

Introductory Session
12:00-13:00

**Voices from tornado affected people and
district officials**

Facilitated by

Ms. Arjumand Habib (Director, Bangladesh Meteorological Department)

Mr. Yuichi Ono (Chief, Disaster Risk Reduction Section, UN ESCAP)

Agenda

- Introductory remarks by Yuichi Ono/Ajumand Habib - **3 minutes**
- Manikganj (village people followed by district officers) – **25 minutes**
- Tangail (village people followed by district officers) – **25 minutes**
- Short summary by Ajumand Habib – **3 minutes**
- Introduction of technical sessions by Yuichi Ono – **4 minutes**

Manikganj District
– Central Bangladesh, west of Dhaka
(In 1989, 800-1,300 people killed by a tornado)

Mr. Md. Iqbal Hossain Khasru

Ms. Samiron

Mr. Gouro Chandra Bashak

Ms. Rokeya

Mr. Tota Mia

Mr. Azim

Mr. Asman (boy)

Ms. Beauty (girl)

Mr. Syed Robiul Islam

Upozilla Nirbahi Officer (UNO)

Saturia, Manikganj

Mr. Abdul Mojib Photo

Chairman (locally elected)

Saturia, Manikganj

Tangail District
- Northwest Bangladesh, NW of Dhaka
(In 1996, more than 500 people were killed by a
series of tornadoes in one day)

Mr. Mr. Israfil Shikder

Mr. Wasee

Mr. Khashru Mia

Mr. Abdur Sobur

Mr. Saiful Islam

Ms. Shadina

Ms. Behram

Mr. Alamin (boy)

Ms. Maria (girl)

Mr. Muhannad Mamun-UI-Hasan

Upozilla Nirbahi Officer (UNO)

Kalihati, Tangail

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Questions

1. Self-introduction (name, age, occupation, etc.)
2. What happened to you on the day?
 - where were you and what were you doing?
 - how did you feel? what did you think it was?
 - what was the weather like before?
 - were you injured? went to a hospital?
 - anyone killed in your family or relatives?
 - what was the cause of deaths?
 - what happened to your house?
 - how was the life soon after the disaster?
3. What do you want?
 - want to know when tornado is coming before? (tornado warning system)
 - want to have a safe place from tornado? (tornado/storm shelter)
 - what do you want to say most?

Introduction of technical sessions

Today

Session 1: Governance and Policy Making

Session 2: Public Awareness and Education/Finance and
Community Planning

Tomorrow

Session 3: Meteorology and Climatology

Session 4: Early Warning System in Japan and
Bangladesh

Session 5: Wind Engineering, Household and Community
Storm Shelter, and Risks and Vulnerability

Outcomes of the forum

- Chairman's summary – at the end of the forum (2-3 pages)
- Strategy paper – to be submitted to the Government of Bangladesh by the end of this year (approximately 10 pages)
- Forum Proceedings – details

This forum is a kick-off

- To assist the Government of Bangladesh to develop a tornado disaster risk reduction strategy (early warning system, preparedness program, etc.) with 'first-class technical expertise'
- To stimulate donors' support to the implementation of the strategy