

Workshop on

**Sharing Knowledge on Disaster Warning:
Community based Last-Mile Warning Systems**

Transmission of Warning to Local Level Bangladesh Experience

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An Overview of CPP

Background of CPP:

The idea of CPP started in 1965 when the National Society now the Bangladesh Red Crescent Society requested the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC) formerly the League of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies to support the establishment of warning system for the population living in the coastal belt. In 1966 the International Federation and Swedish Red Cross began the implementation of a pilot scheme for Cyclone Preparedness which consisted of warning equipments and was operational in 299 locations.



**1970-REQUEST OF THE UNITED
NATIONS GENERAL ASSEMBLY.**



1972-NEW STRATEGY OF PRESENT CPP



**1973-CPP A JOINT VENTURE PROGRAMME
OF BDRCS AND MoFDM OF THE
GOVERNMENT OF BANGLADESH.**

GOAL

To minimize loss of lives and properties in cyclonic disaster by strengthening the capacity in disaster management of the coastal people of Bangladesh.

OBJECTIVES

1. To develop and strengthen the disaster preparedness and response capacity of coastal communities vulnerable to cyclones.
2. To increase the efficiency of volunteers and officers.
3. To maintain and strengthen the CPP warning system and ensure effective response in the event of a cyclone.

ACTIVITIES

1. Disseminate cyclone warning signals issued by the Bangladesh Meteorological Department to the community people.
2. Assist People in taking shelter.
3. Rescue distressed people affected by a cyclone.
4. Provide First Aid to the people injured by a cyclone.
5. Assist in relief and Rehabilitation operations.
6. Assist in the implementation of the BDRCS Disaster Preparedness Plan.
7. Assist in participatory community capacity build-up activities.
8. Assist in the co-ordination of disaster management and development activities.

Volunteers Organization :

Unit Committee (15 volunteers)

Union Committee (10 units)

Upazila (Sub-district) Committee (10 unions)

Operational Method :

