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Metting at St. Martha's on 11.5.1991. People present:

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G. Rajamma OXFAM - Bangalore

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Kabir, Valli, Anthony Dass, Chandru, Tripti and Krpa from SCI.

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- 4. Sr. Elise, nurse tutor;
- 5. Mrs. Mohini Ajagarni, nurse tutor; (in the 1st team)
- 6. Dr. Begum Rawoof, Community Health Dept.;

Contact at St. Martha's for communication is:

Sr. Mercy

Principal, School of Nursing

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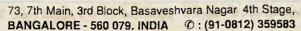
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FOR VOLUNTEERS GOING TO BANGLADESH

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1. SCI-Bangladesh 5/5 Iqbal Road. Block-A Mohammadpur, Dhaka-1207 Tel: 313623

Our friends there work very late hours. So do not be guided by what you might think is normal 'office hours'. Any time of the day or night, try your luck. just call.

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- (a) Take a baby taxi (three-wheeler) and ask for Igbal Road, Mohammadpur, near the Iqual road play ground. The taxi should charge you between Bangladeshi Taka (Tk.) 50 to 60. (in any case, not more than 60, says our colleague, Emdad, alias, Bulubhai, but please fix it before you get into it) :
 - (b) Taxi Cab is always very expensive;
- (c) There are mini buses running every 10/20 minutes the Airport to 'Farm Gate' or Gulistan. You may take the bus to the Farm Gate and take cycle rickshaw to the office. The rickshaw fare would be Tk. 5.

If you arrive at Dhaka airport very late in the night and/or face any problem on arrival, you can use thefree telephone(!) at the airport to contact the office or any of the following friends:

Ataur and Sultana Rahman, 4/5 Iqbal Rd. GUP Ph:315429/324925 (Gono Unnayan Prochestha or GUP is an NGO working closely with SCI; home Ph: 327509 : (The family lives upstairs of the GUP office.)

Barik Hussein : Barik is the person in-charge operations in SCI: Home: 4/1 Tajmahal Rd., Ph: 310315

Siraj Chowdhury: 4/8 Humayun Rd. Mohammadpur. Ph: 310225 Mozammel Hoque: 381286

except the last are in Mohammadpur. In fact, they within walking distance from one another. It is difficult to get lost without bumping into one of those addresses.

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Fr. Percival Fernandes, Director, St. John's Medical College and Hospital, Sarjapur Road, Bangalore - 560 034.

Dear Fr Percy

Greetings from Community Health Cell !

We had an interesting and informal meeting in Dr. Alfred's office on 14th when a whole group of us representing different institutions/organisations got together to consider a Bangalore response to the Bangladesh disaster. This was a second of a series of meetings - the first one at St. Martha's on 11th. The minutes are enclosed for your information since I am sure Dr. Alfred who was leaving for Goa at 5.00 p.m. the same evening may not have had time to pass on the details to you.

The response from the doctors of St. John's has been overwhelming - already 15 have sent informally their interest to participate.

Makes us proud of our alma-mater - that the traditions of Bangladesh Refugee Camp (1971) and Andhra Cyclone (1978) are kept up.

The first team is a mixed group from different institutions and Ashirvad was the most central place for the orientation. Dr. Shirdi from CMC will lead the first team which has three volunteers from St. John's (Sanjeev and Gregory from SJMCH and Anne Rego from Emmaus Swiss Hospital, Palamner). Shirdi has been requested by Dr. Mascarenhas to keep the college informed about the situation so that a more sustained response can be mounted after details from the 'pioneer team' come in. Dr. Alfred has also asked Kenneth D'Cruz to liaise with all of us on behalf of St. John's as well as keep in touch with the volunteers of SJMC&H.

More news as further plans evolve.

with best wishes and regards from both of us and the CHC team,

Yours sincerely,

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Ravi Narayan.

P.S. : Thanks for the newsletter.

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Fr. Claude D'Souza, Rector, Ashirvad, 30, St.Mark's Road, Bangalore - 560 001.

Dear F. Claude

Greetings from Community Health Cell!

Just a note to let you know about developments on the Bangladesh front. We had two meetings - the first on the 11th at St.Marthas and the second on 14th at St.John's. The minutes of the second meeting are enclosed for your information. Not surprisingly there has been a good response from the Johnites. Fr. Coutinho was unable to attend the meetings because he was preoccupied with getting visa papers etc., but we kept him informed about the developments.

We have taken the liberty of having arranged the first orientation meeting of the first team at Ashirvad, this Sunday 19th May 91 between 10 A.M. to 1 P.M. We would very much like you to be there and start it off with a few words of inspiration and encouragement since you have been instrumental in facilitating so many young people to aspond to disasters natural and man made — in the past. Shirdi is leading the first team which will leave some time next week as soon as visa/travel papers are through. This team is being supported by SCI and Valli Seshan is off to Calcutta and Bangladesh next week to make advance arrangement. More when we meet.

We have been in touch with Fr. Coutinho and Bro.Pinto about the Sunday meeting. We could use the hall if available or else another smaller room is okay. We may be about 20-25 people and a few of us would like to show slides to share from our previous experiences.

With best wishes from the team,

Yours sincerely,

Ravi Narayan

Encl: The minutes of the second meeting on Bangladesh.

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Sri M Ananth Addl. Divl. Railway Manager SOUTHERN RAILWAY Bangalore - 560 009

May 15, 1991

Dear Sir,

Sub: Train reservations for SCI volunteers leaving for emergency relief work in Bangladesh

we are a voluntary service organisation. One of our field of activities is to send volunteers to work in emergencies like floods, drought or avalanches. In fact, Service Civil International is known to the Railways, since it is one organisation which has been granted rail concession (Ref: Appendix No. IV/28, Rule 401, Serial No. 17) for travel of its volunteers and officers.

We have three requests to make before you:

- (1) Our volunteers, including medical personnel and people experienced in emergency relief work are to leave for Bangladesh any time after the 22nd of May, 1991. They would be leaving as and when their travel formalities are through. Could you please help with berth reservations for them?
- (2) Since the departure of volunteers is dependent on certain unpredictable things such as issue of visas and their arrival in Bangalore, we would like to book them as a group, under one name plus so many others. If we could be exempted from having to give names and other details, it will save us a lot of hassles, if volunteers are replaced due to unavoidable reasons.
- (3) Connected with the above, in order to be able to use the rail concession, could the concession order be signed by one person, instead of all those travelling with her/him?

Your intervention in this regard could help us a great deal. With kind regards,

yours sincerely,

(Ms. K. Krupa) Associate Coordinator

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The Passport Officer Passport Office M. G. Road Bangalore - 560 001

May 13, 1991

Dear Madam,

Sub: <u>Issue of emergent passport for volunteers</u>

travelling to <u>Bangladesh</u> for <u>emergency relief</u> work

greetings from Service Civil International. We are an international peace organisation, with branches and groups in several countries. Please find enclosed a brochure about us.

One of our activities is to send international teams of volunteers to work in emergency relief such as floods, drought or avalanches. Presently, we are sending volunteers, including medical personnel, to work in Bangladesh. Many doctors and others from Bangalore are interested to go and work there. But many of them do not have passports.

In this context, we would like you to issue emergent passports to the applicants who are enlisted to go so that their travel may not be delayed. This would help us a great deal to send help more quickly to the victims of the worst floods in living memory in that country. Some of the people who are applying immediately in this connection are:

- 1. Dr. Shirdi Prasad Tekur, Physician;
- 2. Mr. A. Anand Kumar, Para medical worker;
- 3. Dr. Sanjiv Lewin: and
- 4. Dr. Gregory Joseph.

In addition, the following two people will be applying for renewal of their passports: Dr. Anne-Marie Rego and Mr. Dayasagar Ram Mohan.

We would be grateful if you could treat these exceptional and urgent and help in issuing of passports in the shortest time possible.

With kind regards.

vours sincerely.

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1. FORM:

EAP (1) form duly filled with specific answers 'Yes' or 'No' to all columns and signed by the applicant.

2. PHOTOGRAPHS:

7 photographs out of which 2 should be attested on the reverse side as true likeness of Shri / Smt.

by Gazetted Officer / Station House Officer / First Class Stipendiary Magistrate with their name and telephone number. The remaining 5 photographs to be pasted in the application form.

3. FEE:

Either by cash / demand draft / postel order or passport fee stamp, Rs. 60/— (for inclusion of particulars of child / childrens' names Rs. 10/— extra to be paid.)

