School Repair & Refurbishment Programme (SRRP) for 20 Fani cyclone affected schools in Odisha

Implemented by:
Our Sincere Thanks To

Education Department, Government of Odisha
Administration of Cuttack, Jajpur, Kendrapara, Khorda & Puri districts
Members of Panchayati Raj Institutions
School Principals & Teachers
School Management Committee Members
Community Members
&
Children
In 2019, Cyclone **Fani** wreaked havoc in the coastal areas of Eastern Odisha. It was an unprecedented calamity that brought the affected areas to a standstill.

Effective and precautionary planning led to an evacuation of about 1.2 million people, a massive operation never heard of. Despite much preparation, the state's infrastructure was severely impacted.

Among those affected, were several schools and educational institutes. The bank took up the task of restoring, renovating and repairing the Government Schools in the coastal districts of Odisha, namely, Puri, Kendrapara, Jajpur, Cuttack, and Khorda.

A need-based assessment was conducted to examine the magnitude of devastation caused. The project focused on restoration of 20 Government schools using cyclone proof engineering.

Under the aegis of Parivartan, the bank introduced SMART classroom facilities, upgraded the kitchen and drinking water facilities, constructed new sanitation units along with repairing & renovation of the existing ones. Some of these schools were also provided with sports equipment and a library.

HDFC bank had also organized a plantation drive programme – Green Legacy launched on 18th August 2019 by **Sri Aditya Padhy, Chief Secretary, Government of Odisha**, in the presence of Government dignitaries and senior bank officials. Approximately, 25,000 tree saplings were planted through the month of August across 38 cities and villages of 14 cyclone affected districts in Odisha. The objective of the plantation drive was to regenerate the green cover.

I would like to congratulate the entire team that has been a part of this remarkable initiative. Special thanks to Prayatn Sanstha and IGSS (Indo Global Social Service Society) for their support towards improving the lives of the students. The joint efforts of all the stakeholders – students, teachers, SMC members and Government departments, have helped the program to accomplish the expected outcomes.

**Nusrat Pathan**  
Head CSR, HDFC Bank Ltd
Millions of people in the Indian sub-continent lost their livelihood and assets in the massive destruction caused by Cyclone Fani. Odisha, one of the worst affected state, was battling to restore livelihood, education and health infrastructure. Hundreds of Government schools were ravaged, leaving it unsafe for children. The humanitarian crisis called for a collaborative effort to restore the infrastructure and livelihood of people.

Indo-Global Social Service Society has been working across India to provide relief and rehabilitation services to the communities affected by the disaster. As the Cyclone Fani hit the coast, IGSSS quickly responded with relief in the affected parts of Odisha.

Extending our efforts from relief to rehabilitation, in partnership with HDFC Bank, we adopted 9 Government schools in Cuttack & Jajpur districts, with a mandate to build them back better.

I am happy to state that the physical infrastructure of the schools is restored, making it safe and conducive for the children to attend. Going beyond restoration, schools have been provided with smart classrooms, library infrastructure, clean drinking water facility, toilets, playground, sports material, and teaching learning material. All this will hopefully create a positive environment for the children to study!

This work could not have been possible without the support of local government officials, panchayat members, parents and school management. No words are enough to thank HDFC Bank for their support and guidance.

Waiting to see happiness on the faces of children when they return to their schools post COVID...

John Peter Nelson
Executive Director, IGSSS
**Quest for the Dawn of Change...**

Child Development is among the core thematic areas on which Prayatn focuses its efforts and ensuring education to children in qualitative and safe manner is one of the most important components of it. We feel that good quality education is a right of each and every child and ensuring fulfillment of the same, whatever be the situation, is one of the key responsibilities of the civil society.

When cyclone FANI hit Odisha, it affected all aspects of life including livelihood, health, education, etc. as entire social and economic infrastructure of the region was ruined. While reconstruction of houses and restoration and livelihood was most important for bringing life of adults on track, bringing life of children to normalcy was not possible unless schools were restarted. But cyclone had caused severe damage to their buildings and education in them was not possible unless they were repaired, reconstructed and refurbished.

School repair and refurbishment is a cost intensive process for which we required external support. Fortunately, HDFC bank Parivartan, provided us this support for 11 government schools in Puri, Kendrapara and Khordha district.

Our focus was not only on repair and refurbishment but also on making the infrastructure modern and child friendly. So, development of building as learning aid and smart classrooms in the same was undertaken along with repair and refurbishment of classrooms, kitchen, WASH facilities, etc. In this process, Education Department and local District Administration, School Management Committee and Community rendered us good cooperation and we take this opportunity to thank them. We also thank HDFC team for extending the support.

We hope that the effort will help in removing painful memories of the cyclone from the minds of children and enabling them to rebuild their dreams which had otherwise got shattered.

**Malay Kumar**  
Secretary, Prayatn Sanstha
On 3rd May 2019, when extremely strong cyclone FANI hit shores of Odisha, it caused severe damage in Puri and nearby districts with an estimated maximum sustained surface wind speed of 170-185 km/h gusting to 205 km/h. It resulted in extreme infrastructural and economic loss to the local inhabitants. While more than 15.98 million people were affected, children, in particular, suffered deep trauma because their schools were converted into debris and there was no place for them to continue their education and play. More than 6500 schools were damaged in the state disrupting education of about 20 lakh children.