Depression in the Bay of Bengal

Weather Bulletin issued by the BMD

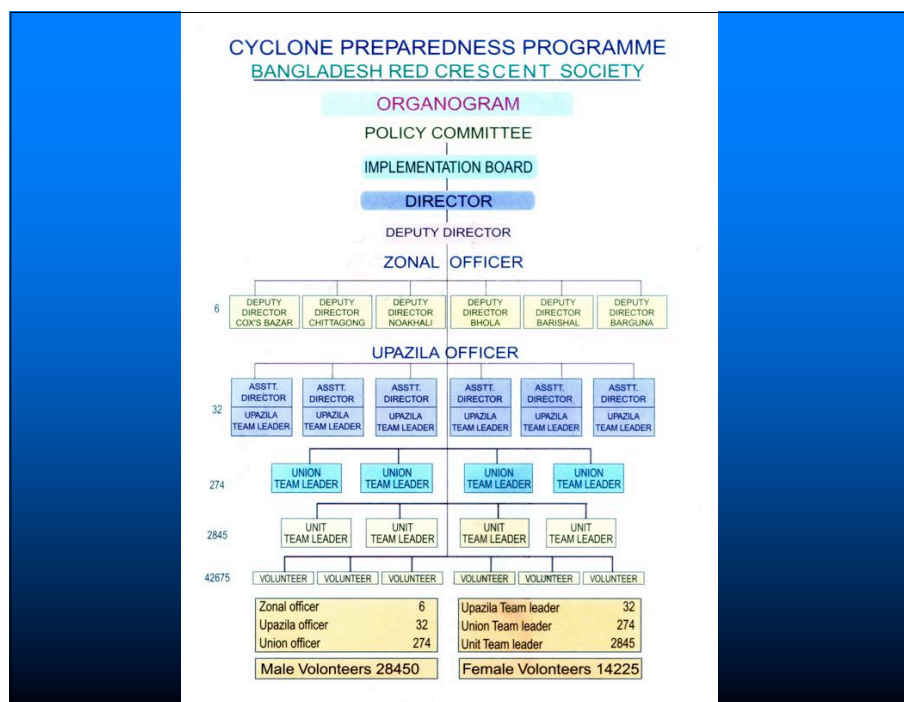
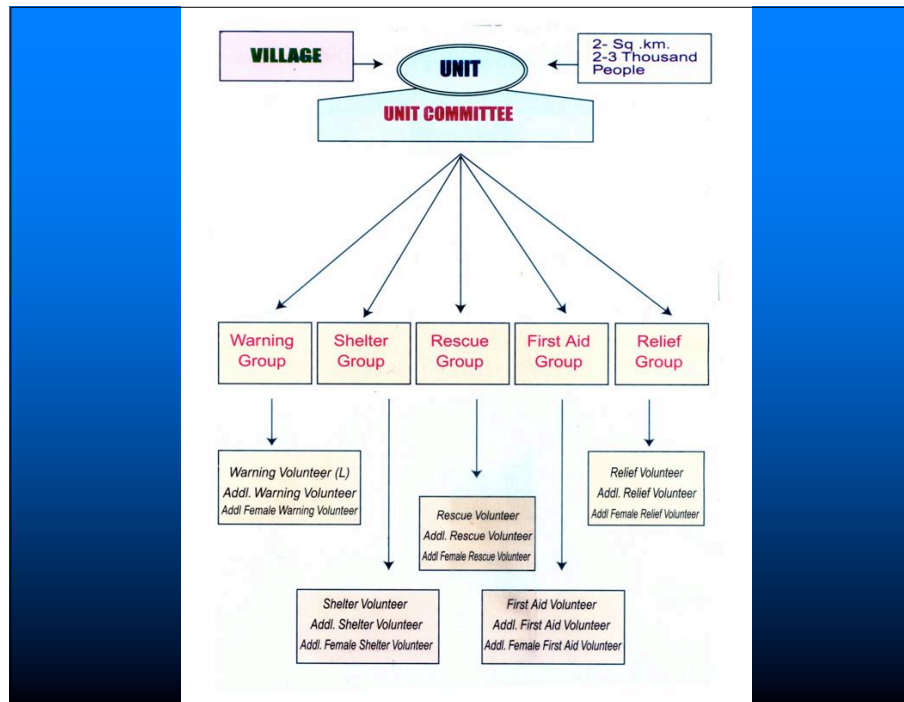
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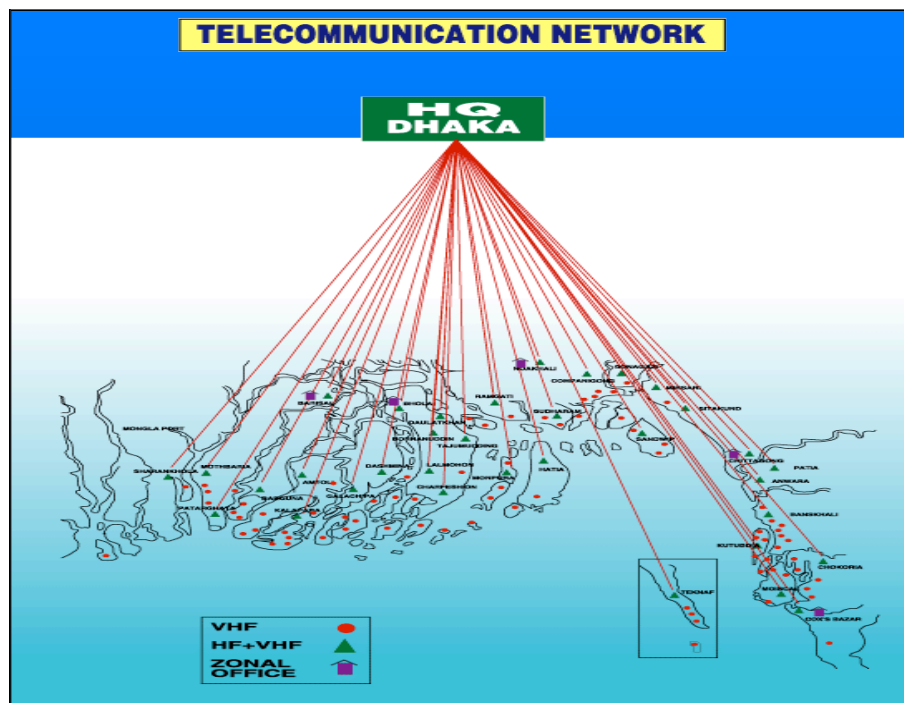
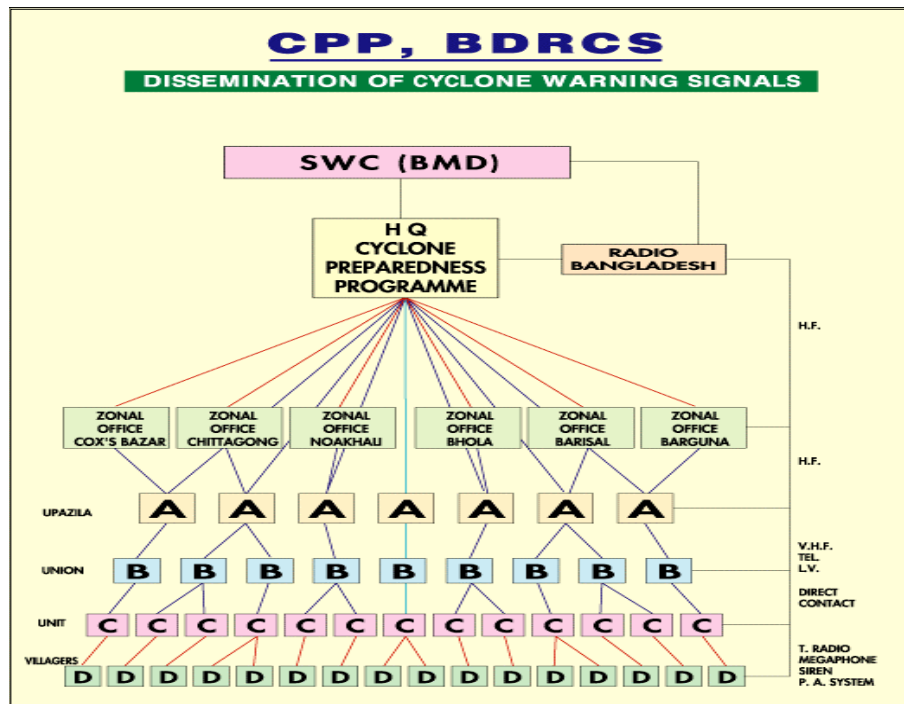
Who are CPP Volunteers