4. PROOF OF DATE OF BIRTH AND PLACE OF BIRTH:

Birth Certificate / Transfer Certificate / School Certificate duly attested by a Gazetted Officer; if not available, an affidavit on non-judicial stamp paper of Rs. 10/-, including nationality of the applicant.



NO OBJECTION CERTIFICATE (NOC):

Original NOC from department of government servants / Public Undertakings / Autonomous Bodies.

6. FOR MINORS (BELOW 18 YEARS):

Either of the parents should sign on appropriate column of application. Photocopy of the parents passport; if not an affidavit to that effect. Birth Certificate / School Certificate issued by appropriate authority.

7. MARRIAGE CERTIFICATE:

For married women, marriage certificate (or a sworn affidavit) with husband's passport copy.

If personal name is changed, then a sworn affidavit (deed poll) mentioning the maiden name and married name.

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INCLUSION OF CHILD / CHILDRENS' NAME:

- (a) Only child / children below 15 years is / are included in either of the parents passport.
- (b) Birth Certificate of the child issued by appropriate authority or School Certificate.
- (c) Photocopy of father's passport if child's name is being included in mother's passport or vice versa, if not, a sworn affldavit on Non-Judicial Stamp Paper Value of Rs. 10/to that effect, the name of the child is not included either of the parent's passport.

9. ADDITIONAL P.P. FORM:

An additional Personal Particulars Form is required in case of less than 2 years stay in the present address given in the application form.

10. FOR EMIGRATION STATUS:

- (a) Degree Certificate issued by the university / Diploma Certificate issued by the technical board.
- (b) Past three years (continous) assessment order and income tax paid receipts.
- N. B.—Supporting documents such as Birth Certificate / School Certificate / Affidavit / Marriage Certificate / Degree / Diploma Certificate etc., should be furnished in duplicate.
- 11. If the applicant holds old passport, he she need not submit documents of item Nos. 4 & 7.

Dear Fr. Coutinho,

Enclosed is:-

- 1. a list of contact addresses in Calcutta. If they have not already done so, they will be able to get volunteer medico's / doctors / nurses.
- 2. the 2 people mentioned in Bangladesh (from Gonoshasthya Kendra) are well known to us. Dr. Zafarullah active in the rational drug policy movement among other things has been to Bangalore and given a talk at St.John's.
- 3. a small information sheet based on a news paper scan.

Following our meeting today, about which Ravi has written a note, the group felt that an orientation session would be useful. We have taken the liberty to have it at Ashirvad on Sunday from 10 A.M. to 1 P.M. We will contact fr. Claude on his return tomorrow about this.

If there is any information that would be useful to the volunteers from here - do let us know. Our home telephone No. is 533064.

Wishing you all the best for the trip. Our prayers are with you.

Thelma Narayan

Banqladesh Cyclone - a background note / information sheet based on a newspaper scan (30-4-91 - 12-5-91)

Ever since April 29-30, 1991, Bangladesh has experienced a series of natural disasters. It appears that the cyclone may go down as one of the worlds worst natural disasters. This is a stark reminder to us this year especially, as the WHO's theme for the year is 'Disaster preparedness for natural disasters'.

Since a number of individuals, organizations and institutions in Bangalore have volunteered to go to Bangladesh for relief and rehabilitation work, a brief note has been prepared in the hope that it would help prepare people going to a 'foreign coumtry'. It covers the areas that have been badly affected, the major problems reported, key individuals in Bangladesh and some of the voluntary organizations who have already been working there.

The event : When and What

- i) The worst event was the cyclone on the night of 29/30 April, accompanied by strong winds (233 kmph), squalls and a tidal surge which battered the entire coastline from Satkhira to Teknaf. It lasted for nine hours and the water level rose upto 20 ft. above land. The several islands near the coast were under water (4-6 feet) for several days after the event.
- ii) During the following days about 6 localised tornadoes (Kalbai Shakhi) have struck the North Eastern district of Sylhet, Comilla district, Ghazipur district, Tongi Chaidama, a suburb of Dhaka, Sirajganj and Ghorashal. The continuing strong winds, river, bursts and flash floodshave resulted in additional loss of several hundred lives, destruction of houses etc.
- iii) A tidar wave on 4/5 affected Banskhali, Anwara, Kutupdia, Maheshkhali and Chakoria killing 200.
- iv) Mild tremors (earthquake) were recorded on 11/5- in Dhaka and the Eastern region. There was not much damage due to this.

How many affected

Estimates of the numbers killed range from 150,000 - 175,000. 15 million people (about 30% of the population of Karnataka) have been affected.

Where

The 180 km coastal belt bore the brunt of the disaster. About 7 million people in the coastal districts, especially near the Meghna

estuary and those in about 10 islands were the most affected. 47 coastal upazilas in 16 Districts/Provinces (out of the 64 Districts of Bangladesh) have suffered varying degrees of damage.

Areas mentioned by name are

- i) Chittagong: major pert, 300 km south of the capital Dhaka, country's second largest city. 25,000 people killed.
- ii) Patenga international airport here out of order . Sandwip island in Chittagong district severely affected 5-6,000 people killed.
- ii) Cox's Bazaar southeastern town, coastal resort. 40,000 feared killed in Cox Bazaar District, Maheshkhali and Chokoria islands in this district severely affected.
- iii) Southeastern coastal district of Nohakhali about 3,500 people killed. Hatiya island badly affected in this district.
 - iv) Kutubdia Island 2000 killed out of 80,000 inhabitants.
 - v) St.Martins Island, Nijhumdwip and Sonodia islands were affected by the cyclone and later tornadoes.
 - vi) Anwara upazila 40 km from the city of Chittagong has 250,000 survivors in its 125 villages of a once prosperous farming district.
- vii) Banshkhali Baliya, Char Nigam, Uricchar islands also affected.
- viii) So also the Bhola, Barguna, Laxipur and Charfashion islands were affected.
 - ix) In the following areas about 90% of the crops and 60-70% houses were destroyed or damaged
 - Uatkania, Lohavara, Chandnaish, Boakhali, Fatikohari, Raozan, and Rangunia.
 - x) Other districts that have been affected (with less severity) are Bogra, Raja Shahi, Pabna, Tangail, Faridpur, Sylhet, Dhaka and Mymensingh.
 - xi) In the world's largest mangrove forest of Sunderbans many areas were submerged killing hundreds of deer and tiger.
- xii) Corpses are said to be accumulating in different embankments of Cautar district.
- xiii) Three major rivers Surma, Kushiara and Gumti burst/had breaches in their embankments flooding homes of 150,000 people in tea growing northern Sylhet district, Moulavibazar district, Habibganj district and Comilla district.
 - xiv) The million dollar Karnafuli Bridge built recently was completely damaged. The country's largest ground satellite station in Betbunia was also damaged adversely affecting communication channels.

Damage/disease

There is an acute shortage of potable, drinking water, food, shelter, clothing, 90-95% of houses in affected areas have been washed away. There has been a big loss of animal life and carcasses and fallen trees are lying around. Fishing boats have been destroyed. Broken communication, continuing bad weather and lack of boats/helicopters continue to hamper relief efforts. Slick from damaged oil tankers has resulted in the death of thousands. On 6/5 diarrhoea was reported in Chittagong, Cox Bazaar, Nbhakhali, Bhola, Feni, Barisal. The Bangladesh Health Directorate said that diarrhoea killed 951 people in 23 districts during the past two weeks. In the absence of adequate food and drinking water supply other epidemics were expected.

Newspapers in Bangladesh

English - Bangladesh Observer.

Bengali - Sangbed, Ittefaq, Kagaz, Banglar Bani.

Important people in Bangladesh

- 02. Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia
- 03. Opposition Leader Sheikh Hasina
- 04. Communication Minister guiding Relief and Rescue Operations Oli Ahmed.
- 05. Finance and Planning Minister Saifur Rahman
- 06. Legislator of Opposition (Awami) Tofael Ahmed.
- 07. Dhaka Divisional Commissioner Waliul Islam.
- 08. Director of Relief Operation at Chittagong Mr. Karim Dad.
- 09. State Minister for Forest and Fisheries Mr. Abdullah Noman.
- 10. Junior Minister Mr. Rafigul Islam
- 11. Mr. Emajuddin Ahmed former V.C. of Dhaka University and a political columnist.
- 12. Mr. Haroon Habib Hindu Correspondent.
- 13. Mr. Waheedul Huq Senior journalist, Dhaka.

