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- On 23rd November UNICEF informed that a UN joint mission is visiting remote areas in Patuakhalim Barguna and Bagerhat districts.
- On 25th November the Ministry of Food and Disaster management (MoFDM) reported that the number of death caused by tropical cyclone 'SIDR' has risen to 3061 affecting 6.8 million people of 1.6 million families.
- AFD is working on non-stop basis and carrying the relief goods to the local administrations, communities at the very remote locations by the BAF aircrafts. In continuation with previous efforts today they have completed 17 missions carrying 54.471 MT relief goods by helicopters / aircrafts.
- Up to Thursday, 25th November GoB have allocated approx 3.9 million USD from Honorable Chief Advisor's Relief & Welfare Fund and DRR, MoFDM for the Sidr victims. GoB has also allocated 9640 MT GR Rice, distributed 27,000 food bags, 26700 blankets, 16454 tents, 3,348 utensils and 13,000 bundles of CI sheets by the Directorate of Relief and Rehabilitation (DRR).
- On 25th November Reuters reported that a total of 92 helipads have been built in the worst-hit coastal villages and helicopters from U.S. warships are assisting Bangladeshi aircraft.
- The U.S. navy ships would conduct relief operations in coordination with the Bangladesh government. Relief officials said two U.S. warships would start full-fledged operations from Monday.
- On 26th November Agence France Press (AFP) is reporting that a military-led relief effort to deliver aid to thousands of cyclone survivors in southern Bangladesh moved into higher gear Monday with a fleet of US helicopters also joining the aid operation.
- Deliveries of aid had been hampered by huge logistical hurdles after many roads were washed away by a six-metre (20-foot) tidal wave or blocked by fallen trees during the killer storm.
- Please see attached a damage report prepared by the MoFDM as of 23rd November 2007.

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