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**Urban Community Volunteer Development Training in
Rangpur City Corporation, Tangail, Rangamati and
Sunamganj Municipality for Earthquake Preparedness**

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Introduction

Bangladesh is one of the most disaster-prone country in the world. It is exposed to seismic risk due to its geographic location on top of the junction of three tectonic plates, cyclonic storms from the Bay of Bengal and flooding from rivers originated in the Himalayas and Myanmar. Bangladesh has ranked as the tenth most exposed country in the world in terms of natural hazard and the fifth most exposed country in the world.

The national resilience programme (NRP) aims to strengthen the capacity of the government to prepare for and respond to recurrent and large-scale disaster. This includes assessing response capacity gaps for earthquake response and development capacity of the new volunteers and other volunteer organizations. The project is providing earthquake preparedness training to the people living in four municipalities and city corporation of Bangladesh and develop the capacity of new and existing volunteers by Fire Service and Civil Defense (FSCD).

Total 2000 volunteers will get Search and Rescue Training in four municipalities (Rangpur City Corporation, Tangail, Rangamati and Sunamganj Pourashava) under NRP. After getting the training the capacity of the participant volunteers will be increased to minimize loss of life, injury, and property loss and damage and to maximize use of local resources in conducting search and rescue operation in earthquake as well as any kinds of emergency situation.

Search and Rescue Training Description

The Program covers the fundamentals of Earthquake Management, Search and Rescue Techniques including laboratory classes, Practical sessions, fire safety engineering, relevant structural



engineering topics, First Aid etc. Search and Rescue (SAR) comprises the search for and provision of aid to persons who are, or are believed to be in imminent danger of loss of life. The two operations – Search and Rescue – may take many forms, depending on whether they are both required or not, on the size and complexity of the operation and on the available facilities. The course curriculum and syllabus are made by Bangladesh Fire Service and Civil Defense (FSCD). Various techniques

for training are used to involve participants for learning.

The following methods are followed in whole three days of the course:

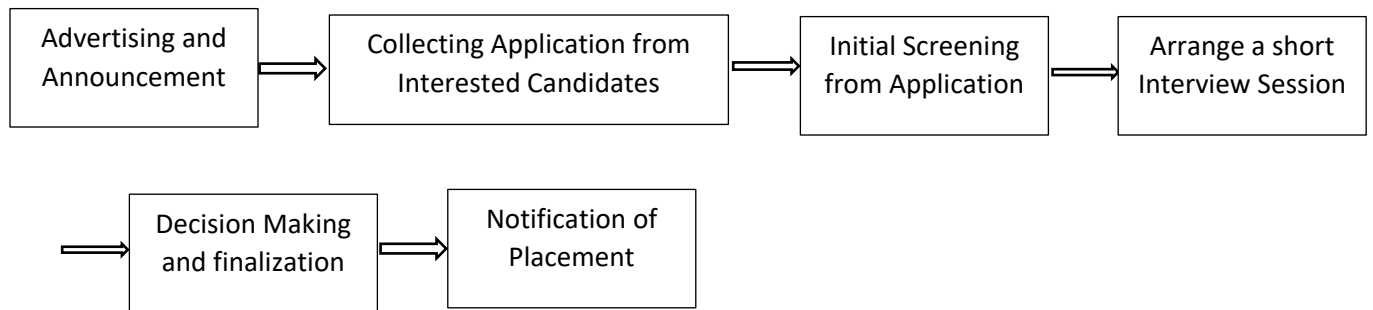
- a) Theoretical Class
- b) Written test;
- c) Group discussion;
- d) Presentations;
- e) Practical sessions;
- f) Written assignments for Homework
- g) Questions of MCQ



Volunteer Selection



For volunteer selection at first announce and advertise in selected wards of each municipality. The interested candidates fill up an application form. A short viva has arranged for all candidates where project focal person from each Municipality and ward councilor of each Pourashava, NRP personnel and FSCD personnel were present. After the Viva only selected candidates are participated in the training programme. In the selection process, the gender ratio (60:40) were strictly maintained. For the existing volunteers we contact with local volunteer organizations and they provide volunteers.



Search and Rescue Training Programme:



Search and rescue (SAR) training helps new volunteers get to know the people, and their role quickly and efficiently and to feel safe and comfortable working in an emergency situation. **Total 960 number of volunteers have already got search and rescue training** from fire service and civil defense (FSCD) where 240 In Rangpur City Corporation, 240 volunteers in Tangail, 240 in Rangamati and 280 in Sunamganj. Each training was three days long. At the first day of the

training was fully theoretical session. In the second day the volunteers have got practical session on search and rescue. Third day of the training was mainly on first aid and firefighting drill. Lunch and two times snacks in everyday are provided by National Resilience Programme (NRP) for the volunteers and the course instructors.

Table: Number of Volunteer in Developed by Search & Rescue Training in FY 2019-2020

| Name of City Corporation /Municipality | Number of Volunteer | Remarks |
|--|---------------------|---|
| Rangpur City Corporation | 240 | Trained volunteer are engaged with FSCD for response to fire incident and awareness raising to COVID-19 |
| Tangail Municipality | 200 | |
| Rangamati Municipality | 240 | |
| Sunamganj Municipality | 280 | |

Personal Protective Equipment for Volunteers:

NRP is provided Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) to the volunteers where maintain standard quality. NRP provides to the volunteers:

- T-Shirt;
- Safety Vest;
- Safety Goggles;
- Face Musk;
- Helmet;
- Hand Gloves;
- Surgical Gloves;
- Safety Boot;
- Whistle;

Volunteer Activities in the Municipalities:



After getting the training the Trained volunteers have arranged different programs like earthquake drills in different schools, Fire drill in different communities, Victory day celebration, International mother language day celebration, crowd management, manage discipline in different occasions and firefighting activities with FSCD etc.

