

Duare Tran (দুয়ারে ত্রাণ) :

Objective:

With the objective of ensuring quick disbursement of certain specific relief to those impacted by the very severe cyclonic storm YAAS, which hit the state on 26th May 2021, the state of West Bengal had decided to launch “Duare Tran” in the affected areas of the districts of South 24 Parganas, North 24 Parganas, Purba Medinipur, Paschim Medinipur and Howrah. Tornado affected areas in the districts of North 24 Parganas, Birbhum and Hoogly was also covered.

Under Duare Tran, outreach programmes / camps in the affected areas at the levels of Gram Panchayat and Municipal Ward organized to enable eligible citizens to submit applications in plain paper to get benefit/relief/compensation under specified schemes of the Disaster Management and Civil Defence, Departments of Agriculture, Animal Resources Development, Horticulture, Fisheries and Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises and Textiles.

Implementation of the Practice

Camps was started at 10 am and continued till 4 pm. The beneficiary household submitted applications along with supporting details of Identification Cards & Bank Accounts at Registration Counters/Desks for receiving all benefits that she/he is eligible for. All camp arrangements are being made keeping in mind COVID-19 Protocols.

Schedule of West Bengal Duare Tran Scheme

Event	Date
Start of Camps	3 June 2021
Application Receipt	3 to 18 June 2021
Completion of Enquiries	19 to 31 June 2021
Disbursement of Benefit Amount	1 to 7 July 2021

Task Force constituted under West Bengal Duare Tran Scheme

- A. State Level task Force.
- B. District Level Task Force.
- C. Sub-Division Level Task Force. (For the urban areas, the SDOs will form this Task Force. In Kolkata, Kolkata Municipal Corporation will form a similar Task Force mutatis mutandis).
- D. Block Level Task Force.

Eligibility Criteria of West Bengal Duare Tran Scheme

- The applicant must be permanent resident of West Bengal.
- Applicant must be affected by Yaas cyclone.
- The applicant must have gone through some financial loss.

Required Documents To Apply Under West Bengal Duare Tran Scheme

- Aadhaar card
- Ration card
- Residential certificate
- Income certificate
- Age proof
- Bank account details
- Details of the loss suffered
- Passport size photograph
- Mobile number

Results of the Practice in the shape of benefit/ Financial Assistance Provided Under West Bengal Duare Tran Scheme

Department	Benefit	Financial Assistance
Agriculture	For crop loss	Minimum Rs. 1,000 and Maximum Rs. 2,500
Disaster Management & Civil Defence	Fully and partially damaged dwelling houses	Rs. 20,000 for Fully Damaged House and Rs. 5,000 for Partially Damaged house
Animal Resources Development	Replacement of animals	Milch Animals- Rs.30,000 for buffaloes/cows etc and Rs. 3,000 for Sheep/Goat/Pig etc. Draught Animals- Rs. 25,000 for Bullock and Rs. 16,000 for calf.
Horticulture	For damage betel vine structures	Rs. 5,000 per affected farmers
Fisheries	For repair or replacement of Hundis, boats and nets	Rs. 300 for Hundi per fisherman, Rs. 2,600 for net Rs.10,000 for fully damaged boat Rs.5,000 for partially damaged boat.

		Rs 8,200 per Ha subject to maximum of 2 Ha per beneficiary. Smaller land owners will get compensation on a pro rata basis, subject to a minimum amount of Rs 4,000.
MSME	For replacement of damaged tools, equipment, raw material, goods in process, Finished goods, showrooms, godowns etc	Rs.4,100 per artisan for equipment and Raw Material . Rs.10,000 per unit for Damage of Work Shed/ Godown/ Showrooms.

Aapda Mitra:

Objective:

The proposed scheme is to provide the community volunteers with the basic skills they will require for responding to their community's immediate needs in the aftermath of a disaster. These trained volunteers can assist in saving lives using the basic techniques of disaster response, coordination and management. This project has been undertaken to train the community volunteers to equip them with the basic knowledge & skills to assess Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR) needs too.

Training was imparted to 7,298 numbers of volunteers of West Bengal in all 23 Districts from NDMA fund which has been started on and from 25.08.2022. For 6 Districts EERR (Emergency Essential Resource Reserve) kits was provided by the State Government and for the rest districts it has been provided by NDMA. Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was signed between NDMA & West Bengal on 08-09-2021.

