

Neighbors help each other

Anna Jonasson/ACT, Intl.


BANGLADESH

Being a delta country, Bangladesh has a lot of water. But with this comes many hazards.

Rains upriver bring floods. Cyclones rush in from the ocean, bringing more floods. And even with all this, clean drinking water is not readily available.

Cyclone Sidr in November 2007 was especially bad, affecting parts of the country normally safe from storms. Chandani Bagun from Madaripur was shocked when it struck. "There is only one word to describe Sidr ... massive," she says.

An estimated 70 percent of the population in the rural areas around Madaripur lost their homes in the cyclone. Rice,

vegetables, and the seeds for the next season were destroyed, complicating future food security and compounding relief needs.

Chandani found safety at a friend's house during the storm. Fortunately, she lives in a community where neighbors help one another. She says that her neighbors have supported her after the cyclone, sharing money, food, and clothing with her.

Your gifts to ELCA International Disaster Response, directed through ELCA companion Lutheran Health Care Bangladesh (LHCB), provided emergency relief following Cyclone Sidr. Bags of rice, beans, salt and cooking oil were distributed to families in Madaripur.

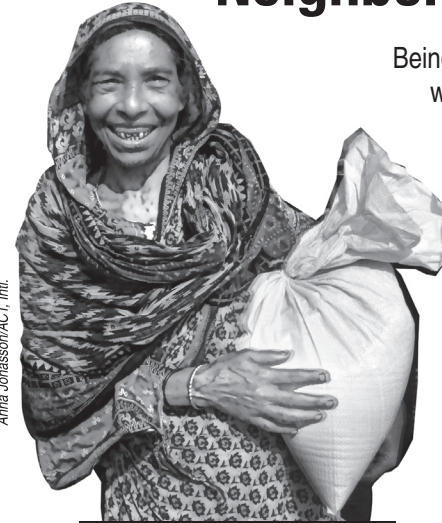
Chandani was one of those receiving the food assistance. For her, "neighbors helping one another" includes members of the ELCA, who, through ELCA International Disaster Response, helped her survive Cyclone Sidr.



Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
God's work. Our hands.

Neighbors help each other

Anna Jonasson/ACT, Intl.


BANGLADESH

Being a delta country, Bangladesh has a lot of water. But with this comes many hazards.

Rains upriver bring floods. Cyclones rush in from the ocean, bringing more floods. And even with all this, clean drinking water is not readily available.

Cyclone Sidr in November 2007 was especially bad, affecting parts of the country normally safe from storms. Chandani Bagun from Madaripur was shocked when it struck. "There is only one word to describe Sidr ... massive," she says.

An estimated 70 percent of the population in the rural areas around Madaripur lost their homes in the cyclone. Rice,

vegetables, and the seeds for the next season were destroyed, complicating future food security and compounding relief needs.

Chandani found safety at a friend's house during the storm. Fortunately, she lives in a community where neighbors help one another. She says that her neighbors have supported her after the cyclone, sharing money, food, and clothing with her.

Your gifts to ELCA International Disaster Response, directed through ELCA companion Lutheran Health Care Bangladesh (LHCB), provided emergency relief following Cyclone Sidr. Bags of rice, beans, salt and cooking oil were distributed to families in Madaripur.

Chandani was one of those receiving the food assistance. For her, "neighbors helping one another" includes members of the ELCA, who, through ELCA International Disaster Response, helped her survive Cyclone Sidr.



Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
God's work. Our hands.