

An Overview

of

Cyclone Preparedness Program

Bangladesh Red Crescent Society

Background of CPP:

The idea of CPP started in 1965 when the National Society now the Bangladesh Red Crescent Society requested the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC) formerly the League of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies to support the establishment of warning system for the population living in the coastal belt. In 1966 the International Federation and Swedish Red Cross began the implementation of a pilot scheme for Cyclone Preparedness which consisted of warning equipments and was operational in 299 locations.



**1970-REQUEST OF THE UNITED
NATIONS GENERAL ASSEMBLY.**



1972-NEW STRATEGY OF PRESENT CPP



**1973-CPP A JOINT VENTURE PROGRAMME
OF BDRCS AND MoFDM OF THE
GOVERNMENT OF BANGLADESH.**

Policy Committee :

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| 1. Hon,ble Minister for F & DM | Chairman |
| 2. Hon,ble Minister for local Govt. | Vice Chairman |
| 3. Chairman, BDRCS | Vice Chairman |
| 4. Member-1, Ministry of Planning | Member |
| 5. Two Representatives nominated
the Chairman, BDRCS | Members |
| 6. Secretary, Ministry of F & DM | Member Secretary |

Implementation Board

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| 1. Secretary, MoFDM | Chairman |
| 2. Secretary, Ministry of Local Govt. | Member |
| 3. Joint Secretary (Relief) Ministry of F&DM | Member |
| 4. DG, Relief | Member |
| 5. DG, Disaster Management Bureau | Member |
| 6. DG, Bangladesh Rural Dev. Board | Member |
| 7. Chief Engineer, Public Health Engineering | Member |
| 8. Deputy Secretary (Relief), Ministry of F&DM | Member |
| 9. Rep. of Finance Division of Ministry of Finance | Member |
| 10. Director, Meteorological Dept. | Member |
| 11. Secretary General, BDRCS | Member |
| 12. Two Rep. nominated by the Chairman, BDRCS | Member |
| 13. Rep. of Ministry of Information | Member |
| 14. Rep. of IFRC (if present) | Member |
| 15. Director, CPP | Member Scy. |

GOAL

To minimize loss of lives and properties in cyclonic disaster by strengthening the capacity in disaster management of the coastal people of Bangladesh.

OBJECTIVES

1. To develop and strengthen the disaster preparedness and response capacity of coastal communities vulnerable to cyclones.
2. To increase the efficiency of volunteers and officers.
3. To maintain and strengthen the CPP warning system and ensure effective response in the event of a cyclone.

ACTIVITIES

- 1. Disseminate cyclone warning signals issued by the Bangladesh Meteorological Department to the community people.**
- 2. Assist People in taking shelter.**
- 3. Rescue distressed people affected by a cyclone.**
- 4. Provide First Aid to the people injured by a cyclone.**
- 5. Assist in relief and Rehabilitation operations.**
- 6. Assist in the implementation of the BDRCS Disaster Preparedness Plan.**
- 7. Assist in participatory community capacity build-up activities.**
- 8. Assist in the co-ordination of disaster management and development activities.**

Volunteers Organization :

Unit Committee (12 volunteers)

Union Committee (10 units)

Upazila (Sub-district) Committee (10 unions)