Volags working for relief

- 1. Bangladesh Red Cresent Society
- OXFAM Director Mr. Saidur Rehman, Mr. Mohammed Islam.
- 3. Red Cross of India, Bangladesh and several countries.
- 4. CARE (Cooperative for Americal Relief Everywhere)
- 5. UNICEF
- 6. UN Relief Organization UNDRO
- 7. Mother Theresa's Missionaries of Charity.
- 8. Salvation Army.
- 9. Service Civil International.

For use by Indian Nationals

APPLICATION FORM FOR BANGLADESH VISA (OTHER THAN DIPLOMATIC/OFFICIAL)

1.	1. Full Name: Mr/Mrs/Miss: (BLOCK + ETTERS)	<u> </u>
2.	2. Date and Place of birth:	
3.	3. Religion	
4.	4. Educational qualification:	PHOTOGRAPH
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	(h) Present (if different from above)	
	(c) Telephone	
7.	7. Name: Address and Nationality of father/husband.	
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	(b) Address in Bangladesh before migration :	
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	(b) Date of expiry:	
	(c) If possessing International passport whether it has been endorsed valid for Bangladesh:	
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Whether permission to visit Bangladesh or to extend stay in Bangladesh has been refused previously and it so, when and by whom?

ii) Purpose for which Visa required now and the period

(ii) Proposed date of departure :

(iii) Proposed date of return :

BANGLADESH CYCLONE DISASTER

Would you like to volunteer for Relief Work?



The first team from Bangalore consisting of Volunteers from SCI, Community Health Cell, St. John's Medical College Hospital, St. Martha's Hospital and other organisations are getting ready to leave next week.

An orientation programme for them has been arranged at Ashirvad, No. 30, Off St. Mark's Road, Bangalore - 560 001 (Tel.: 210154) on Sunday, 19th May from 10.30 a.m. to 1.00 p.m.

If you would like to volunteer to join future teams or if you are just concerned about the disaster and would like to help even locally, please join the orientation programme. All are welcome.

The orientation will build on experience of Bangladesh Refugee work (1971), Andhra Cyclone (1978) and Bhopal Disaster (1985).

For further information contact SCI (359583) or Oxfam (565134) or Community Health Cell (531518).



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Notes to be shared with Volunteer & CHC

BANGLADESH FLOODS

May, 15, 1991

LIST OF PEOPLE IN THE FIRST BATCH (which would leave in the coming couple of weeks)

- 1. Dr. Shirdi Prasad Tekur
- 2. Dr. Sanjiv Lewin
- 3. Dr. Anne-Marie Rego
- 4. Dr. Gregory Joseph
- 5. S J Chander (CHC-available for 45 days)
- 6. Valli Seshan
- 7. Kabir Jaithirtha (15 days)
- 8. B V Narayana
- 9. Beatrice (nurse)
- 10. Lakshman Wijekoon (3 months)
- 11. A. Anand Kumar (CHC)
- 12. S. John (CHC)
- 13. Dayasagar Ram Mohan (4 weeks)
- 14. B G Tripti (10 days)
- 15. Dr. Vikram Prabhu

(Valli and Kabir are leaving on 22nd from Cal at 1350 hrs. by IA. If period is not mentioned, the volunteer is presumed to stay for one month. We require volunteers to give a minimum of 15 clear days, exclusive of travel, in Bangladesh.)

Visa and other formalities The High Commissioner of Bangladesh in Delhi has agreed to issue visas without dollars being endorsed on the passport. (This is yet to be tested out in practice.) However, we have written to Begum Khaleda Zia as well as HC regarding visas and permission to take in some medicines/ water purification tabs. without customs problems. All letters have been copied to Calcutta Deputy HC. Astri Ghosh has also offered to talk to the HC since she knows him.

SCI will forward visa applications, through the Delhi office. Applications, which should be in duplicate, can be photocopied. Applicants would need two photographs.

Travel arrangements SCI has offered to pay the fares of the above volunteers, as well as, help with bookings. Normally, all volunteers will travel by second class train to Calcutta and fly Calcutta-Dhaka return and then to Bangalore by train again. While the volunteers await the visa processing in Delhi, they can take the train to Calcutta. All passports will be sent to Calcutta from Delhi. We are exploring for a "transit camp" in Cal where volunteers would receive their travel documents. We could use SCI's 25% rail concession.

Founded in 1920, SCI is an international non-governmental organisation, committed to the promotion of peace and international understanding through voluntary service activities. It has consultative status with UNESCO and the Council of Europe and is a member of the Coordinating Committee for International Voluntary Service (CCIVS) and the Youth Forum of the European Communities. Fondé en 1920, le SCI est une organisation internationale non gouvernementale qui travaille à la promotion de la paix et de la compréhension internationale au moyen d'activités de service volontaire. Il bénéficie du status consultatif auprès de l'UNESCO et du Conseil de l'Europe, est membre du Comité de Coordination du Service Volontaire International (CCSVI) et du Forum Jeunesse des Communautés Européennes

Fares and flights Air fares: Bangalore-Cal: Rs. 2,435. Cal-Dhaka return: Rs.1,000. Bangla Biman has a flight everyday, leaving Cal at 10.30 and reaching Dhaka at 11.40. In addition, there is a second flight on some days. Sunday's flight leaves Cal at 1820 arriving in Dhaka at 1930 hrs. We have been told that we could get 7% off on the fare.

Indian Airlines has flight on Monday, Wed. Fri. and Sat., leaving Cal at 1340 hrs. and reaching Dhaka at 1445. We have been told that a group of 10 will get 10% concession.

Allowance and pocket money In consonance with SCI's spartan beliefs, it will provide simple food and accommodation for volunteers; on days/in places where food is not provided, an allowance of Rs.30 per day for food will be payable; in addition, a pocket allowance of Rs. 100 will be paid.

Volunteers are expected to travel by the cheapest reasonable mode of transport. Where accommodation is not provided, they are again expected to use reasonably austere places.

Insurance SCI will insure all volunteers for the period of their volunteering, under the SCI insurance scheme. This will begin the day they begin their travel and conclude on the day their return home. We would, therefore, request to be informed of any last minute changes. The insurance covers illness and accidents.

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LIST OF PARTICIPANTS

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Ms. B.V. Vimala (wife) or Smt. Kamala Tekur (Mother)

(Age : 37 years, Male)

Phone No. : 620 740

02. Dr. Sanjiv Lewin C/o. Commodore R.D. Lewin, 12 SSB Selection Centre South. Cubbon Road, Bangalore - 560 001.

Commodore R.D. Lewin

Phone No.: 565666/429 (Off.) 565666/539 (Res.)

OR

48, 4/J, Richmond Road, Bangalore - 560 025. (Age: 26 years, Male)

03. Dr. Anne Rego, 67, Richmond Road, Bangalore - 560 025. (25 years, Female)

Mrs. Jean Rego

Phone No.: 215440

04. Mr. S.J. Chander, 21, High Street, Cooke Town, Bangalore - 560 005

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OR

No. 1, 7th Cross, Anna Nagar, Vellore - 632 001.

(Age: 26 years, Male)

05. Mr. Anand Kumar A., 1661/A, 1st Floor, 80 feet Road, Prakash Nagar, Bangalore - 560 021. (Age: 27 years, Male) Mr. S.J. Nathan

06. Beatrice (Belgian Nurse) (Age: 24 years, Female)

07. Mr. B.V. Narayana, Vijayawada (Age : years, Male)

08. Ms. Valli Seshan (Age : 57 years, Female)

09. Mr. Kabir Jaithirtha (Age : years, Male) C/o. Service Civil International

10. Ms. Mohini N.E. Ajagarni,
Nursing Tutor,
St. Martha's Hospital,
Nrupathunga Road,
Bangalore - 560 009.
(Age: 47 years, Female)

Sr. Mercy, Principal, School of Nursing, St. Martha's Hospital. Phone No.: 215081 - 85

BANGLADESH POSTAL ADDRESS Service Civil International, GPO Bon 3254, Dhaka -1000 Bangladesh 880-2-313623 Ph. No. Call from Ms. Kypa The relief team is at Calculta Ep will be leaving to Bangladesh by BIMAN AIRWays on 30th at 10.30 hrs. W. 58/8/91 25/5/91 Dr. Jaya Prakash MABS, 523 I Proor 20th Ahim JNGK B-41 Ph: 648382

Doctor's team for Bangladesh BANGALORE, May 25. Voluntary organisations in the city are responding to the suffering caused by the recent cyclones that had hit Bangladesh by sending teams of volunteers, including medical personnel rd and those experienced in disaster relief work. 1 The first team of eight people led by Dr. Shirdi Prasad Tekur of Community Health Cell left here today. On an initiative from the Service Civil International, Community Health Cell, Ashirvad, St. John's Medical College, St. Martha's Hospital are working together on this project. - Ou Staff Reporter . Gregory Toseph P6 Avocilt Pt Pacdulis 2. Sauju Leccin PG Paedulies 3. Vincent 4. Keneth D'Cuy Tota Salagon, 5. Wo Fernandez PG Buryny 6. Vikvam Prabbur Pais 7. Andrew Hantakan PG Medune PG Dewet (BMC) 8. John Steven et pervon or mensus from Fr Coulino se Virned ger words his moments. He has asked us vo Hindu nether pleased come of meet hem This event m

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BANGLADESH CYCLONE DISASTER - RELIEF

A third informal meeting of concerned individuals and organizations of Bangalore was held in the context of a 'Bangalore response' to the above disaster.

