A fire broke out in Jheelpar, one of the densely populated slum in Mirpur 7 and ravaged around 500-600 shanties on 16th August 2019. There was no casualties except 4 minor injuries.

Snapshots of the Incidents

- **Where:** Jheelpar Slum, Ward no-06, Zone-02 Dhaka North City Corporation. (Near Chalantika More and Arambag Residential Area)
- **When:** Approximately at 7.22 PM on 16th August 2019.
- **Extent:** The Fire start from north western part of the slum and later spread very swiftly and burnt down about 19080 Square Meter of the slum.
- **Response of Fire Service Department and Civil Defence (FSCD):** FSCD started to response at 7.22 PM and 24 units works intensively till the fire came under control at around 11.00 pm.
- **Causalities and Injury:** There is no death incident reported.
- **How it started:** At the initial stages the cause of this fire are not identified. FSCD has formed an inquiry commission for identify the causes of fire and the details report will be published soon.

**Affected population:**

Large number of shanties burned down to ashes along with all belongings and household items. Due to the Eid-Ul Adha holiday there were no people in more than 50% of the houses as well as the fire covered the area so quickly that people had no chance other than leave all the belongings in their houses.

**Losses and Current situation of the affected communities:**

- 3000 families lost their houses including all belongings and household materials (e.g. Utensil, furniture, clothes, household electronics, education materials).
- Relevant and necessary identity (NID) document were burned down.
- As per the local ward counsellor, approximately 50% of the affected population living in nearby schools or under open sky. (People temporarily living in Bangabandhu Primary School, Shahid Srity Schools, Mirpur Bangla High Girls Schools, Bangabandhu Niketon)
- Other 50% people went back to their villages or living in other slums with their relatives.
- People will lose their livelihoods and income.
- Protection of child, adolescents and women can be a concern as people living in temporary places.
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Urgent needs:
- Temporary shelter
- Emergency food and drinking water
- Gender Segregated Emergency WASH facilities
- Necessary clothes for men, women and children
- Mosquito Net
- Emergency utensil support
- Health support
- Clean and remove debris and corrugated iron sheets from the areas.
- Emergency Education materials support for school going children

Demography of the Affected Community

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Source: Calculated by incorporating the ratios from Slum Census 2014

Response and Support from GoB:
- State minister of the Ministry of Disaster Management and Relief (MoDMR), Mayor of the Dhaka North City Corporation, Local Member of Parliament, Deputy Commissioner of Dhaka District and other local government representatives have visited the burnt areas and talked with affected people on the night of the incidents.
- Local Ward councillor started to list the all affected families.
- Local Member of Parliament and local government representatives arranged meal for the affected people from noon. They are distributing cooked food in 6 different points. This support will continue as required.
- Ministry of Disaster Management and Relief allocated 10 Metric Ton of Rice and BDT 100,000 from the GR cash for cooked food distribution.
- Dhaka WASA arranged water vehicle for providing drinking water.
- Dhaka North City Corporation has arrange a temporary mobile toilet facilities of 4 for female and 4 for male.

Initiatives by Non-government Organization
- Action Aid Bangladesh and its local partner NDBUS has visited the site and prepare the SitRep.
- Dhaka Ahsania Mission (DAM) is closely involved in the initial assessment process in Mirpur with Caritas and SEEP.
- Two learning enter of the UNICEF funded EEOoSC project were burnt down. A local NGO SUROVI implementing partner of UNICEF’s mentioned project has listed down the affected children’s family of the learning centre and coordinating with the local government representatives for providing education support in the other three learning center in the same slum. The Sitrep can be found here.

Coordination for Response and services
- Local Member of Parliament and Local Ward Councillor (Ward no 06) and is coordinating the response activities.
- Doctor Mahmuda Ali, Assistant Health Officer of Zone -2, Dhaka North City Corporation is managing the health cam and coordinating health support.

Updates and request from NAWG
- As a process of Urban Needs Assessment tools development Needs Assessment Working Group will deploy the pre-tested methodology for urban needs assessment for this incident as test case.
- NAWG members are requested to share any situation report/assessment report or any other relevant information regarding the incidents, Please share your information or situation report in this folder by clicking this link below https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1C5U2E6Lg6Fy3MCJjpGsAN_l9eo-mmNm?usp=sharing
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Annex: Photos, Sources and Contacts

Photo: The ravaged of the fire incidents (1st-North and 2nd-south of the slum.  Photo: Emergency Water, Latrine and Health support by GoB

Data Sources:
1. National Newspaper, published on 16th and 17th August 2019 can be accessed by clicking here.
2. Google Earth Imagery 2019,
3. Key Informants Interview and Community Discussion.
4. Slum Census 2014

Note: This situation updates is just a compilation of different secondary data sources by NAWG, not validated as Needs Assessment Report.

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