

# Emergency Cyclone Relief Project

The cyclone has left thousands homeless, devastating the community



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When disasters happen, if we don't act fast, we might as well not act at all.

When an emergency occurs, everyone must quickly cooperate together to decide on the scale of the response and the role of each one.

Even this initial investigation may incur significant costs, particularly where much infrastructure has been destroyed or damaged.

Friends of India's Emergency Fund has been established specifically for such times.

If Friends of India's has funds in the account, resources can be mobilised for immediate action

*Please join us in praying for wisdom as plans are developed. Pray that both the process and the end result would be sensitive and relevant to the needs of the community.*

At around 2 O'clock afternoon on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> April 2012 a cyclone struck the North Dinajpur district in India. 4 people were killed, and thousands were injured. Livestock was killed, trees uprooted, food crops and cash crops (Tea plants, Pineapples, Jute etc.) are destroyed, because of which thousands of families lost their daily work. The cyclone was so severe that some cement buildings were also damaged along with the mud houses. In the same day just after the cyclone, there were heavy hailstorms which made life more miserable.

The government response has been to distribute few very simple plastic sheets but the need is great.

Getting assistance to those that need it has been made even more difficult because of the effects the cyclone has had on infrastructure. There have been interruptions to electricity, communications, and transport, while the uprooting of so many trees has made roads impassable at times.

Friends of India trying to raise fund to help 150 most affected families to help with provision of food, counselling, shelters, hygiene kits, and to restore infrastructure.

*"For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me."*

*Then the righteous will answer him, "Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink? When did we see you a stranger and invite you in, or needing clothes and clothe you? When did we see you sick or in prison and go to visit you?"*

*The King will reply, "I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me." (Matthew 25: 35-40)*

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