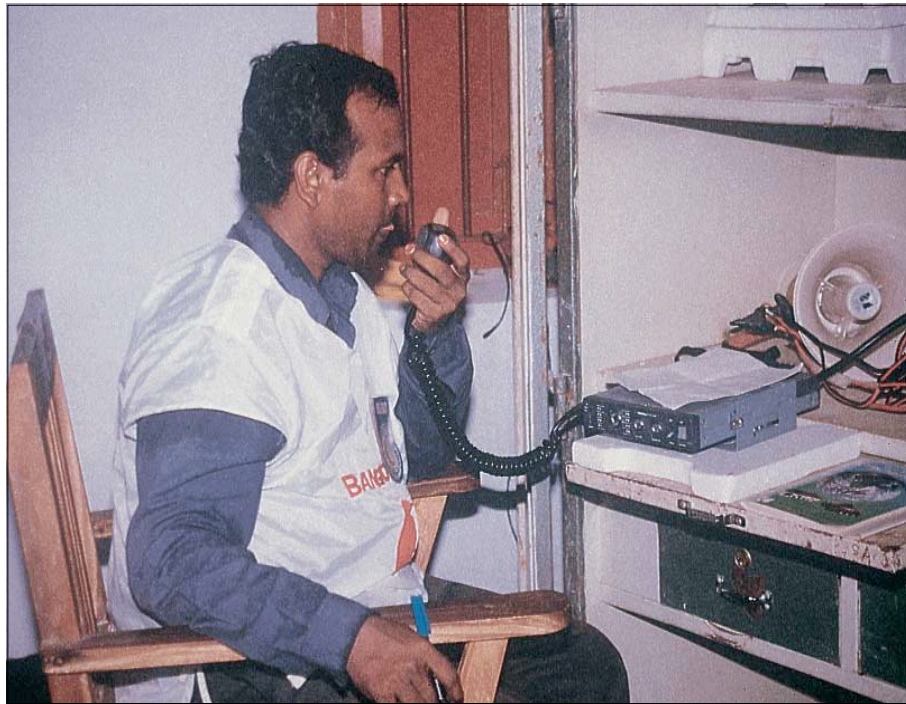
- 1.Cultivators
- 2.Teachers
- 3.Students
- 4.Doctors
- 5.Housewives
- 6.Community Leaders
- 7.Social workers
- 8.Businessmen