Date : 19th May 1991

Time : 10.30 a.m. - 1.00 p.m.

Venue : Ashirvad, 30, St. Mark's Road, Bangalore - 560 001.

List of

Participants : (Refer Appendix)

This meeting was primarily an orientation programme on Disaster Relief focussing on preparation of the first team that were expected to leave by the end of the week (25.05.1991).

The meeting started with a minute silence for the victims of the Bangladesh Cyclone Disaster followed by a short introduction by Dr. Ravi Narayan of Community Health Cell about the plan/framework of the meeting.

Dr. P.N. Pandit (Ex Professor of Surgery - St. John's Medical College and M.S. Ramaiah Medical College), presented a very graphic and informative report about the experiences of the first team from St. John's Medical College who responded to the Andhra Cyclone Disaster in 1978. He covered all aspects of their experiences and outlined some basic steps for the planning and organization of such relief work. The slide presentation was very effective and a good learning experience for all those who were present.

Dr. Ravi Narayan, Coordinator of Community Health Cell, supplemented the above presentation with lessons from experience of the St. John's team that responded to the Bangladesh crisis and refugee camps in July 1971.

Mr. Sam Joseph of Action Aid, who had just returned from Bangladesh presented a short resume of the situation there including some useful tips to the volunteers to adapt to the local culture and situation.

Dr. Thelma Narayan of Community Health Cell presented a short review of the newspaper reports (till 17.05.91) about the present disaster high-lighting various aspects of the continuing tragedy.

Ms. Valli Seshan of Service Civil International presented the salient feature about the current plans of SCI to support the first team of relief workers from Bangalore.

Dr. Mchan K. Isaac, Associate Professor of National Institute of Mental Health and Neuro Sciences, presented an overview on handling of the psycho-social/mental health aspects during disaster relief work. He drew lessons from the Bhopal Gas Tragedy and the Venus Circus Fire Tragedy.

This was followed by a question answer session by participants. Various questions about the current disaster in the context of being volunteers were raised.

Certain other issues were brought out by Dr. Thelma Narayan based on her experience of Andhra Cyclone Relief Work in 1978 and Krpa of Service Civil International based on her visit to Bangladesh in recent years.

It was decided that all potential volunteers should be in touch with the following people so that their participation in future teams could be coordinated as requests/support from organizations came in.

- Ms. Krpa Service Civil International (Tel. No. 359583)
- Mr. Kumar Community Health Cell (Tel. No. 531518)
- Fr. Claude D'Souza Ashirvad (Tel. No. 210154)
- Sr. Mercy St. Martha's Hospital School of Nursing (for volunteers from St. Martha's Hospital) (Tel. No. 215081)
- & Dr. Kenneth D'Cruz St. John's Medical College (for volunteers from St. John's) (Tel. No. 530724 Dept. of Surgery)

The meeting was concluded by thanks to all the organizations and individuals who had participated in it.

It was followed by a meeting of the first team at which Dr. Shirdi Prasad Tekur of Community Health Cell and Mr. Chandru of Service Civil International clarified various issues and formalities to be completed before the team leaves for Dacca via Calcutta by the end of the week.

FOLLOW-UP

1. The first advance party consisting of Ms. Valli Seshan of Service Civil International and Mr. Kabir Jaithirtha left as an advance team to Bangladesh on Tuesday 21st May, 1991.

2. The first relief team headed by Dr. Shirdi Prasad Tekur (Community Health Cell) consisting of Dr. Sanjiv Lewin (St. John's Medical College), Dr. Anne Rego (Emmaus Swiss Hospital, Palmaner), Mr. A. Anand Kumar (Community Health Cell), Ms. Beatrice (Service Civil International), Mr. S.J. Chander (St. Martha's Hospital) and Ms. Mohini N.E. Ajagarni (St. Martha's Hospital) left on 25th May. 1991.



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APPENDIX

LIST OF PARTICIPANTS

Miss. Dominique Legrie, Ms. Krpa, Mr. Prabhu Deva, Mr. Ramachandran, Mr. M. Mohamed Usman, Ms. Valli Seshan, Mr. Antony Das, Ms. Shobha Ravi, Ms. Maria Shyamala, Mr. R. Shantha Kumar of Service Civil International, Bangalore.

Dr. Kenneth D'Cruz, Mr. M. Ravindran, Mr. Pratap Patrick Paikaray, Ms. Anne Rego, Mr. Liesl Pais, Mr. Sanjiv Lewin, Mr. Vikram Prabhu of St. John's Medical College, Bangalore.

Mr. S.J. Chander, Mr. Lawrence, Ms. Joji Xavier, Sr. Clement, Dr. Begum Rawosf, Sr. Mercy Abraham and Sr. Elise Mootheelom of St. Martha's Hospital, Bangalore.

Dr. Shirdi Prasad Tekur, Dr. Ravi Narayan, Dr. Thelma Narayan, Mr. S. John Clarence, Mr. A. Anand Kumar, Mr. V.N. Nagaraja Rao, and Mr. M. Kumar of Community Health Cell, Bangalore.

Fr. Claude D'Souza, Sr. Rose, Sr. Rojamani, and Sr. Begina Mary of Ashirvad, Bangalore.

Dr. Mohan Isaac of NIMHANS-Bangalore, Dr. R.N. Pandit and

Ms. Namrata Pandit of Bangalore, Dr. Sam Joseph of Action Aid - Bangalore,

Fr. Leonard of Father's of Holy Cross-Bangalore, Mrs. Jean Rego and Mr. R. Murugan .

Global service

HEN Bangladesh was hit by the recent calamitous cy-

clones, countries and voluntary organisations all over the world immediately sent in supplies and volunteers. One such group was Service Civil International which has its Asian headquarters in Bangalore.

Heeding a call for additional help from its Bangladesh branch, SCI despatched an eight-member team from the City last week, led by Dr. Shirdi Prasad Tekur of the Community Health Cell.

SCI's origins can be traced back to the 1920s. It was started just after World War I with the aim of bringing the people of warring countries together in constructive action. It has 70 branches in about 23 countries, most of them situated in Western Europe, Africa and the USA.

SCI has on its rolls a large number of volunteers and doctors interested in social-oriented medical research, and in helping out when natural or manmade disasters occur. It has sent supplies and volunteers to do relief work during the Andhra cyclones and the Bhopal tragedy, for instance.

SCI does not function only during times of distress. It improves civic amenities, organises work camps (one of which is going on in the Himalayas now), and helps conserve the natural environment.

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Greetings from Community Health Forum!

The next two meetings of the Forum will be as follows :

- Theme : Bangladesh Cyclone Disaster JUNE MEETING

7th June 1991 (Friday) Date

Time 3 p.m. to 5 p.m.

Venue Ashirvad,

> 30, St. Mark's Road, Bangalore - 560 001. (Tel. No. 210154)

Fr. Robert Coutinho of Ashirvad has just returned from Bangladesh after making an assessment of the relief work and the long term rehabilitation needs. Having travelled all along the affected coast he has come back with very personal experiences of the disastel and the response of the government, voluntary agencies and international agencies. He will be sharing his experiences at the forum meeting.

(Please note that in June the Forum meeting will be on a Friday and not the usual second Saturday).

II. JULY MEETING -Theme : Community Mental Health

13th July 1991 (Second Saturday) Date

10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Time

Community Health Cell, Venue No. 367, Srinivasa Nilaya, Jakkasandra, I Main, I Block, Koramangala, Bangalore - 560 034.