Eligibility Criteria of West Bengal Aapda Mitra Scheme

1. Age group – between 18 and 40 years/ age for ex- army officer, retired medical professionals, civil engineers may be relaxed.
2. Must be a resident of the concerned district
3. Education: at least 7th Standard Pass
4. Be in good physical, mental and emotional health (Medical Fitness Certificate – mandatory)
5. Ensure the participation of atleast 20% volunteers from NYKS, NCC, NSS and Bharat Scouts & Guides. For rest of the volunteers, preference would be given ex-servicemen, personnel from Fire Services, Civil Defence and Home Guards.
6. State Govt. may encourage greater involvement and leadership of women volunteer in Disaster Risk Management.
7. Prior experience of volunteering in disaster response operations would be preferable.

Expected Outcomes

- Improved response capability at the community level;
- Number of trained volunteers equipped with Emergency Responder Kits;
- Availability of Emergency Essential Resource Reserves at District level;
- Improved training capacity at State level.

Implementation of the Project:

Training Status:

- Inauguration of Training Held on : 25 th August , 2022
- Targeted Volunteer for West Bengal : 7300 Nos
- Till Date Training Completed : 7298 No

Insurance Status:

- MoU signed between SDMA and New India Assurance Co Ltd on 21.10.2022.
- Master Policy issued by New India Assurance Co Ltd, vide Policy No: 51170042220100000048 dated 21-10-2022.
- Personal Accident Policy initiated for all volunteers for 2023-24.

Fund and Utilization Status :

- **Project Cost** : Rs 24,93,50,000/- (from NDMA) + Rs 1,20,00,000/- (from State Fund)
- **Fund received from NDMA** – Total Rs 24,93,50,000/-
- **Fund Received from State** : Rs 1,20,00,000/-
- **Fund Sub allotted to 23 Districts** : Total Rs 13,14,00,000/- (for training @ Rs 18000/- X 7300 nos Volunteers)
- **Fund allotted to New India Assurance for Policy** : Rs 428534(F.Y 2022-23), Rs 2153500(F.Y 2023-24)
- **Fund allotted to Saraswaty Press Ltd for Handbook Printing**: Rs 2027645/-
- **Fund allotted to DM, Darjeeling for Handbook Printing(Nepali)**: Rs 232052/-
- **Fund Utilized So far** : Rs 13,62,41,731/-

MIS portal updation:

- **Volunteers' details updated**: 7298 nos out of 7300 nos. MIS update percentage : 100 %.

Items for Emergency Responder Kit including coverage of death/permanent disablement/hospitalization for all trained volunteers by the Agency decided by NDMA

Sl. No.	Items	Quantity
1	Personal Floatation Device (Life Jacket made of polyurethane foam)	1
2	Torch or emergency light (Solar enabled)	1
3	Safety gloves (Canvas/leather)	1 pair
4	Pocket Knife	1
5	First Aid Kit	1 set
6	Gas Lighter	1
7	Whistle	1
8	Water Bottle	1
9	RUCKSACK and Mosquito Net	1 each
10.	Uniform Dress with NDMA and SDMA/ DDMA logo	2 Sets
11.	Water Resistant Clothing/Rain Coat	1 set
12.	GUM Boots	1 pair
13.	Safety Goggles	1
14.	Safety Helmet (Water rafting)	1
15.	Coverage of death / permanent disablement / hospitalization for all trained volunteers by the Agency decided by NDMA	One time Premium

Mock Exercise on Cyclone Preparedness:

Objective and Proceedings of the Exercise:

Based on the instructions and guidelines issued by NDMA in order to conducting Mock Exercise on Cyclone scenario, 8(eight) nos of Cyclone prone Districts e.g North 24 Parganas, South 24 Parganas, Purba Medinipur, Paschim Medinipur, Howrah , Hooghly, Nadia & Jhargram were selected for the Mock Exercise. All the concerned Districts, concerned Departments and Central agencies were requested to nominate a Nodal Officer for the aforesaid programme. In addition to this, all the concern Districts were advised to select 5(five) nos of simulation sites for ground level exercise. Accordingly a Whatsapp group was created with the Nodal Officers for easy co- ordinations.

As per the fixed schedule an Orientation & Co Ordination Conference in virtual mode was held on 15.03.2023 conducted by Major Gen Sudhir Bahl (Retd), NDMA in active participation of all the Nodal Officers of Districts, concerned Departments and Central agencies.