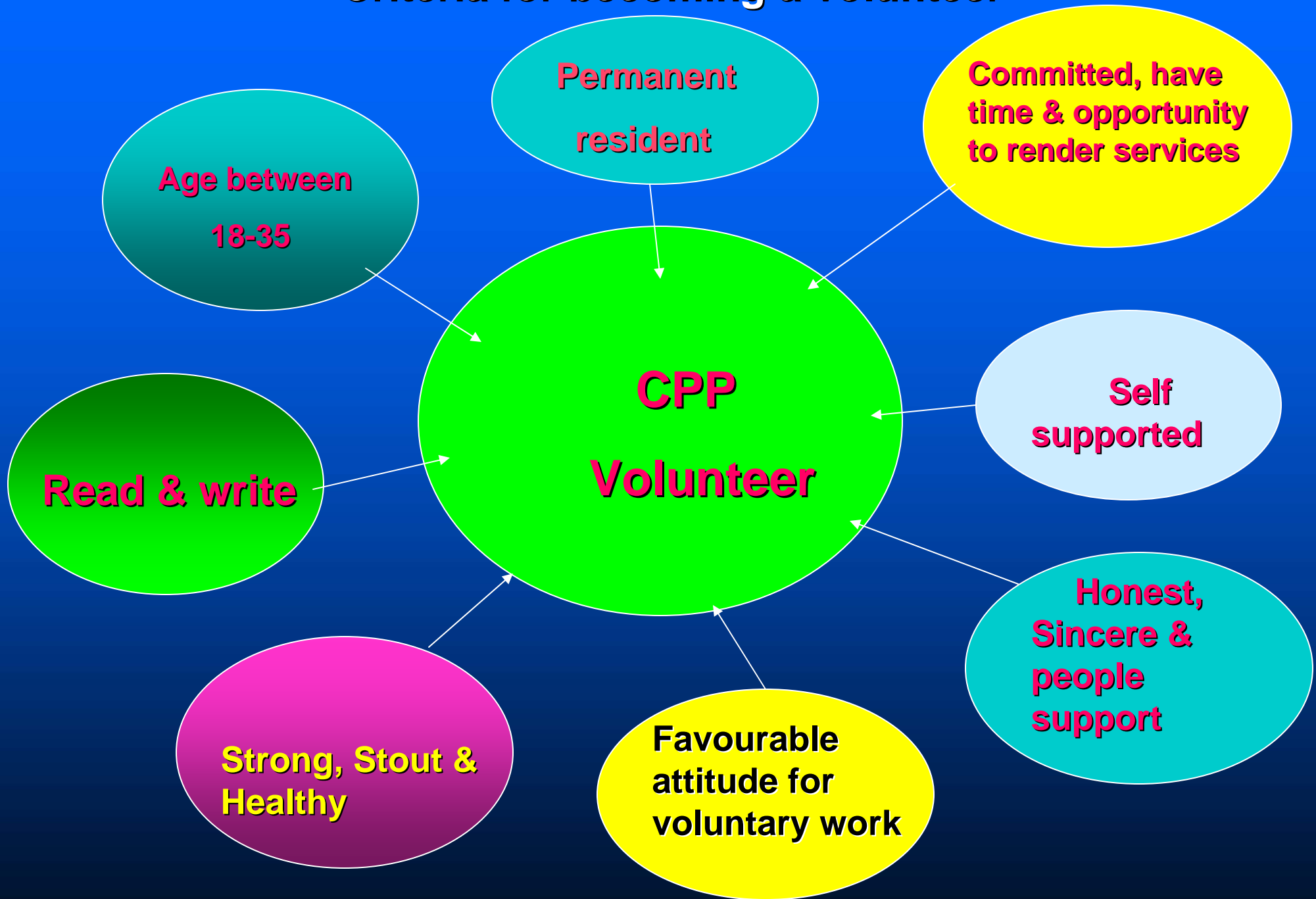
Operational Method :