(Tel. No. 531518)

Dr. Mohan Isaac will be sharing his experiences of involving grass-root democratic institutions like the Panchayats in Community Mental Health Programmes in the Bellary district of Karnataka.

Since Dr. Shirdi Prasad Tekur would have returned from Bangladesh by then, he and some members of the relief team (which left for Bangladesh on 25th May) will also share their experiences of medical relief.

In addition to these, finalising of topics and venues for future meetings and enlarging/consolidating the efforts of the Community Health Forum will be taken up.

Please attend, and contribute to the interactions of the COMMUNITY HEALTH FORUM.

With regards and Best Wishes,

Yours sincerely, for COMMUNITY HEALTH FORUM,

SHIRDI PRASAD TEKUR.

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RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT OF SCI TEAM TO BANGLADESH FOR CYCLONE RELIEF

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			11	Airport Tax & Dollar Exchange	
				(US)	4,410.00
			11	Miscellaneous	450.00
T	otal	12,655.00		Total	12,655.00

Place : Bangalore

Date : 04.07.1991

DR. SHIRDI PRASAD TEKUR.



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The Passport Officer Passport Office M. G. Road Bangalore - 560 001

May 13, 1991

Dear Madam,

Sub: <u>Issue of emergent passport for volunteers</u>
travelling to <u>Bangladesh for emergency relief work</u>

greetings from Service Civil International. We are an international peace organisation, with branches and groups in several countries. Please find enclosed a brochure about us.

One of our activities is to send international teams of volunteers to work in emergency relief such as floods, drought or avalanches. Presently, we are sending volunteers, including medical personnel, to work in Bangladesh. Many doctors and others from Bangalore are interested to go and work there. But many of them do not have passports.

In this context, we would like you to issue emergent passports to the applicants who are enlisted to go so that their travel may not be delayed. This would help us a great deal to send help more quickly to the victims of the worst floods in living memory in that country. Some of the people who are applying immediately in this connection are:

- 1. Dr. Shirdi Prasad Tekur, Physician;
- 2. Mr. A. Anand Kumar, Para medical worker;
- 3. Dr. Sanjiv Lewin; and
- 4. Dr. Gregory Joseph.

In addition, the following two people will be applying for renewal of their passports: Dr. Anne-Marie Rego and Mr. Dayasagar Ram Mohan.

We would be grateful if you could treat these exceptional and urgent and help in issuing of passports in the shortest time possible.

With kind regards,

yours sincerely,

(Ms. K. Krupa)

Film

Founded in 1920, SCI is an international non-governmental organisation, committed to the promotion of peace and international understanding through voluntary service activities. It has consultative status with UNESCO and the Council of Europe and is a member of the Coordinating Committee for international Voluntary Service (CCIVS) and the Youth Forum of the European Communities. Fondé en 1920, le SCI est une organisation internationale non gouvernementale qui travaille à la promotion de la paix et de la compréhension internationale au moyen d'activités de service volontaire. Il bénéficie du status consultatif auprès de l'UNESCO et du Conseil de l'Europe, est membre du Comité de Coordination du Service Volontaire International (CCSVI) et du Forum Jeunesse des Communautés Européennes

SERVICE CIVIL INTERNATIONAL

FINANCIAL STATEMENT ON CYCLONE RELIEF WORK

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Date: July 5, 91

BOARDING PASS

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Bills incurred on

- (1) Vaccination for 2 team members. going to Bangladesh with Cholca 4 typhoid vaccines
- (2) Emergency medical-kit for the team during Bangladesh visit.

- partly used by us (team members).

- nest of medicines left with

SCI and GK medical teams

for their use.

Total amount

Rs 411 = 30

paid by me (Dr. SP. TEWN)

This was incurred apart from the account submitted separately, John 19/5/9/

(Dr. S. P. TEKUR)

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(25/5/91 to 30/5/91 and 22/6/91 to 25/6/91) Total Ro 12,655=00

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Place : Bangalore

Date : 04.07.1991

DR. SHIRDI PRASAD TEKUR.

Observations - reply

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-	Rickshaws at Cox's Bazar	90	=	00
	Stay at Hotel Sayemon for 6 persons at 75 TK per 17/6	450	=	00
-	Cox'x Razar to Chittagong by bus fare 5 X 70	350	=	00
	Breakfast to dinner 17/6/91 and Breakfast 18/6/91	300	=	00
_	Chittagong - stay at Hotel	360	=	00
	Chittagong - Rickshaws	70	=	00
-	Lunch/Dinner 6 persons	280	=	00
-	Chittagong to Dacca Train fare 190 X 6	1140	-	00
-	Breakfast and Lunch on Train 65 X 6	390	=	00
-3	Dhaka - Taxi to SCI	210	=	00
		TK 3120	=	00

- 2. Beatrice's Air tickets are held by her. You may be able to get it by writing to her. The rest of the tickets were booked at New Delhi. You may be able to get it from there
- 3. Airport Tax-receipts are pinned on to the Air-tickets and is a standard fare at the airport.

- 4. U.S. Dollars exchanged was held by individuals and spent on travel to see the various voluntary agencies working in their a areas on travel/food/personal need, during the same.
- 5. We had reservations upto Madras only from Calcutta and the morning Brindavan express was missed due to delayed arrival of Calcutta train. We could get no reservations for that day and next day. So, we would have had to wait for 36 hours at Madras till next nights' train. So, we undertook the bus journey.
- 6. Miscellaneous expenditure includes items like tips at eating places, bribes during travel, and other such expenses where no receipts are obtained.
- 7. R.50/- per day on food? You can try traveling with a youth group who are taking off into the unknown and distribute the available money equitably, The expenses have been incurred by them individually and this is a consolidated account maintained to know our position regarding cash. The participants were not told to keep any receipts and the expense provisions taken as guidelines.

Each of the participant had carried about Rs.1000/- to Rs.1500/- individually on their own, and spent that also.

I am can assure you that no misuse has been done, and also that your estimates for the group have been low, while the overall expense amount for the Bangladesh programme is inordinately high as per the statement produced during a follow-up meeting. All that amount has not been spent on us! I am enclosing the few receipts with me for your use.

Shirdi Prasad Tekur

Encl: All both pertaining to observations

Mr. Ramachandra, Service Civil International, 73, 7th Main, 3rd Block, Basaveshvara Nagar, 4th Stage, Bangalore - 560 079.

Dear Chandru,

Greetings from Community Health Cell:

Enclosed please find the bills with us and replies to your observations to the financial report sent to you earlier.

With regards and best wishes,

Yours sincerely,

Shirdi Prasad Takur

Encl: Bills and SPT's reply.

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. To Dr Shirdi Prasad 1. Kabir gave Taha 3000 = Ils 1500 to Shirdi Prasad in Dhaha. That is not included in Ite a/cs 2. Ar tickets are not enclosed-Esp D Beatonice since the face is paid from the advance. Attent a receipt ?! 3. Arport tax receipt 16150x7=1050. (not enclosed 4. US Dollars bought is not an expense. How was it pent? Accounts? 5. Train titlets are for Calto Bempalire by direct train and las been travelled! accordingly- so again why on faces from Madras to Benjalore? 6. Details of Misc enfenses from anditor will not accept this. 7. Food emp is nearly 11,50/person/day? Our anditors Certainty will ask me for these details. I tope you understand. Thanking Chand 6/7/71



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Dr Shirdi Prasad, 11.00-91

Thank you for your letter and the suplamations. They are fully acceptable to me!

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Ms. Be Limpens, LOKEREMBAAM 279 9240 ZELE, BELGIUM.

Dear Beatrice,

Greetings from Community Health Cell:

Thank you for your letter dated 16th December 1991. It made interesting reading about your perceptions of life in the developing countries.

It was interesting to hear about your work in social nursing and social paediatrics at school - could any material from there help us here? Your involvement with the India group is natural and the focus on tribals and their life-styles is topical.

Below are a list of people/addresses/books which you can get by writing to them. I wish your venture all the best.

I will convey your remembrances to the Bangalore-Bangladesh team members as and when I meet them. Bangladesh was indeed an 'experience' for all of us too!

List of addresses:

- Dr. H. Sudarshan,
 Vivekananda Girijana Kalyana Kendra,
 B.R. Hills,
 Via Chamarajanagara,
 Mysore District,
 Karnataka 571 313.
- Drs. Rani & Abhay Bang, SEARCH, at P.O. Gadchiroli, Maharashtra - 442 605.
- Dr. Kalikrishna Chatterjee,
 C/O Voluntary Health Association of India,
 Tong Swasthya Bhavan,
 40 Institutional Area,
 Rear Cutab Hotel,
 New Delhi 110 016.

