

Flood 2014: Child Protection Risk and Future concern

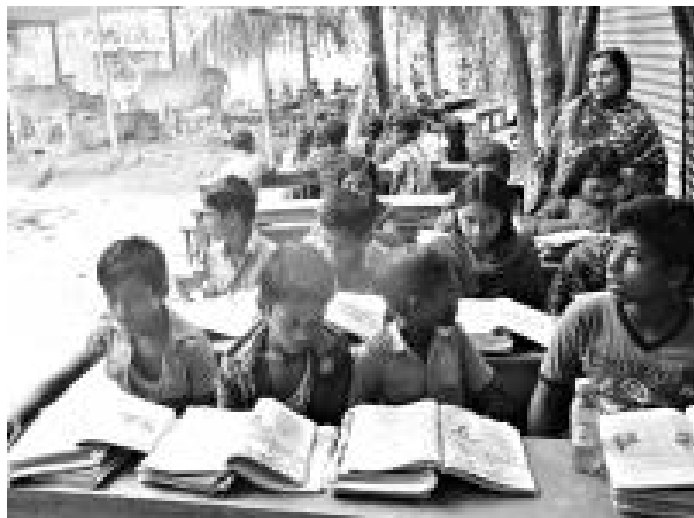
The recent flood and river erosion are not only causing untold sufferings for over two million people of 19 districts but also hampering children's "life as usual". Usual educational activities in the affected areas are collapsed or in the verge of collapsed. Most of the children are out of their childhood activities. In most of the affected places children are not been able to go to school more than six weeks (July 22 to till now). Families of these students are yet to come to terms with the loss caused by the flood and river erosion. Moreover, families displaced by the flood are moving to safer areas. Some reports indicate that ... "Child protection and education has become a secondary concern as the flood victims are grappling with problems of food and shelter. ..." Contrary to that our field visits confirm the desperate move of both parents and teachers to restart the schools at any cost. They are trying to dry up their wet and damaged school books and writing materials in the sun. Where possible makeshift schools have been started with whatever they have. Apparently affected community and the children are very much clear about their priority while the approach of relief and rebuilding still following the traditional way of focus on "Chal - Dal (rice-lintils)" distribution.



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examinations are hardly two and a half months away. We are expressing our deep concern for these students where other students who will appear in annual examination may be ignored. We cannot overlook such apprehension that the students of those schools might have the easy victim of school dropout, migration for child labour, child marriage, trafficking and all possible exploitation.

Beside this, there are different categories of Madrasah students where most marginalized are going - many of them are the children of "absentee" mothers (mothers working in the cities). In this situation those students are not taken into account. As a result, they might be at risk of abuse or early marriage.

Now it's time to need attention about the possible vulnerabilities of future victims (Children those who cannot attend school). Taking action now will greatly reduce the immediate threats.

Need to do:

To overcome the situation following steps are recommended;

- Relief should be focused on the children's immediate need and strategic need so that they can start their life as usual
- Arrangement of makeshift schools or Child friendly spaces to keep the child-hood activities going.
- Ensure the access to school by cleaning and repairing the schools
- Take necessary steps to supply additional books from warehouse where stocks are available;
- Need referral or additional classes for the students of their upcoming exams.
- Rescheduling/ minimize the Eid –Puja Holidays.
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Table below shown that students could not attend schools due to flood and river erosion and schedule of PSC, JSC and annual examination:

Description	August (Weekly basis)		September (Weekly basis)				October (Weekly basis)				November (Weekly basis)				December (Weekly basis)			
	3 rd	4 th	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	
School closed due to flood and river erosion																		
Difficult to start classes for relocating and Eid/Puja Holidays																		
PSC Exam																		
JSC Exam																		
Annual Exam																		

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List of flood affected and eroded school by river bank erosion and flood in Rangpur, Kurigram, Gaibandha, Sirajgonj and Tangail								
SI #	District	upazila	union village		School /Madrasha	Student	Present status of school	Remarks
1	Kurigram	Rowmari	Bondaber	Khadaimari	Khadaimari Junior High School	216	Infrastructure damaged and class suspended due to flood and river erosion. But community people are trying to make a shed for running the classes temporarily through the own contribution of community.	Junior High School
2					Khadaimari Registered Primary School	272		Reg. Primary School
3				Foluar Char	Foluar Char Government Primary School	260		Govt. Primary School
4		Chilmari	Noyerhat	Char Khadaimari	Char Khadaimari Government Primary School	300		Govt. Primary School
5					Kharuar Char	Kharuar Char Government Primary School		235
6			Austomir Char	Goaler Char	Char Modafat kalikapur Government Primary School	200		Govt. Primary School
7		Kurigram sadar	Jatrapur	Char Vogobotipur	Junkerchar Government primary school	320		School has been shifted to Bogobotipur west para and school management committee is operating -shift based classes in temporarily.
8	Gaibandha	Sundorgonj	Kapasia	Porarchar	Bochagari Government Primary School	342	The SMC and teachers already have informed to the upazila education office and waiting for decision	Govt. Primary School
9		Fulchori	Fulchori	Pipulia	Pipulia Nawab Ali Government Primary School	245	The SMC and teachers already have informed to the upazila education office and waiting for decision. The school teachers & local community people jointly have shifted the necessary documents, furniture & goods of the school to the UP Chairman's house	Govt. Primary School
10			Fazlupur	Khatiamari	Dhakhin khatiamari Abtadi Madrasha	76	The madrasha teachers & local community people jointly have shifted the necessary documents, furniture & goods of the madrasha to the Principal's house. The teachers and madrasha committee are looking after a suitable place for shifting	Madrasha
11	Tangail	Bhuapur	Gabsara	Char bihari	Char Behari Government Primary School	155	Classes continue in new shifted place, Char bihari (Moktob) in Same village. Insufficient space and limited WASH facility.	Govt. Primary School

