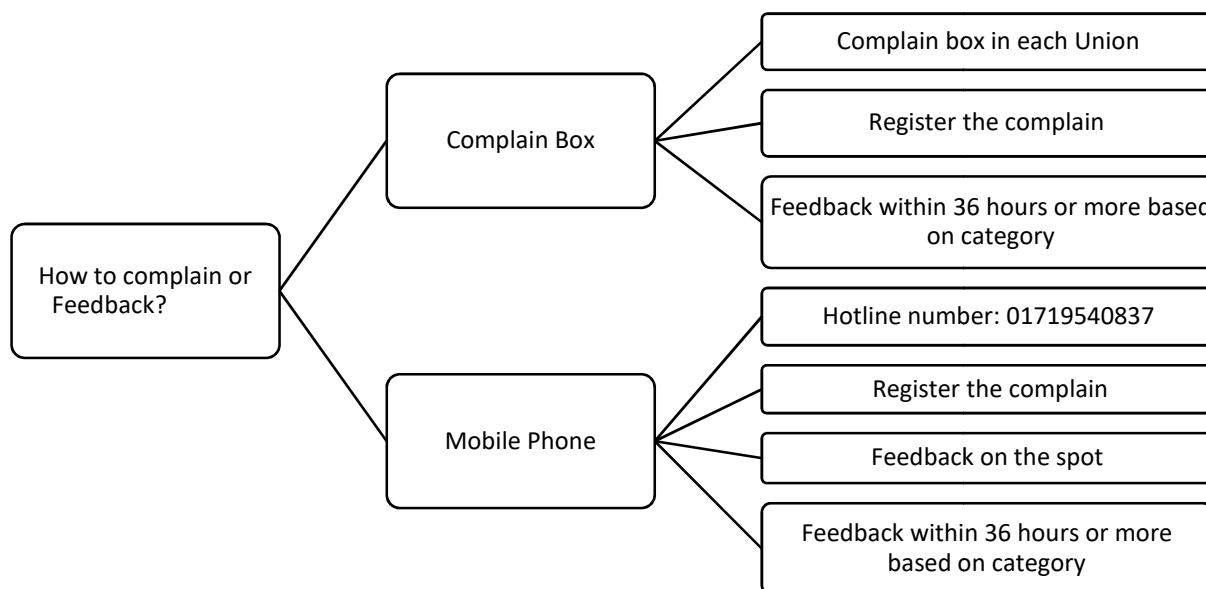
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