- Dr. Gerry Pais,
 Regional Representative,
 OXFAM (India) TRUST,
 3, Chelvoraya Mudaliar Street,
 Pulikeshi Nagar,
 Pangalore 560 005.
- 5. Mr. Alok Mukhopadhyay,
 Executive Director,
 Voluntary Health Association of India,
 Tong Swasthya Bhavan,
 40 Institutional Area,
 Near Outab Hotel,
 New Delhi 110 016.
- 6. Dr. Daleep Mukarji,
 General Secretary,
 Christian Medical Association of India,
 Plot No.2, A-3 Local Shopping Centre,
 Janakhuri,
 New Delhi 110 058.

Wishing you all a HAPPY NEW YEAR,

Yours sincerely,

Shirdi Frasad Tekur.

*spt/vnnr

D.H. 3.6.91

Global service

HEN Bangladesh was hit by the recent calamitous cy-

clones, countries and voluntary organisations all over the world immediately sent in supplies and volunteers. One such group was Service Civil International which has its Asian headquarters in Bangalore.

Heeding a call for additional help from its Bangladesh branch, SCI despatched an eight-member team from the City last week, led by Dr. Shirdi Prasad Tekur of the Community Health Cell.

SCI's origins can be traced back to the 1920s. It was started just after World War I with the aim of bringing the people of warring countries together in constructive action. It has 70 branches in about 23 countries, most of them situated in Western Europe, Africa and the USA.

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BANGLADESH: AN INTRODUCTION

Historical Background The territory constituting Bangladesh was under the Muslim rule for over five and a half centuries from 1201 to 1757 A.D. Subsequently, it was under the subjugation of the British after the defeat of the last sovereign ruler, Nawab Sirajuddowla, at the Battle of Plassey on the fateful day of June 23, 1757. The British ruled over the entire Indian sub-continent including this territory for nearly 190 years from 1757 to 1947. During that period Bangladesh was a part of the British Indian provinces of Bengal and Assam. With the termination of the British rule in August, 1947 the Sub-continent was partitioned into India and Pakistan. Bangladesh was then a part of Pakistan and was known as East Pakistan. It remained so for about 24 years from August 14, 1947 to March 25, 1971. It appeared on the world map as an independent and sovereign state on December 16, 1971 following the victory at the War of Liberation from March 25 to December 16, 1971.

Geographical Area and Territorial Waters. Bangladesh lies in the north eastern part of South Asia between 20°34' and 26°38' north latitude and 88°01' and 92°41' east longitude. The country is bounded by India on the west and the north, by India and Burma on the east and by the Bay of Bengal on the south. The area of the country is 55,598 sq. miles or 143,999 sq. k.m. The limits of territorial waters of Bangladesh are 12 nautical miles and the area of the high seas extending to 200 nautical miles measured from the base lines constitutes the economic zone of the country.

Physiography

Except the hilly regions in the north-east and the south-east, some areas of high lands in the north and north western part, the country consists of low, flat and fertile land. A network of rivers of which the Padma, the Jamuna, the Teesta, the Brahmaputra, the Surma, the Meghna and the Karnaphuli are important, and their tributaries numbering about 230 with a total length of about 24140 k.m. covering the country flow down to the Bay of Bengal. The alluvial soil is thus continuously being enriched by heavy silts deposited by rivers during the rainy season.

Flora and Fauna The total forest area covers about 16% of the land area. The country produces sufficient quantities of quality timber, bamboo and cane. Bamboos grow in almost all areas but quality timber grows mostly in the valleys. Among the timber sal, gamari, chaplish, telsu, jarul, teak, garjan, chandon and sundari are important. Sundari trees grow in the Sundarbans located in the southwestern part of the country bordering the Bay of Bengal. Plantation of rubber in the hilly regions of the country was undertaken recently and extraction of rubber had already started.

Varieties of wild animals are found in the forest areas. Sundarban is the home of the world famous 'Royal Bengal Tigers' and cheetas. Of other animals elephants, bears, deer, monkeys, boars, leopards, and crocodiles are worth mentioning. A few hundred species and sub-species of birds are found in the country. Some of them are of seasonal and migratory types.

Climate

Bangladesh enjoys generally a sub-tropical monsoon climate. While there are six seasons in a year, three namely, Winter, Summer and Monsoon are prominent. Winter which is quite pleasant begins in November and ends in February. In Winter there is not usually much fluctuation in temperature which ranges from minimum of 7.22—12.77 celsius (45°F—55°F) to maximum of 23.88—31.11 celsius (75°F—85°F). The maximum temperature recorded in Summer months is 36.66 celsius (98°F) although in some places this occasionally rises upto 40.55 celsius (105°F) or more. Monsoon starts in July and stays upto October. This period accounts for 80% of the total rainfall. The average annual rainfall varies from 119.38 to 145.44 centi metre (47" to 136"). The maximum rainfall is recorded in the coastal areas of Chittagong and northern part of Sylhet district, while the minimum is observed in the western and northern parts of the country.

Population

With the approval of the Government the Bangladesh Bureau of Statistics conducted the second decennial population census in the country on March 6—8, 1981. The final results was released in September, 1984. The population of the country stood at 89.91 million in 1981. The percentage of urban population was 15.2 while that of rural 84.8. The intercensal growth rate of population estimated by using adjusted population of both 1974 and 1981 censuses was 2.32 per annum. Assuming medium variant of declining fertility and mortality decline the country is expected to reach a population of 139.69 million by 2000 A.D. The country-wide intensive family planning measure is aimed at reducing the growth rate. The density of population was 1617 per sq. mile in 1981. It has increased to 1850 per sq. mile in 1986. The sex ratio of the population was 106 i.e. 106 males per 100 females. The literacy rate of the country obtained from 1981 census was 23.8 percent for population 5 years and above. The percentage of Muslim population was 86.6 while that of Hindu, Buddhist and Christian was 12.1, 0.6 and 0.3 respectively. There were 15.1 million households in the country distributed over 60,000 mouzas (revenue villages).

Labour Forces

According to adjusted population of 1981 Census, the total civilian labour force of the country was 25.9 million and the crude activity rate was 28.8%. The total civilian labour force was estimated, on the basis of 1984-85 labour force survey to be 29.6 million of which 26.9 million were male and 2.7 female. In the same survey the total agricultural and non-agricultural labour force were estimated to be 16.7 million and 12.3 million respectively compared to 15.4 million and 8.9 million in 1981 population Census. The labour force participation for population 10 years and above was 43.9 percent of which 78.2 percent was male and 8.2 percent female as per LFS, 1984-85 against 43.1 percent, of which 78.2 percent was male and 5.1 percent female in 1981 census. The female labour force participation increased to 8.2 percent in 1984-85 as compared to 5.1 percent in 1981.

Capital and other Cities and Towns

Dhaka is the capital and the largest metropolis (160 sq. miles) of the country. Chittagong, the port city, is the second largest metropolis. Metropolitan Dhaka had a population of about 3.5 million and Chittagong about 1.4 million in 1981. Rajshahi, Khulna, Barisal, Sylhet and Mymensingh are some of the major towns.

Administrative setup

Bangladesh is governed by a unitary form of government of presidential type. The President is the chief executive of the country. He has a council of ministers who assist him in the discharge of his duties. For the convenience of administration the country is divided into four administrative divisions, each placed under a Divisional Commissioner. Each division is further sub-divided into zilas. After the administrative re-organisation carried out in 1984 the country is now divided into 64 zilas. The newly created zilas are basically former sub-divisions. The administration of each zila is headed by a Deputy Commissioner who is assisted by other officials.

Each Zila consists of several upazilas which were formerly known as thanas (Police Stations). There are 499 Upazilas/Thanas including river & railway police stations. The Upazilas are upgraded Thanas where the administrative setup has been thoroughly re-organised and expanded taking the administration to the door-step of the people and making it more responsive to the needs of the people and capable of providing quick decisions in solving local problems. Under the reorganised set-up upazila is the focal point of public administration in the country. Excepting 39 thanas 460 former thanas have been upgraded into upazilas. The administration of each upazila is headed by an elected upazila Chairman. He is assisted by the Upazila Nirbahi Officer who is the chief executive officer and other officers. Remaining thanas which mostly fall in the metropolitan cities or other urban areas have not yet been upgraded into upazilas.