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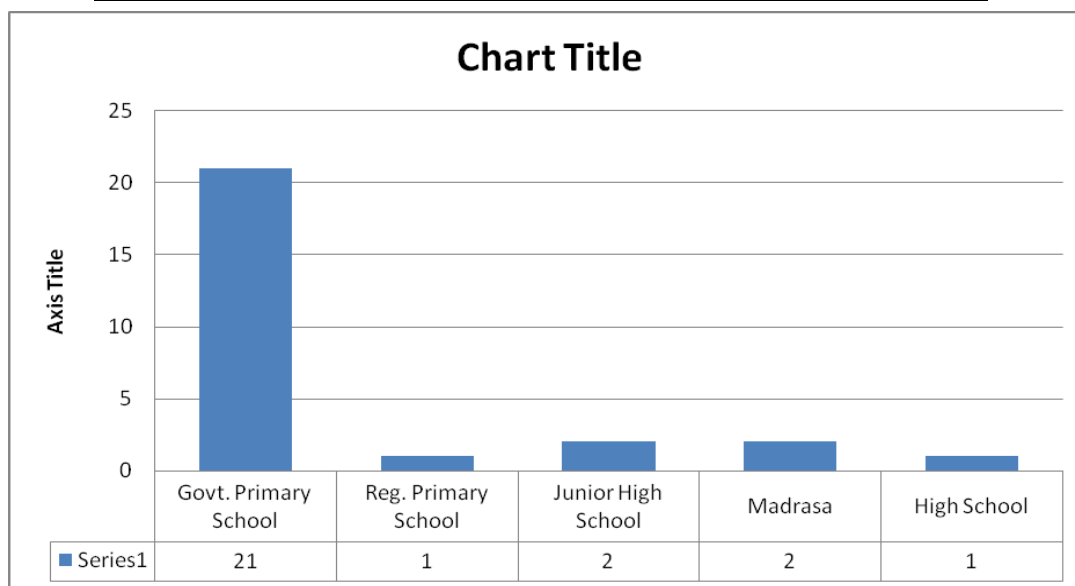
12	Rangpur	Kaonia	Tapamodhupur	Tapur Char	Char Goanai Sotantro Ebtaday Madrasha	265	The school is shifted to a new location, Tapur Char, Bairagipara (Another part of Tapurchar Village). Students are doing class under open sky.	Madrasa
13			Balapara	Char Dhushmara	Char Dhushmara Government Primary School	229	The school is now closed and The School committee cannot say exact starting date.	Govt. Primary School
14	Sirajgonj	Sirajgonj Sadar	Mesra	Hatpara	Hatpara Govt. Primary School		The School has not been shifted to the safe place.	Govt. Primary School
15			Sonagacha	Balighugri	Balighugri Govt. Primary School		The School has been shifted to the safe place.	Govt. Primary School
16			Kaliahoripur	Shapri	Shapri Govt. Primary School			Govt. Primary School
17				Belutia	Belutia Govt. Primary School			Govt. Primary School
18			Chowhali	Sthal	Khaspoil	Khaspoil Satua Govt. Primary School		
19		Khaspukuria		Khaspukuria	Khaspukuria Govt. Primary School		Shifting process is being ongoing	Govt. Primary School
20				Birmakusa	Birmakusa Govt. Primary School			Govt. Primary School
21				Mituani	Mituani Govt. Primary School		The School has been shifted to the safe place, Dewangonj Bazar (Anwar Coaching Center)	Govt. Primary School
22		Bagutia		Challabaria Uttar	Challabaria Uttar Govt. Primary School		Shifting process is being ongoing	Govt. Primary School
23				Hijulia	Hijulia Govt. Primary School			Govt. Primary School
24				Poila	Poila 83 Govt. Primary School			Govt. Primary School
25				Poila	Poila high school		The School has been shifted to the safe place.	High School
26		Omapur	Soiljana	Soiljana Govt. Primary School	440	The School has been shifted to the safe place, other part of Soiljana	Govt. Primary School	
27			Pakhrail	Pakhrail Junior High School		Shifting process is being ongoing	Junior High School	
Total Number of affected Students						3115		

Note: Out of these 27 affected schools, the No. of Government Primary School is 21, Registered Primary School is 1, Junior High School is 2 and Madrasa is 2, High School 1.

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Summary of devoured schools

Govt. Primary School	Reg. Primary School	Junior High School	Madrasa	High School	Total
21	1	2	2	1	27



This is not an inclusive report. It is based on the data collected from our direct field visit and reports from member organizations. The total numbers of affected students of those areas are 3115 (approx.) of 27 schools in five northern districts. Report said that students of class iv and v grade started classes in a limited scale but resuming the classes of the lower grades are not in the plan. So, there is a chance to increase dropout rate among the students of class i- iii.