Depression in the Bay of Bengal

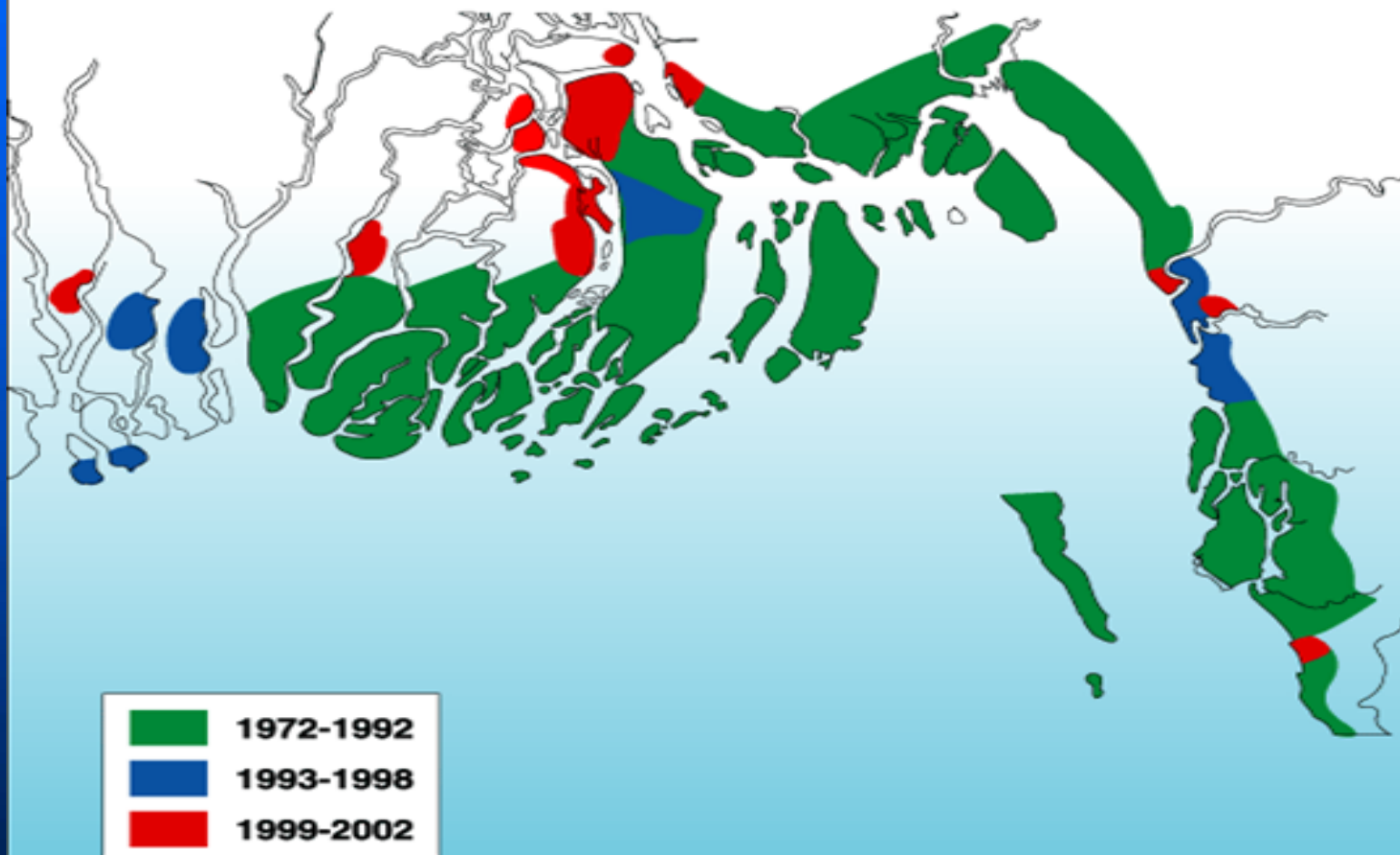
Weather Bulletin issued by the BMD

Passed it to 6 zonal offices – Upazila – Union- unit

Criteria for becoming a volunteer



CPP COMMAND AREA



VILLAGE

UNIT

**2 - Sq. Km.
2-3 Thousand
People**