Law Making

The constitution provides for a unicameral legislature which is called Jatiya Sangsad. It consists of 300 members directly elected by adult franchise. The members of Jatiya Sangsad elect another 30 female members. Thus, the total number of members of the Jatiya Sangsad is 330. Jatiya Sangsad is the national parliament and is vested with all powers under the constitution to make laws for the country. Election to the Fourth Jatiya Sangsad was held on March 3, 1988.

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Judiciary

The highest judiciary in the country is the Supreme Court headed by the Chief Justice. The Supreme Court comprises the Appellate Division and the High Court Division. As a part of the Government policy of administrative reforms and reorganisation separate circuit benches of High Court have been set up at Comilla, Sylhet, Chittagong, Barisal, Jessore and Rangpur. There are both criminal and civil courts at Zila and Upazila head quarters to try criminal and civil cases. Special courts or tribunals such as labour courts, family courts are in existence for adjudication of relevant disputes. For metropolitan areas of Dhaka, Chittagong and Khulna, Metropolitan Magistracy has been setup.

Local Government Local government in urban and rural areas is entrusted to bodies elected by the people. Such bodies in the urban areas are called Municipalities or Pourashavas and in rural areas these are called Union Parishads (Union Councils). There are also Zila Parishad and Upazila Parishad at the Zila and Upazila levels respectively.

International Relations The foreign policy of Bangladesh is based on the principles of sovereign equality, territorial integrity, peaceful co-existence and non-interference in each others' internal affairs. Bangladesh strictly adheres to the policy of non-alignment. In foreign relations Bangladesh has been playing an increasingly positive role in various international forums upholding the cause of oppressed people, renunciation of force, policy of non-alignment and settlement of all issues through peaceful negotiations, etc.

At the initiative of Bangladesh and after prolonged fruitful discussions between concerned governments, a 7-member South Asian Association for Regional Co-operation (SAARC) with India, Bangladesh, Nepal, Bhutan, Pakistan, Sree Lanka and Maldives having a population of about 1,000 million was formally launched in Dhaka in a summit meeting of heads of state and government held in December 1985.

Bangladesh has also developed fraternal relations with the Muslim countries on the basis of Islamic solidarity. She is a member of the Organisation of Islamic Countries (OIC) and its various affiliated organs.

Bangladesh is a member of the United Nations and its various specialised bodies and agencies. She is also a member of the Commonwealth of Nations. She recognises and maintains diplomatic missions abroad in 49 countries while there are 49 foreign diplomatic missions resident in the country and 41 non-resident foreign missions.

Communication System

The country has about 2818 kilometres of rail-road, 10887 kilometres of paved road and roughly 8433 kilometres of perennial and seasonal waterways. Side by side with the development of road transport efforts are under way to develop the water transport system. In fact, rivers are the life-line of the nation which provide the cheapest means of transport, water for agricultural operation and ensure supply of fish for her people. Steps have been taken to put more mechanised vessels into service and modernise the existing country boats.

Regarding air transport facilities, Dhaka is connected by air with London, Athens, Bangkok, Kualalumpur, Singapore, Karachi, Bombay, Calcutta, Dubai, Jeddah, Kathmandu, Rangoon, Amsterdam and Baharain by her national airline (Biman). A number of foreign airlines operate their international services with a link to Dhaka. Regular air services are operated by the Biman between Dhaka and other major towns in the country. The two scaports of Bangladesh are Chittagong and Chalna. Among the river ports and terminals, Dhaka, Narayanganj, Chandpur, Barisal, Khulna, Aricha, Goalando, Nagarbari, Serajganj ghat, Jagannathganj ghat, Bhairab Bazar, Bahadurabad and Fulchari ghat are important.

The country has a network of Radio and Television broadcasting. The Television system was introduced in 1965 and since then sub-stations have been set up in Chittagong, Sylhet, Khulna, Rangpur, Mymensingh, Natore and Noakhali. The Colour Television system was introduced on 1st. December, 1980. An extensive telecommunication system has connected the capital city with other places within the country. Telecommunication lines have also been established with major cities of the world through the earth satellite ground stations at Betbunia in the Chittagong, Hill Tracts and Talibabad (Kaliakoir) in Gazipur Zila.

Education and culture

In the educational and cultural fields Bangladesh occupies an important position among the countries of South Asian region. For the purposes of general education there are 4 Universities located at Dhaka. Chittagong, Rajshahi and Jahangirnagar (Savar, near Dhaka). The number of intermediate and degree colleges is 758 having an enrolment of 603913.

For technical education there is Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology and another 4 institutes of technology with a total enrolment of 4439. There are 8 medical colleges, one Institute of Post Graduate Medicine and Research and one Dental college having an enrolment of 8297. Besides, there are a good number of other specialized medical institutions offering post graduate courses. There is one Agricultural University at Mymensingh, one agriculture college in Dhaka and another college in Patuakhali. The total enrolment of the above three institutions is 3968. In addition, there are colleges/institutes for Art, Music & Fine Arts, Textiles. Leather Technology, Glass and Ceramics, Law, etc. in the country. Besides, there are 18 Polytechnic institutes and 54 Government Vocational Institutes.

At present, there are 3439 madrashas in the country operating courses from Dakhil to Kamil level. Efforts are underway to modernise the madrasha education system by introducing science and vocational courses. Emphasis will also be laid on the attainment of proficiency in Arabic speaking. A project of establishing an Islamic University at Tongi near Dhaka is being implemented with the help of OIC.

In regard to school education there are 8793 secondary schools in the country with an enrolment of about 2.8 million. The number of primary schools is more than 44,312 having an enrolment of 10.8 million.

Bangladeshis are great enthusiasts of sports and games. Football, basketball, hockey, badminton, cricket, kabadi, swimming, boat racing and lawn tennis are some of the most popular outdoor games. Bangladesh has recently been a venue for international football, swimming and table tennis tournaments. The Government has established the Ministry of Youth and Sports for the development of sports and games in the country.

Agriculture and main crops.

Agriculture is the main occupation of the people employing 61.3% of the labour force. This sector directly contributes around 46% to the gross domestic products.

Bangladesh has got one of the most fertile lands but due to paneity of capital and other inputs its yield per acre is one of the lowest in the world. Rice, wheat, jute, sugarcane, tobacco, oilseeds, pulses and potatoes are the principal crops. Various kinds of vegetables and spices are produced. The country produces about 95 million lbs of tea per year, a sizeable quantity of which is exported to foreign markets after meeting the internal demand. Bangladesh produces about 7 million bales of superior quality jute annually and 75% of the export earning come from raw-jute and jute manufactures. Among the fruits and nuts grown in Bangladesh bananas, papayas, pine-apples, mangoes, jackfruits, guavas, plums and cocoanuts are important. Except cocoanuts, bananas and papayas which are grown and available throughout the year, others are seasonal.

Bangladesh is marginally deficit in foodgrains, All out efforts are being made by the Government and the people to increase the production of foodgrains and diversify agricultural output.

Fish Wealth

Bangladesh is rich in fish wealth. In the innumerable rivers, canals, tanks and other lowlying and depressed areas and paddy fields that remain under water for about 6 months in a year and cover nearly 12 million acres, tropical fish of hundreds of varieties abound. Rice and fish constitute an average Bangladeshi's principal diet. Hilsa, lobsters and shrimps are some of the fish which are exported to foreign countries. With the Bay of Bengal in the south the country enjoys geographic advantage for marine fishing.

Mineral Resources and Energy Bangladesh has a few proven mineral resources. The country has enormous deposit of natural gas. So far, 13 gas fields have been discovered from which natural gas is available for power-generation, industrial and other uses. Fertilizer factories in operation including the petro-chemical complex at Ashuganj and those to be set-up are and will be using sizeable quantity of natural gas. About one percent of the gas reserve is being consumed annually at present.

Coal deposits have been found and efforts are under way to exploit them with international assistance. Electricity is produced by both thermal and hydro-electric process. The total generation of electricity amounted to 4801 million kilowatt hours in 1985-86. The solitary hydro-electric project having installed capacity of producing 130 m.w. electricity is located at Kaptai in the Chittagong Hill Tracts. Limestone, the basic raw material for the production of cement, has been found in some places and cement factories are being set up for their utilization. Other minerals found include hardrock. lignite, silica sand, white clay, etc. There is possibility of oil deposit in the country and efforts are being made for its exploration. Salt is not mined but manufactured on small scale at several thousand evaporation sites in the coastal areas of Chittagong and Cox's Bazar.

