

AMPHAN CYCLONE

Cyclonic storm Amphan was a catastrophic tropical cyclone that caused boundless harm in Eastern India, especially in West Bengal and Bangladesh in May 2020. The worst-affected localities were South 24 Parganas and North 24 Parganas. Sunderbans Police District in South 24 Parganas endured tremendous damage and suffered from the cyclone. Lakhs of houses were damaged, low-lying territories immersed and crops over thousands of acres destroyed. Mud houses totally destroyed, as were asbestos rooftops and thatched houses.



SAHAYATA TRUST'S RESPONSE

HOW WE APPROACHED

Permission

- Due to the pandemic, many restrictions on movement were in place. Sahayata Trust's Emergency Relief Team took all required permissions from the authorities.

Assess

- The team assessed the situation and enlisted what can be done to help to provide the required services to the people.

Assistance

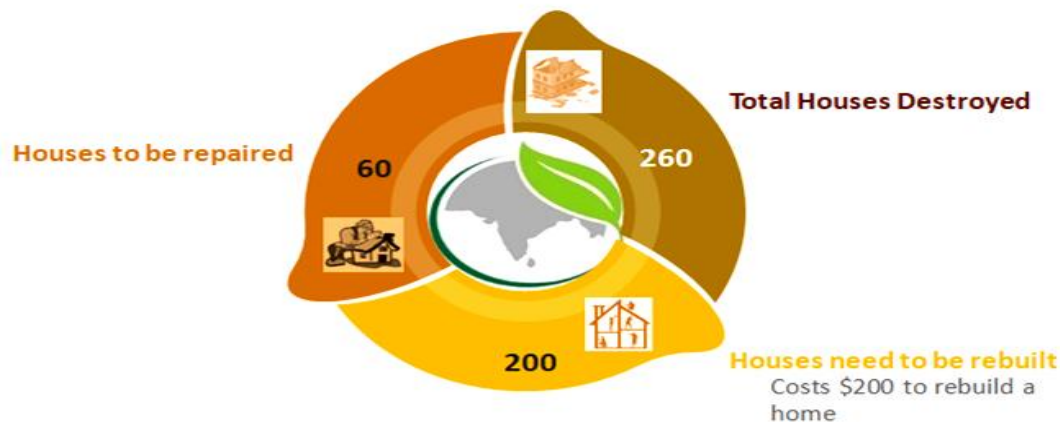
- Subsequently, we identified widows, single mothers, the elderly, and the specially-abled, who were in dire need and provided food and prioritised their house repairs.

OUR RESPONSE



Several widows and specially-abled people, irrespective of caste and religion, were provided with timely assistance by the team. Our relief team ensured a steady supply of food and medicines for those in need in the immediate aftermath of the cyclone, over time, built houses that were destroyed. In the first stage, as many as 124 full roof-top sheds were constructed.

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SOME OF THE BENEFICIARIES

- Chaira Gazi, a widow aged 60 from Monirtat village in South 24 Parganas district, made her living working as a domestic help. When the cyclone hit her mud home, the thatched roof blew away and her entire house was destroyed. Sahayata Trust reached out to her and helped in quickly putting up a roof over her head.
- Hapijul Molla, a 30-year-old specially-aged agricultural laborer was staying with his children in a mud house in South 24 Parganas' Hogla village, when the cyclone struck. The strong winds blew his house away, leaving him in great sorrow. Sahayata Trust's team was able to put a smile on his face by building a roof shed for him immediately.
- Nurjamal Molla, an aged person living in Monirtot village of South 24 Parganas district was distraught when he lost the tarpaulin shed he resided in during the cyclone. He was inconsolable when our team reached him, worried about making it safely through the rains without a house. Sahayata Trust was able to rehabilitate him as well.
- Mira Rani Sardar, a widow residing in Hogla village, appreciated the team for helping people across faiths. She received aid from the tea

OUR AIM



Targeting the construction of 200 rooftops and the repair of another 60 rooftops, Sahayata Trust's work is still underway in regions affected by Amphan. Despite the lockdown being imposed again in West Bengal due to the coronavirus pandemic, the team is still carrying on with their work to assist those in need.



200 HOUSES TO BE REPAIRED

**60 HOUSES NEED TO BE
REBUILT**



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