UNIT COMMITTEE

**Warning
Group**

**Shelter
Group**

**Rescue
Group**

**First Aid
Group**

**Relief
Group**

**Warning Volunteer (L)
Addl. Warning Volunteer**

**Rescue Volunteer
Addl. Rescue Volunteer**

**Relief Volunteer
Addl. Relief Volunteer**

**Shelter Volunteer
Addl. Shelter Volunteer
Female Shelter Volunteer**

**First Aid Volunteer
Addl. First Aid Volunteer
Female First Aid Volunteer**

Warning equipments lying with the volunteers

1. Transistor Radio

2. Torch Light

3. Megaphone

4. Hand Siren

5. Life Jacket

6. Rain coat

7. Gum boot

8. Hard hat

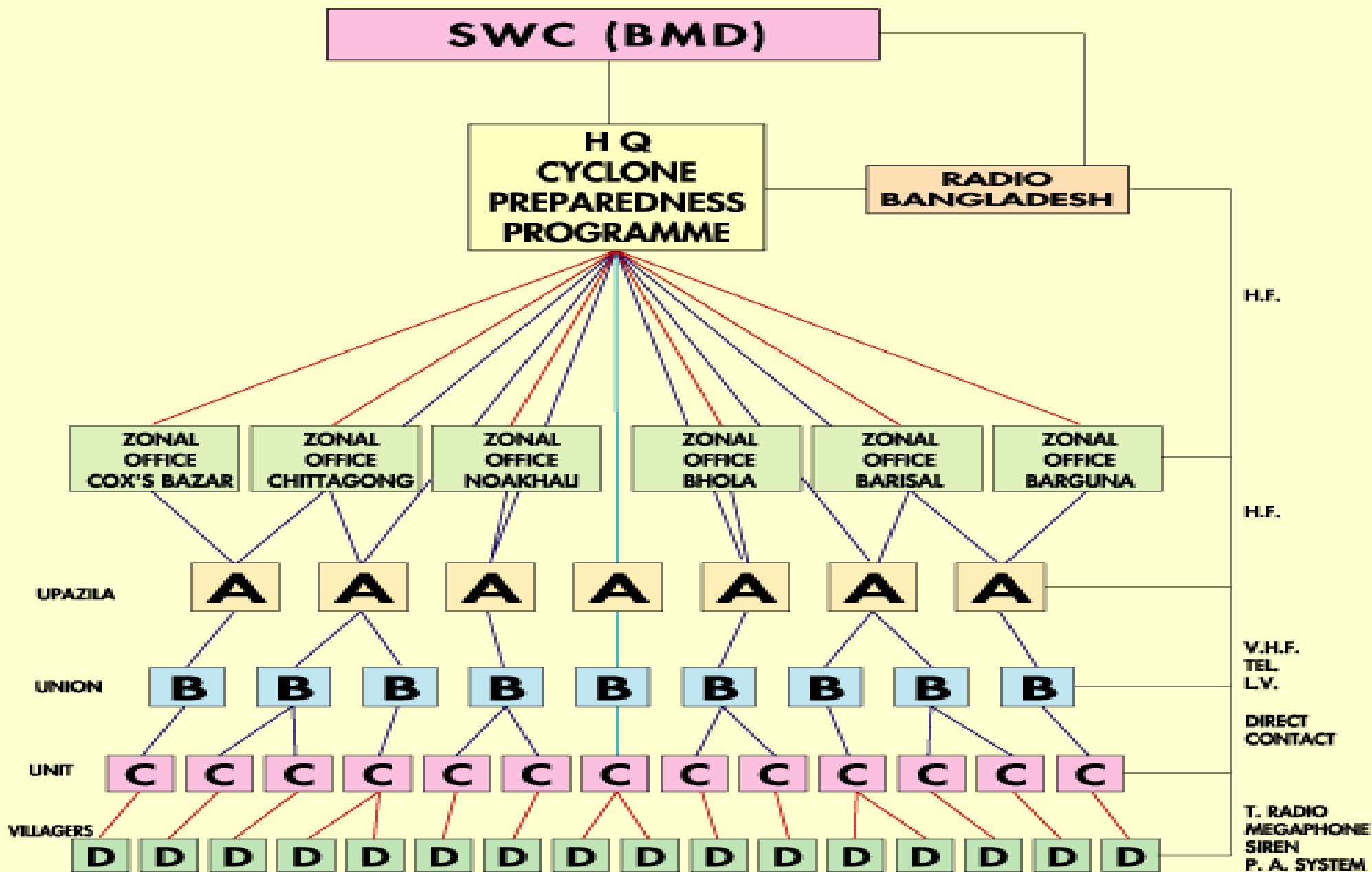
9. PA System

10. First aid kit

11. Rescue kit

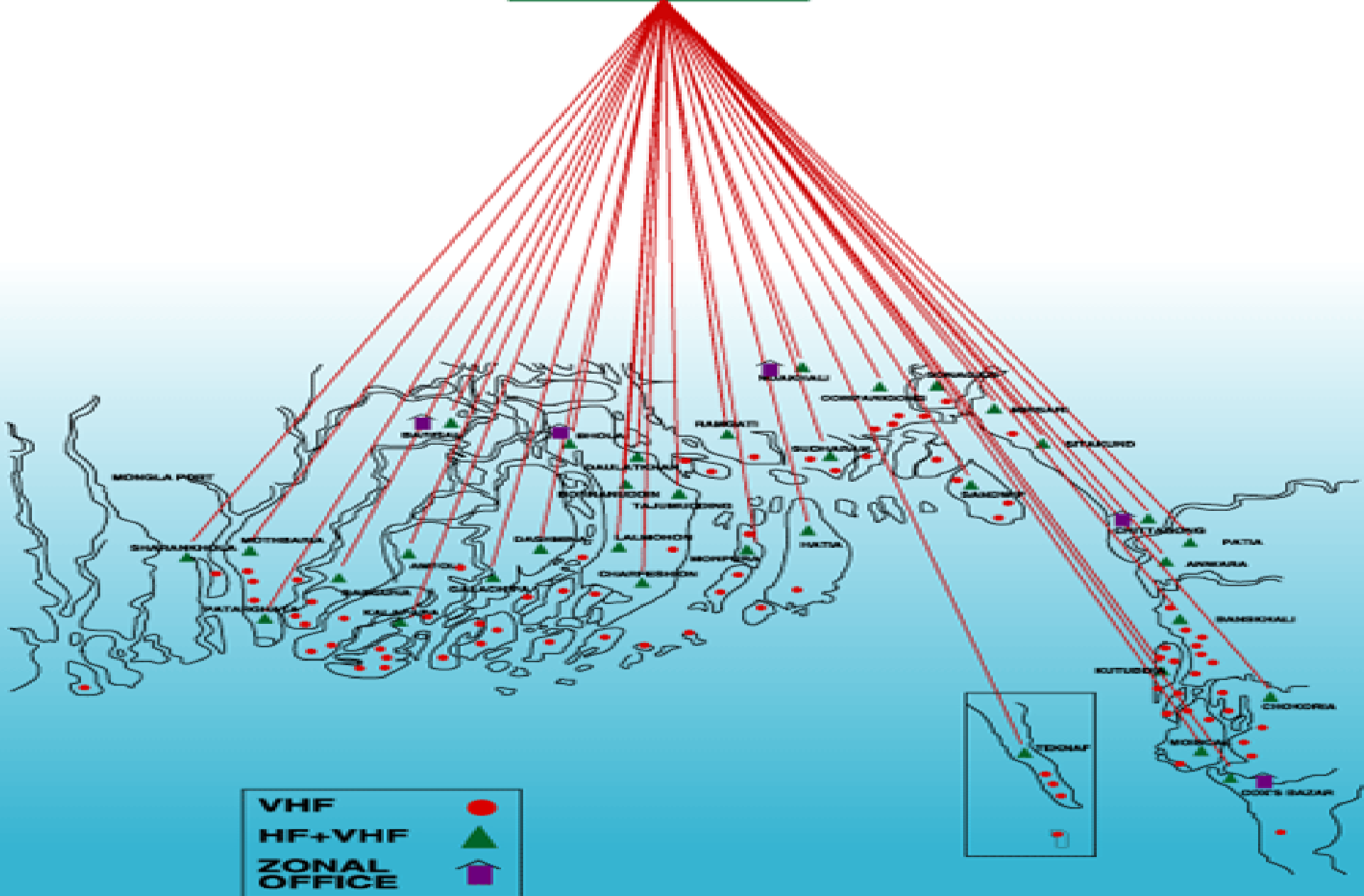
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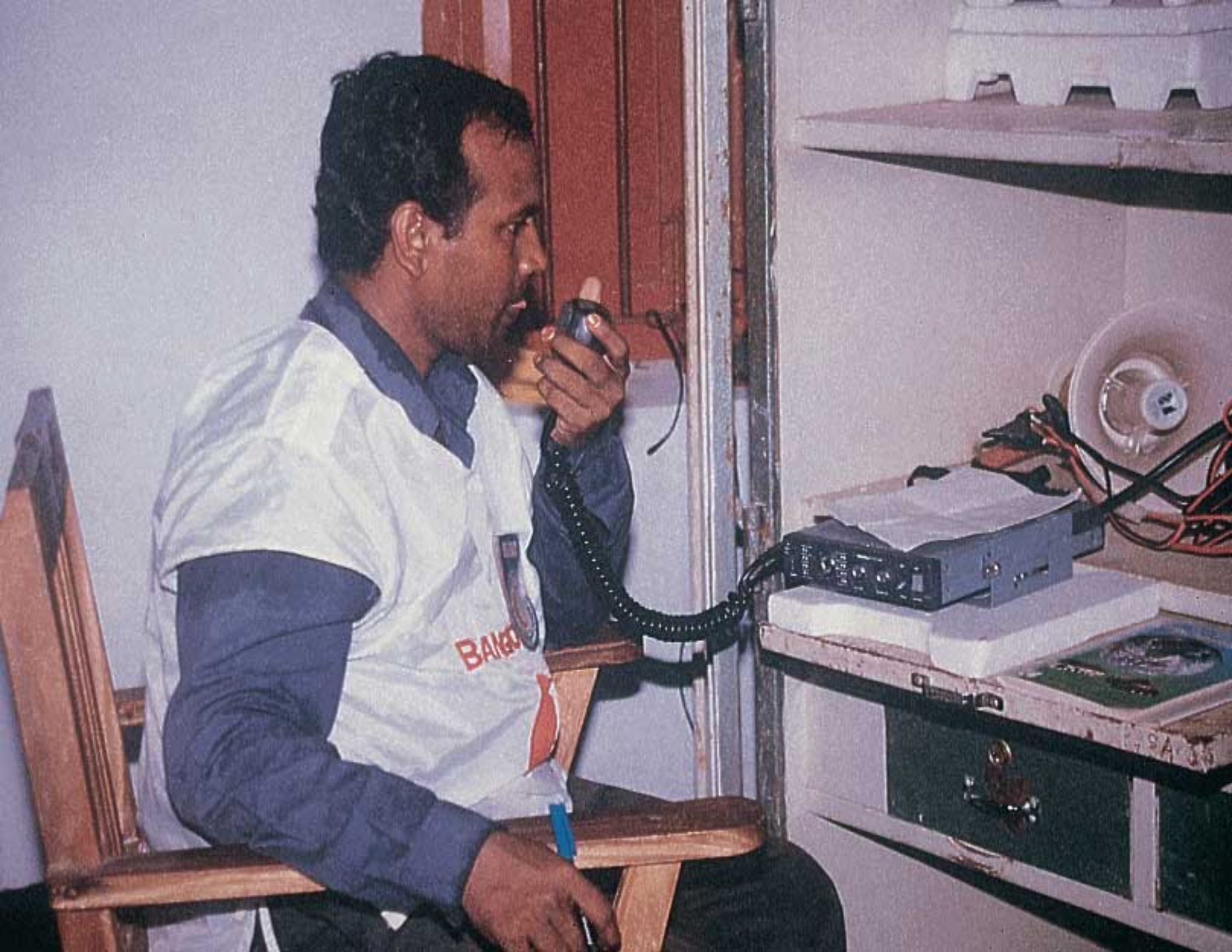
DISSEMINATION OF CYCLONE WARNING SIGNALS



