



ADPC Community Level Update - 30 August, 2008

ADPC team mobilized for pre-flood assessment and facilitates “end-to-end” flood forecasting information in the field

ADPC with partners facilitates end-to-end CFAB-FFWC flood forecast information sharing in Sirajgonj:

In the late August this year when the flood pick is forecasted in next few days in Jamuna River and other basins in Bangladesh, the ADPC team has initiated a pre-flood rapid situation assessment initiative. With partner agencies ADPC is engaged in facilitation of an end-to-end flood forecast information sharing and situation assessment. in Sirajgonj and Gaibandha districts of the flood risk districts of the country ADPC professionals with their national and local level partners: FFWC, BWDB, CEGIS, IWM, MoWR, CARE, CDMP (DMIN) and others have actively engaged in the pre-flood activities. From local level taking an end-to-end approach of flood information iteration, ADPC team has now a facilitative presence at both national and local level. ADPC Technical Specialist is facilitating the national level partner agencies while a field team led by ADPC Social Scientist has teamed up with district administration, sectoral organizations, local government representatives, union disaster management committees, civil society/local representatives and others. ADPC team has shared the CFAB-FFWC forecasting information to the community. ADPC field team has communicating with district level agencies in Sirajgonj and Gaibandha districts. Both District Administration and Department of Agricultural Extension (DAE) have appreciated the CFAB-FFWC flood forecasting information and started to take immediate action from their own capacity.



Left picture: ADPC officials transmitting flood forecasting information with District Relief and Rehabilitation Officer (DRRO, the District administration nodal point of disaster preparedness). **Right picture:** ADPC professional showing the flood forecasting to the Department of Agriculture (DAE) Officials.

ADPC facilitates CFAB and FFWC flood forecasting information sharing at community level:

ADPC professional have taken immediate steps to share the CFAB-FFWC flood forecasting information at community level in Kazuri union of Sirajgonj district on 30 August, 2008. In a community level consultation session the latest flood forecast information was sharing where over 60 representatives of the local government, union disaster management committee, members of civil society and vulnerable groups were present. ADPC team has discussed the forecasts with the local community. Local community has shown a great deal of enthusiasm, appreciation and expressed a future need of CFAB and FFWC flood forecast information on a regular basis with increased lead time. In the community, it was observed that the local government is effectively engaged in the cell phone based SMS public notification system of the flood forecast information. This information is then locally interpreted and then preparedness measures are considered. Flag hoisting system is also seen operational as a public dissemination mode in the community.



Photo illustration:
ADPC Social Scientist downloads CFAB flood forecasting information at community level from the Technical Specialist who is working with FFWC and CFAB partners at national level. ADPC team inspires further dissemination of SMS based flood information of the project. Local people provides appreciation for the CFAB flood forecasting information with a 10 day lead time and participates eagerly in the community level interaction of CFAB and FFWC products at community level. Photo credit: ADPC Team. Aug. 2008.

