Report on Hailstorm Relief Programme

Introduction

Tata Institute of Social Sciences (TISS) was established in 1936 for national stature to meet the emerging need for trained human service professionals. In the year 1964 it was accorded the status of a Deemed University. Since its inception, the TISS has consistently worked for the promotion of sustainable, equitable and participatory development, social welfare and social justice. It has earned recognition as an institution of repute from different Ministries of the Government of India (GoI); State Governments; international agencies, such as the United Nations; and the non-government sector, both national and international. It is a history of TISS that any disaster happened in India whether it is natural or manmade TISS always intervene by providing immediate support during disaster and helping community by various ways.

There was a heavy hailstorm occurred in the month of Feb and March 2014 in the regions of Maharashtra and lots of damage happened in agricultural farm, domestic animals and human beings as well as basic infrastructure of poor and marginalized families. TISS Tuljapur campus did the rapid assessment survey of the natural disaster under guidance of Dr. Sampat Kale, Faculty at TISS, shared these activities with higher authority of TISS including Prof. Abdul Shaban, Deputy Director and Prof. Mahesh Kamble, Faculty TISS Mumbai. The Mumbai campus appeal citizen of Mumbai for supporting imitative of TISS for providing relief to hailstorm affected family and they response positively. On the basis of the rapid assessment report and financial support from citizen we decided to provide housing material to the affected families of Bhim Nagar of Osmanabad city.

Hailstorm in Osmanabad and Ahamednagar

On 26th Feb 2014 heavy rain and hailstorm affected badly to the farmer of the Osmanabad District of Marathwada region. As per primary report of the agriculture department of Osmanabad more than 32 thousand hectors and affected rabbi farm and horticulture. On 22nd Feb 2014 the rain fall was 52.90 mm and more than 174 house damage in Osmanabad. As per the data of the disaster management cell of Osmanabad there is 122 houses damage and 29 domestic animals died due to hailstorm. The impact of the hailstorm has affected 355 villages of the Osmanabad and the affected villages as per block are as fallow.

In Tuljapur block most affected village are Naldurga, Khudawadi, Hangarga nal, Andur, jalkot, Nadgaon, Shahpur, Vadgoan, Chikundra, Tamalwadi, Murta
and Horti. In Tamalwadi village more than 150 acre grapes farm damaged. This hailstorm also affected houses, in Osmanabad city more than 40 house damage. In Pipla Khurd most of farmer cultivated “Chuka” (green vegetable) vegetable which is using for making seed. As per the people of the village due to rain and hailstorm more than Rs. 10 lakh loss of Chuka crop. The farmers also were worried about how to feed animal when there is no fodder on their farms.

**Rational for providing relief material**

The objective of this program is to provide relief to poor people of the Osmanabad semi urban slums. The entire beneficiary are working as a daily labour and working in unorganized sector. The district administration neglected Bhim Nagar while provide relief to the hailstorm affected families, the district administration did not conduct damage assessment after hailstorm. The monetary help provided by the Government of Maharashtra through package is only to the farmer whose farm affected during hailstorm. On this basis TISS, Tuljapur decided for providing housing repairing material to people of Bhim Nagar of Osmanabad.

**Process of providing relief material**

During the interview of Mr. Mahesh Kamble, TISS Mumbai on hailstorm and relief work on IBN Lokmat, the channel appeal citizen for donation for providing relief to the hailstorm affected families. On this appeal the citizen donated 2,00,502 for relief work. While receiving this amount TISS, Tuljapur with the consult with Center for disaster management, TISS Mumbai decided to provide housing material to the affected families. During assessment on damage of hailstorm we identified Bhimnagar and Savitriy Phule Nager a Dalit slum community of Osmanabad city where more than 74 houses damage due to hailstorm. In this community most of people working as a labour at construction site and their daily income is around 200 per family. All the houses are Kachha and they build by using tin so TISS Tuljapur decided to provide relief material to this slum. While providing relief material we followed following step:

1. Visited 10 village of Tuljapur for rapid assessment of the loss of agriculture and house damage.

2. Visited district disaster cell of Osmanabad and collected data on the hailstorm affected area of Osmanabad.
3. Visited farmer families where one of their family members did suicide due to loss of farm during hailstorm.

4. Collected information from local newspapers on the hailstorm and affected areas.

5. Discussion with 10 village level workers of Drought project to understand damage due to hailstorm.

6. Survey of Bhim and Savitri Phule Nagar for identified houses damage due to hailstorm.

7. Developing criteria for provide relief material to affected families.

8. Received application from families along with residential proof and caste certificate.

9. Visual documentation through photograph of damage house

10. Preparing list of beneficiary as per criteria for provide relief material.

11. Distributing relief material to 17 families in the form of tin on 2\textsuperscript{nd} May 2014.