Afterwards, a Table Top Exercise (TTEEx) was held at the PWD Conference Room, Nabanna on 21.03.2023, chaired by Hon'ble Additional Chief Secretary, Home & Hill Affairs Department and co – ordinated by Major Gen Sudhir Bahl (Retd.), NDMA. Nodal Officers of all concern Departments and Central Agencies were present at the TTEEx physically whereas all Districts were connected via virtual mode. District level observers were nominated by the NDRF as per the instruction of the ME co coordinator. A separate Whatsapp Group was also created for the Observers.

After all square arrangements, the scheduled Mock Exercise (ME) on Cyclone was put in a final stage on 23.03.2023 at all the simulation sites with a view to performing the exercise in superlative manner. After successful completion of the ME, Observers' reports were collected and analyzed accordingly with its merits and demerits.

To make a real situation special endeavor was taken at a simulation site in South 24 Pargana District where a Mud House was built up to show the SAR activity by the Civil Defence Volunteers and QRTs. As three (3) persons were trapped in the collapsed house due to the hit of cyclone and could not get out in time, the QRTs rushed to the site and rescued them lively.

A simulation event was conducted at Serampore Walsh Hospital in Hooghly District for preparedness activities of Hospital and also a Mock Exercise was conducted to tackle the chemical Disaster at Nadia successfully.

This mock exercise helps sharing of knowledge and identification of gaps during disaster in between different line departments, central agencies and stake holders.

Positive Observation	On receipt of bulletin issued from IMD regarding impending Cyclone, message was disseminated to the district administrations and other stakeholders to stay alert.
	Co-ordination meeting was done with stakeholders to combat challenges of relief and rescue operation.
	Miking was started for awareness.
	Vulnerable people were evacuated and shifted to safe places.
	Domestic animals were evacuated and shifted to Safe places.
	Departments like Health and Family Welfare, Fire and Emergency services, Civil Defence, Food and Supply, Power, Animal Resources Development, Transport, Police, Public Health Engineering, PWD (Roads), Fisheries were kept ready to tackle any untoward situation.
	Apada Mitra, Civil Defence Volunteers, Quick Response Team, Medical Team were placed on duty.
	Public Representatives, NGOs and Local club were also in ready state.
	State Emergency Control Room (SEOC) and District Emergency Control Room (DEOC) were opened (24x7) after receiving the bulletin from IMD.
	Crowd management was given priority.
	NDRF was deployed in the districts with all useful arrangements.
	Public Health Centres were in ready state to tackle the situation.
	Sufficient ambulances with stretchers were kept ready at Health services units.
	Professional tree cutters, gas cutters were kept ready to move fast with useful equipments. JCB, Tractor and etc. were also kept.
	Satellite Phones were kept ready for means of communication, anticipating collapsing of other means of communications.
Relief Camps with sufficient food were kept ready.	
Injured persons were quickly admitted into the hospitals for providing immediate treatment.	

Rectification proposed	Regular Mock Exercises for Cyclone, Tsunami and Earthquake are required throughout the year to make the common people resilient to disaster and disaster like situations.
	Using HAM Radio and its useful training to the interested people.
	Mock exercise for Chemical Disaster is required in concerned areas.
	More professionals from relevant fields may contribute to tackle disasters.
	Required sufficient transportation to bring back the evacuated and shifted people to their homesteads.
	IRS is required to be activated successfully to respond any incident as early as possible.
	Road Clearing team, Debris removal teams to be kept ready for immediate action and make roads free for transportation as soon as possible.
	Deployment of Drones for assessing right situation of affected area.
	Public may be engaged for voluntary service during Mock Exercise.
	Storage of fuel for generator providing alternative power and ration for officials for atleast 5 to 6 days.
	Matching of radio frequency of Armed Forces with Police wireless system.
	Temporary hospital, working area etc should be in covered area considering heavy rain during cyclone.

Suggestions	Deployment of more volunteer.
	Pre Cyclone awareness camp for the victims.
	Using of HAM Radio may be used in fur flung areas for communication.
	More participation of vulnerable people was required to make the Mock exercise more effective and highlighted.
	Mobile Network problem.
	Co-ordination with other line departments.
	More provisioning of Rehabilitation units for the stakeholders.