Extensive radio-active sand deposits have been found all along the beaches from Kutubdia to Teknaf. A survey estimates the reserve to be of the order of 0.5 million tons of sand containing a significant amount of usable heavy minerals.

Industries

Although Bangladesh is predominantly an agricultural country but a large number of largescale industries based on both indigenous and imported raw materials have been set up. Among them jute and cotton textile, paper and newsprint, sugar, cement, chemicals, fertilizers and tanneries are important. Other notable industries are engineering and ship building, iron and steel including re-rolling mills, oil refinery, paints, colours and varnishes; electric cables and wires, electric lamps, fluorescent tube lights, other electrical goods and accessories, matches, eigarettes, etc. Among the cottage industries, handlooms, carpet-making, shoe-making, coir, bamboo and cane products, earthenware, brass and bell metal products, bidi and cheroots, small tools and implements, ornaments, etc. are important.

The industrial sector contributing around 12% of the targetted GDP, is dominated by Jute processing followed by cotton textiles and cigarettes.

Finance, Banking and Insurance. Bangladesh Bank is the central bank of the country which is responsible for promoting growth and development of banking system in the country and for overall control of the activities of all other banks. It has an issue and a banking control department to carry out its objectives, to implement the Government monetary policy and to manage international transactions.

The banking system in the country was nationalised in 1972 with the exception of branches of 8 foreign banks. Significant changes have, however, taken place in recent years in the banking system of the country. In keeping with the Government policy of encouraging the private sector to play its due role in the economic development of the country, the Government has allowed setting up of commercial and investment banks in the private sector. In response to the Government policy quite a number of commercial and investment banks including an Islamic Bank have been set up in the private sector and have started functioning.

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There are other specialised financial institutions, namely, House Building Finance Corporation, Bangladesh Krishi (Agriculture) Bank, Bangladesh Shilpa (Industrial) Bank, Bangladesh Shilpa Rin Sangstha (Industrial credit organisation) and Co-operative banks which are operating in their respective fields to help develop these sectors by providing credit and other services at convenient terms. Industrial Credit and Investment Corporation of Bangladesh has also been set up by the Government to provide equity support to public limited companies in the private sector.

In the field of insurance the Government has allowed both public and private sectors to operate life as well as general insurance business in order to develop a healthy competition. In the public sector there are one Jiban Bima Corporation and Postal Life Insurance for the life insurance business and one Shadharan Bima Corporation for general insurance business. In the private sector there are four companies doing life and general insurance business.

Tourists
Attractions

Bangladesh offers ample tourist attractions. For the management of tourism there is an autonomous body under the Government, known as "Bangladesh Parjatan Corporation". Apart from Dhaka, the capital city founded by the Mughals in 1608, with its old buildings and forts belonging to the Mughal period and hundreds of mosques, other notable tourist attractions are:—Sonargaon (near Dhaka) with its old buildings and fort belonging to pre-Mughal era, 75 miles long beach at Cox's Bazar; Mainamati, an important centre of Buddhist culture; Chittagong, the sea port with its natural beauty and green hills; Kaptai located in the picturesque hilly areas with surrounding beauties, its lake and hydro- electric project; Rangamati also in the Chittagong Hill Tracts with its rare scenic beauty, Sundarbans, the home of the Royal Bengal Tigers and its fascinating tropical mangrove forests; Rajshahi, the scat of Pala Kings of Bengal in the eighth century A.D. and presently the main centre of sericulture and silk industry; Paharpur also in the Rajshahi district with its Buddhist monastery; Sylhet with its tea gardens and mausoleum of Hazrat Shah Jalal, one of the greatest Muslim saints in the sub- continent; and Mahasthangarh in Bogra district, the seat of administration of the old rulers with its ruins and archaeological finds. There are many other tourist attractions in the country.

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May 31, 1991

Dr. M. A. Bashar, SCI- Bangladesh Cyclone Emergency Relief Team, Village Ujantia, UP Magnama, Upazila Chokoria, Cox's Bazar.

CC.: Mr. Enamul Huq (Alamgir) In-chagge for stores and accounts (Plaese vide terms of reference under Memo No.109/ERO/91 dated 18 May 1991), SCI-Bangladesh Emergency Relief Team, Ujantia, Union Magnama, Upazila Chokoria, Cox's Bazar.

The Following three medical personnel from SCI International Medical Team along with other 5 volunteers (3 from Rajoir SCI Unit and 2 from Madaripur SCI Unit) and Mr. Jasimuddin from MoudubiHealth and Agriculture Project are being sent to you for gearing up medical care and relief distribution programmes forthwith.

2. The Medical personnel from the SCI International Medical Team included are: 1. Mr. S.J. Chander 2.Ms. Beatrice Limpens (Nurse trainee/

midwifw) and 3.Mr. A Anand Kumar.

They will be pleased to cater services as auxilliary to our ongoing medical services and form part of our medical team. They will work in our programme for 20 days including 2 days leave and 1-day's get-together with other 4 medical personnel put under the ongoing medical programmes under taken by VHSS (MP.2) and GK (MP.-2) in the same areas of greater Chittagong district for sharing their field experiences among them (if possible with representatives of GK., VHSS & SCI-B).GK. has been requested to exercise their good-offices in arranging a place of spending their 2days leave and 1-day's venue for sharing field experiences (a copy of request is enclosed herewith).

The members of the SCI International Medical Team must return to Dhaka by/on 20 32/21991 positively the date-line of return to Dhaka to facilitate their return scheduled on the 22 June 1991 for Calcutta, India.

3. The 5Volunteers viz., 1. Sahiduzzaman Pannu, 2. Tuhin Haolader & 3. Asaduzzaman Asad are all from SCI Rajoir Unit; and 1. Rafiquzzaman Dulak and 2. K. M. Azizur Rahman are both from Madaripur SCI Unit are deputed on emergency relief distribution for 15 days on arrival.

4.0n distribution of relief kindly follow instructions as laid in the memos No.131,149,150,151. Special attention is being drawn on Memo No. 151/ERO/91 dated May 23 1991 for arranging immediate distribution and a report on the number of benefiaries and number families received the materials item-wise if possible a picture of distribution for immediate onward transmission to the donor concerned. This most important.

5. Please see that expenditures are incurred as per guidelines as delineated in the Memo No. 170/ERO/91 dated may 28, 1991 as enclosed herewith.

For need money donot hesitate to ask for the same.

Wish you godspeed and success in your effort to reacing the target we set for the emergency relief.

(Mían Akbar Husein), CC.: 1.Mr. S. S. Chander 2.Ms. Beatrifloordinator Cyclone Emergency Relief Limpens 3. A Anand Kumar.

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May 30, 1991

The following International Medical Team from the International Secretariat of SCI is placed with Emergency Relief & Medicare Services of SCI-Bangladesh, Gonoshasthaya Kendra(GK) and Voluntary Health Services Society(VHSS) to work in the cyclone affected areas of greater Chittagong zone:

With SCI,

Ujantia, Chokoria Cox's Bazar dist.

- 1. Mr. S.J. Chander Community Medicines, St. Martha's Hospital
 - 2. Ms Beatrice Limpens Nurse/Mid-wives
 - 3. Mr A. Anand Kumar Community Health Cell

Gonoshasthaya Kendra(GK) Cox's Bazar area,

- : 1. Dr. Sanjiv Lewin St. Johns' Hospital
 - 2. Ms Mohini
 Nurse/Midwives
 St. Martha's Hospital

Voluntary Health Services Society (VHSS) Sandwip & Hatiya (!)

- 1. Dr. Shirdi Prasad Tekur Community Health Cell
 - 2. Dr. Anne Marie Rego St. Martha's Hospital

With SCI, Char Fession (Bhola district)

1. Mr Laksman Wijkoon SCI Sri Lanka

Beatrice Limpens
will be joining the team
later if her services is
required in Char Fession area.

Travel Note:

Dhaka - Chittagong is well connected by bus and train (inter-city) approximate travel time is 6 hours. Fare Taka 181.00

Chittagong - Chokoria and Cox's Bazar by Chair Coaches (3 hours to Chokoria and 5 hours to Cox's Bazar).

Ujantia, a remote areas of Magnama Union under Chokoria Upazila in Cox's Bazar district is connected by road (rural muddy road) 2 - 3 hours by walking from Pekua bridge or 2 hours by engine fitted country boat. It is also linked by river transport (4 hours by trawler boat depending on high or low tides or else 5 hours boat journey from Cox's Bazar (Depart 6:00 a.m. and arrival at 11:00 a.m.) everyday.

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