Warning equipments lying with the volunteers


1. Transistor Radio
2. Torch Light
3. Megaphone
4. Hand Siren
5. Life Jacket
6. Rain coat
7. Gum boot
8. Hard hat
9. PA System
- 10.First aid kit
- 11.Rescue kit



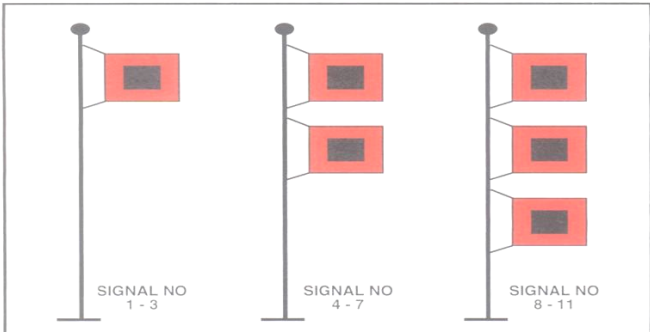




BDRCS - Cyclone Shelter



HOISTING OF SIGNAL FLAGS



SIGNAL NO
1 - 3

SIGNAL NO
4 - 7

SIGNAL NO
8 - 11

Orientation/Training of Volunteers :

1. Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement
2. Cyclone and its Behaviors
3. Warning Signals and their Dissemination
4. First Aid and Rescue
5. Disaster Management

Public Awareness :

1. Volunteers social contact.
2. Cyclone drills and demonstrations.
3. Film/Video.
4. Radio and Television.
5. Posters, Leaflets and Booklets.
6. Staging Dramas

Welfare Activities by the Volunteers

Other than the mandatory responsibilities, the volunteers are very much involved in performing social welfare activities by integrated themselves with local government administration, NGOs, Upazila disaster management committee, educational institutions, religious institution, social club and other agencies in the event of road accident, fire, boat capsize, river erosion, epidemic etc. On those situations the volunteers stand besides the helpless people with sincerity and offers wholehearted cooperation.





Dedication

**22 in 1991 and 1 in 1997 CPP
Volunteers lost their lives
while they were on duty.**

Appreciation

**Cyclone Preparedness Programme and
the Bangladesh Meteorological
Department jointly awarded SMITH
TUMSARACH FUND in 1998 for exemplary
commitment to the safety of all at risk in
coastal areas rests mainly upon its army
of devoted volunteers. Together, the BMD
and CPP form an outstanding co-operative
effort that has already saved many
thousand of lives.**

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