TELECOMMUNICATION NETWORK

**HQ
DHAKA**

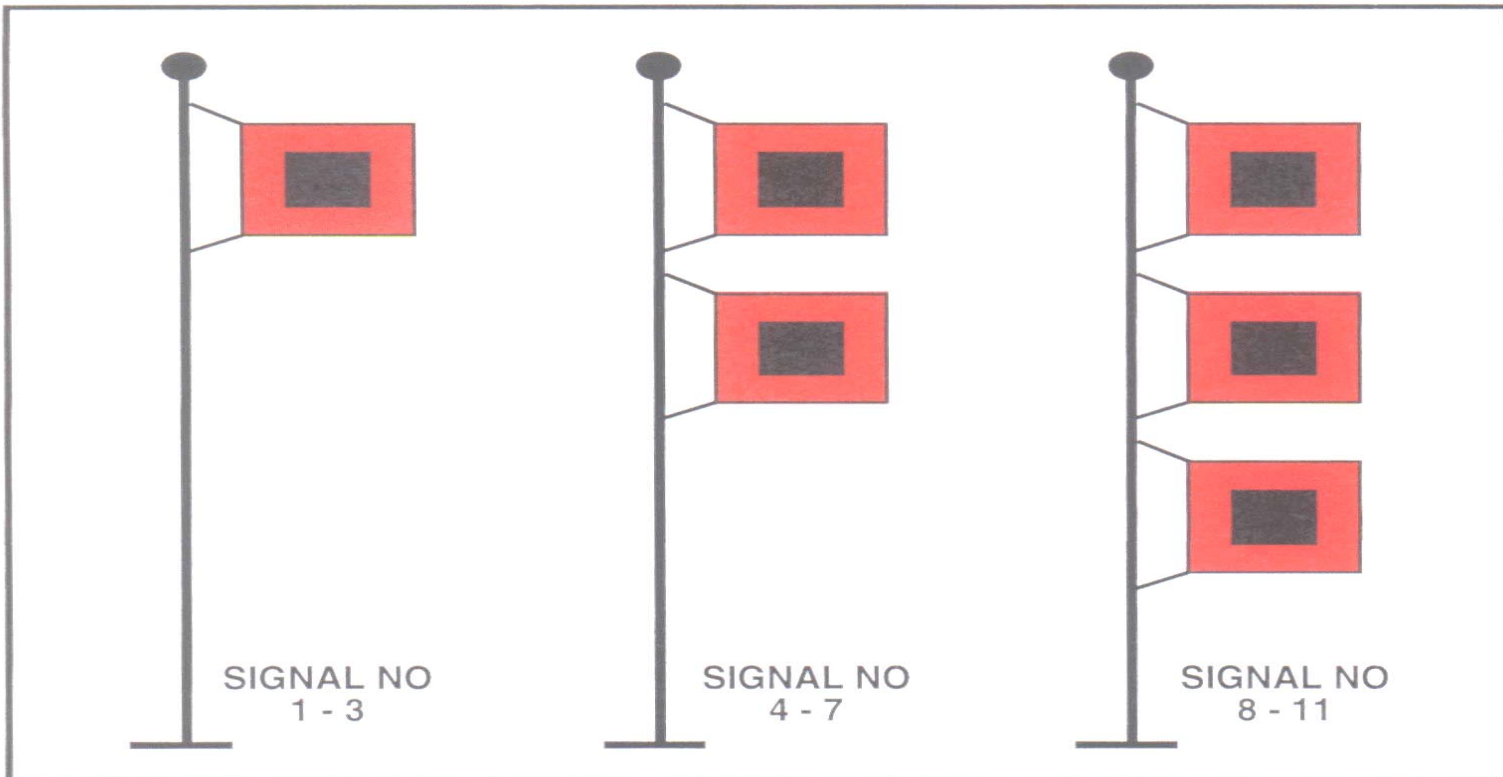




BDRCS - Cyclone Shelter



HOISTING OF SIGNAL FLAGS



Orientation/Training of Volunteers :

1. Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement
2. Cyclone and its Behaviors
3. Warning Signals and their Dissemination
4. First Aid and Rescue
5. Disaster Management

Public Awareness :

1. Volunteers social contact.
2. Cyclone drills and demonstrations.
3. Film/Video.
4. Radio and Television.
5. Posters, Leaflets and Booklets.
6. Staging Dramas

Welfare Activities by the Volunteers

Other than the mandatory responsibilities, the volunteers are very much involved in performing social welfare activities by integrated themselves with local government administration, NGOs, Upazila disaster management committee, educational institutions, religious institution, social club and other agencies in the event of road accident, fire, boat capsized, river erosion, epidemic etc. On those situations the volunteers stand besides the helpless people with sincerity and offers wholehearted cooperation.

