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Sitakunda Fire: Humanitarian Support Report

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INCIDENT OVERVIEW

On the night of June 4, 2022, a devastating industrial fire broke out at a container facility located in Sitakunda upazila, Chattogram. The fire quickly escalated, leading to multiple explosions that resulted in the loss of at least 47 lives, including 12 firefighters, and left around 300 individuals injured.

Based on the location of the accident and the potential spread of fumes up to a radius of 10km, the fire likely affected Bhatiari, Kumira, and Sonaichari unions, with the latter being the most affected. The number of affected people could reach 145,000.

AT LEAST
49
PEOPLE DIED

MORE THAN
300
PEOPLE INJURED

MORE THAN
145,000
PEOPLE AFFECTED BY FUMES

Image: P4H's president met the families of the victims and expressed his condolences.

WHAT WE DID

In response to the Sitakunda fire tragedy, our local team acted swiftly to assess the situation and address the immediate needs of the affected population. We coordinated with local authorities, partner organizations, and volunteers to distribute essential relief items such as food, water, clothing, and hygiene kits. Medical teams were deployed to provide emergency care and support to those injured and traumatized by the incident. Additionally, we provided prompt cash assistance to affected individuals and their families, aiming to support their treatment, rehabilitation, and overall well-being. Our efforts were focused on helping the affected community recover and rebuild their lives in the aftermath of this tragic event.

All ravaging red: Sitakunda depot fire from satellite

WHERE WE DID IT

Our relief operations were conducted in the fire-affected areas, specifically Sonaichari union in Sitakunda upazila, which bore the brunt of the tragedy. We focused our efforts on reaching out to the affected communities in this region, ensuring that our support reached those who needed it the most.

WHEN WE DID

Our humanitarian support efforts began immediately after the Sitakunda fire incident on 4, June 2022. We understood the urgency of the situation and acted swiftly to provide assistance to those affected.

WHY WE DID

The Sitakunda industrial fire had a profound and devastating impact on numerous individuals and communities. Many of the affected individuals were from low-income backgrounds, making it incredibly challenging for them to afford the necessary medical treatment. Furthermore, a significant number of them were the sole breadwinners for their families, leaving them in dire financial circumstances without any support.

In light of this critical situation, we felt compelled to take action and extend our assistance. We provided essential cash aid to facilitate their access to proper medical care and offered additional support to address their pressing needs. Additionally, we stood in solidarity with the families who tragically lost their loved ones, expressing our deepest condolences and providing assistance to help them rebuild their lives and attain self-sufficiency. Our initiatives were driven by our commitment to alleviate their suffering and contribute to their long-term well-being.

EMERGENCY RESCUE EFFORT AND MEDICAL SUPPORT

In response to the Sitakunda fire tragedy, our local volunteer-based Emergency Rescue Team was formed. We collaborated with partner organizations and other volunteers to swiftly distribute essential relief items such as food, water, clothing, and hygiene kits. Our medical teams provided emergency care to the injured and traumatized, ensuring their transportation to hospitals for further treatment. Additionally, we extended emotional support and financial assistance to the families who lost loved ones. Our collective efforts aimed to address immediate needs and provide holistic support during this challenging time.

VICTIM FAMILY REHABILITATION

We focused was on rehabilitating families who tragically lost their loved ones in fire incidents. We provided emotional support and financial assistance to those who lost loved ones. We also helped one family start a small business and supported another two family with livestock and Sewing Machines. Our goal was to empower these families and create sustainable income opportunities for them.

OUR PRESIDENT'S VISIT OVERVIEW

Our president's personally visited the injured fire victims in the hospital, inquiring about their well-being and providing financial assistance for their proper treatment and other support. Additionally, he visited the families of those who lost their lives, expressing his condolences and providing assistance to help them become self-sufficient. President's hands-on approach demonstrated his commitment to alleviating the suffering of the affected individuals and promoting their recovery and resilience.

CASH ASSISTANCE

We responded promptly by providing immediate cash assistance to 32 affected individuals, families who tragically lost their loved ones in fire incidents ranging from 15,000 to 50,000 BDT. Our primary objective was to support their treatment and rehabilitation, easing their financial burdens and aiding in their recovery process. Through these efforts, we aimed to contribute to their overall well-being and facilitate their journey towards restoration.

TESTIMONIAL

Akhtar Hossain lost his life in the Sitakunda fire incident, leaving his family devastated and without any means of sustenance. His body was reduced to ashes, rendering identification impossible.

Akhtar Hossain, hailing from an impoverished family, faced numerous hardships throughout his life. Supporting his parents, two sisters, and a brother, his job as a laborer at BM Container Depot in Sitakunda was the sole source of income for the family.

In a compassionate gesture, Projects for Humanity stepped in to support the family during this crisis. They gifted Akhtar Hossain's family a Livestock, providing them with an income-generating opportunity to alleviate their financial struggles, and improve their livelihood. The family expressed their heartfelt appreciation to Projects for Humanity for their support in this challenging time.

Gift Livestock to Victims Family to be self sufficient
(Bashkhali - Chittagong)

Nizam Uddin Rubel lost his life in the fire incident at BM Container Depot in Sitakunda, he employed there as an ICD Supervisor. He was the sole provider for his family, consisting of his wife, a five-year-old son, two one-year-old twin daughters, and his parents. He leaving his family in an uncertain and challenging situation. With young children unable to earn a living, his wife expressed deep despair and the difficulties of raising their children without their father's love and presence.

Recognizing the dire circumstances, We Projects for Humanity stepped in to support the family during this critical time. We provide cash assistance to alleviate some of the hardships faced by Nizam Uddin Rubel's family, ensuring that the well-being of his children and their future prospects are taken care of. We also remains committed to reducing the suffering of the family and providing necessary support in their time of need.

Cash Assistance to Victim Family
(Bashkhali - Chittagong)

Financial

FUND RAISED

≈ $ 15,000.00

EXPENSES

≈ $ 15,000.00

Thank You

for supporting us in implementing these initiatives among the fire victims.

> We provided support to over 70 victims and their families.

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