

Volunteering for Disaster Awareness Preparation

The Christian Aid programme in Bangladesh has been working with members of the private sector to train people in Disaster Awareness Preparation. Bangladesh is a country which is very vulnerable to extreme weather events and proper preparation for disasters can save many lives.

The project is working to sign up Urban Community Volunteers who will have training and skills in firefighting, search and rescue and first aid so they are prepared to help in case of disasters.

Christian Aid is taking part in this wider initiative with the European Commission and the Bangladesh Government. The aim is to equip households with skills to help them adapt to climate change and be able to act before, during and after a disaster in a collective and co-operative way.

The first training events ran in January 2021 with workers from security companies and drivers from ride sharing services. The Bangladesh Fire Service and Civil Defence led the training with Christian Aid's help.

As well as recruiting and training volunteers, Christian Aid is developing an app to help those living in urban areas to prepare for disasters with illustrations and instructions to help households to know what to do.

Disaster preparedness is the sort of



Volunteers learn firefighting and first aid skills at a training day run by the fire service and Christian Aid.

work which receives a lot less attention than humanitarian work responding to emergencies. However, being well prepared for a disaster can save many lives and help communities be more resilient and respond quickly.

'The aim is to be able to act before, during and after a disaster'

This kind of work is becoming more important as the climate crisis makes extreme weather events more likely in the future.

Thank you for your support for Bangladesh through Commitment for Life, which has helped people in Bangladesh to prepare for disasters.

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