Cyclone and Earthquake Preparedness activities

In co-operation with European Commission the following Cyclone and earthquake preparedness activities were implemented during 2004-5 in Chittagong, Cox's Bazar, Feni and Noakhali :

- 1. Mass awareness rallies - 117**
- 2. School student orientation programme in 55 schools- 55 courses**
- 3. First aid refreshers training - 110 courses in 117 unions.**
- 4. Search and Rescue training - 55 courses.**



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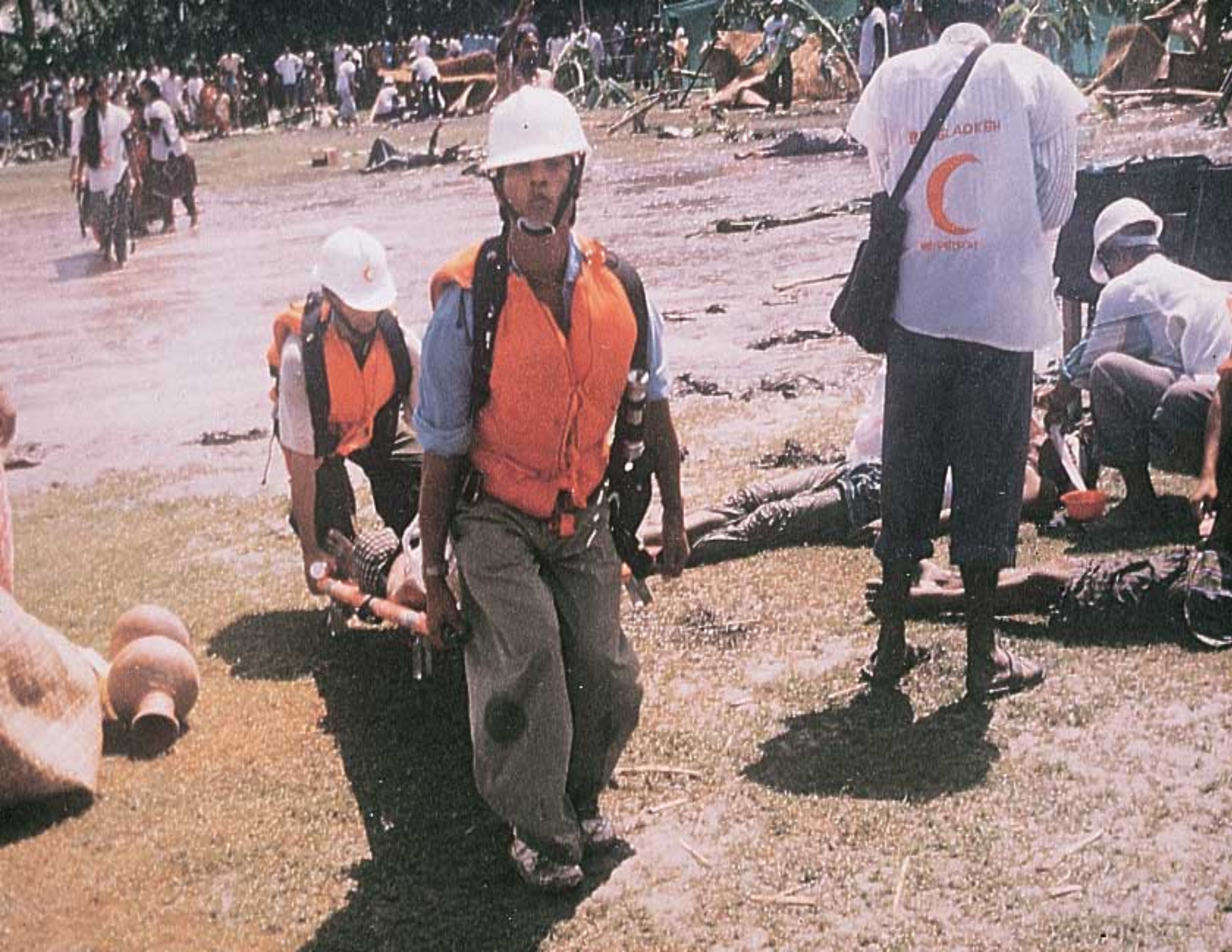
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FUTURE PROGRAMME

1. Expansion of Command Area.
2. Recruitment and Training of Volunteers.
3. Replenishment of Equipments.
4. Inclusion of Tsunami/Earthquake Activities
5. Increase public awareness activities.

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Bay of Bengal

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□ Bangkok

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□ Phuket

Lhokseumaw

Maldives

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Indian Ocean

SUMATRA

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