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program administrators



Shyama Charon, a 50-year-old father of three, heard the thundering sound of the cyclone. This experienced fisherman, along with his wife and children, ran for their lives, leaving behind their home and all their belongings. The surges of the cyclone came fast and easily overtook them. They were separated from each other by the rushing water. It wasn't until the next day that the couple were reunited with their sons, but, sadly, their only daughter had drowned. Everything they owned was destroyed, including Shyama's boat, the family's only source of income.



The Charon family was one of 10,000 people who received aid following cyclone Sidr.

Coordinating a well-administered disaster response is no easy task. Earthquakes, hurricanes, and wars are not scheduled events. Communication, transportation, and organizational systems are usually wiped out.

To help victims of cyclones, earthquakes, and other disasters, CRWRF works to:

- ▶ partner with organizations who have adequate personnel and an established infrastructure with which to respond.
- ▶ distribute food aid, often through networks of local churches.
- ▶ distribute blankets, clothes, mosquito nets, water purification tablets, and materials to build temporary shelters.

When CRWRF sends funds through the Canadian Foodgrains Bank, a partnership of Canadian, church-based agencies, these funds are multiplied four times through contributions of the Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA).

CRWRF BEST PRACTICE: In disaster response, CRWRF seeks Christ-motivated partners who develop their relief plan after gathering the best available information, ensure that assistance methods are compatible with local living conditions, and assist the victims to become self-reliant as soon as possible after a disaster.

family devotions - GENESIS 41:25-57

The familiar story of Joseph in Egypt points to God's preservation of His people, through whom the promised Messiah was to come. What practical benefits were there in having Joseph in charge of the relief efforts before and during the famine? What does this show us about finding good partners through whom to channel our relief funds?

PRAY FOR

- ✎ Emergency supplies will be received by the most vulnerable victims after a disaster.
- ✎ Administrators responsible for the purchase, transport, and distribution of food and supplies receive safety and strength for their work.
- ✎ Families grieving the loss of loved ones would turn to the Lord for their comfort and hope.
- ✎ Believers in Christ would be known for their compassion when disasters strike.