To bring the children out of the trauma and minimize loss to their education, reconstruction of the schools was extremely important. **HDFC Bank Parivartan**, came forward to support the government in this situation by undertaking repair and refurbishment of 20 government schools in Cuttack, Jajpur, Puri, Khorda and Kendrapara districts of Odisha through its partner organizations **Indo-Global Social Service Society** and **Prayatn Sanstha**.
THE EFFORT

Detailed assessment of the damage caused to the schools was undertaken by a team of technical experts subsequent to which repair and refurbishment was undertaken, planned and executed. Repair included repair of classrooms, kitchens, libraries, laboratories, toilets, safe drinking water facilities, handwashing facilities, etc. In situations where repair was not possible and additional structure was needed keeping need of school in mind, reconstruction was included. Civil work was followed by artwork to develop Building as Learning Aid.

Refurbishment included repair of old furniture or its replacement with new furniture, computers, smart boards, play material, etc. The entire work was jointly supervised by technical expert, SMC members, school and government authorities. The ultimate aim was to make school environment more modern, safe and Child Friendly.

SCHOOLS BENEFITTED

**District: Cuttack**
1. Bandala UP School
2. Bilasuni Vidyapitha
3. Gobabasta High School
4. Jajabhairaba Nuagaon UP School
5. Laxmi Narayan Vidyapitha
6. Niala High School
7. Sundargram High School
8. Usuma Panchayat High School
9. Dwipanchal High School

**District: Kendrapara**
1. Athapatana Binapani High School
2. Baladev High School
3. Jagulai Bidyaniketan
4. Penthapal Project UP School

**District: Khordha**
1. Bapujee Government UP School
2. Barunai Government UP School

**District: Puri**
1. Bhababandha Nodal High School
2. Bira HareKrushnapur Nodal High School
3. Government High School
4. Mukteshwar Primary School
5. Panchayat Panchashakti Bidyapitha
Repair and reconstruction of Classrooms

Pre-work situation

School buildings had suffered severe damage because in certain cases entire structure had collapsed while in others, the roofs had been blown away, heavy downpour had damaged their floors and walls had developed crack. Electrical fittings had blown away while doors and windows had got damaged. Furniture placed in the classrooms too had got damaged.

Glimpses of classrooms before work
The Effort

Damaged structures were dismantled and the debris was cleared. Walls were repaired and reconstructed wherever required. Fabricated roof was reinstalled. Floors too were repaired and in many schools tiling was done. Additional classrooms were constructed wherever required. Necessary electrical fittings, doors, windows, etc. were also replaced. The classrooms were then refurbished with required furniture.

Glimpses of classrooms after work
Re-developing basic WASH facilities

Pre-work Situation

Some of the schools did not have adequate number of toilets and handwashing facilities. The existing facilities and fittings were damaged because of the cyclone making them unusable. Supply of water in these facilities was also an issue because most of them did not have pumps, overhead tanks for storage and regular supply of water. Drinking water facilities too had got damaged in similar manner.

Glimpses of WASH facilities before work
The Effort

Damaged toilet facilities were repaired and wherever repairing was not possible, they were dismantled and reconstructed after cleaning of the debris. In schools where toilets were not adequate in number when compared with number of children enrolled, additional toilets were also constructed. Separation of toilets for girls and boys was kept in mind. Handwashing units were also erected keeping in mind the average height and convenience of children. Required sanitary fittings were installed. The structures were covered with tiles for ensuring cleanliness as well as hygiene. Overhead tanks and submersible pumps were also installed wherever required to ensure continuous supply of water. Drinking water sources were repaired in most of the schools. To ensure supply of safe drinking water, water filtration systems which were protected using safety grill.

Glimpses of WASH facilities after work
Repair and refurbishment of Laboratories, libraries, etc.

Pre-work Situation

Some of the schools had science and computer laboratories while others had libraries too. Buildings, equipment and furniture of these too had got damaged because their roofs had collapsed.

Glimpses of laboratories and libraries before work
The Efforts

Buildings of laboratories and libraries were repaired or reconstructed as per need and were equipped with computers, other equipment, bookshelves, almirahs and furniture.

Glimpses of laboratories and libraries after work
Pre-work Situation

While some of the schools were providing midday meal through centralized kitchen some of them had local kitchen. One of the schools had dining hall as well. All of these were damaged because of the cyclone. Non-availability of adequately-sized ventilators, absence of sinks and water in kitchen and damage to cooking equipment and utensils were among the other issues to be addressed.

Glimpses of kitchens and dining hall before work
The Efforts

Kitchen building was repaired and size of ventilator in the same was increased wherever needed. Sink in the kitchen was installed and water supply in the same was ensured. Kitchens were also upgraded with smoke efficient chullahs, storage cabinets, new cooking equipment and utensils. Building of dining hall was also repaired and refurbished wherever available.

Glimpses of kitchens and dining hall after work
Other Repair and Refurbishment Works

Pre-work Situation

One of the school had cycle stand which had got damaged. In another school, slides installed for playing had got damaged. Verandahs in all the schools had got damaged.

The Effort

These were repaired. Playground too had been cleaned in all schools and leveled wherever. Art work was done in the entire school for making it attractive for children developing building as Learning Aid.
Making Classrooms Digital and Child Friendly

In order to make classrooms modern and the school environment child friendly, smartboards and projectors have been provided in certain schools. On the other hand, entire school premise has been painted with attractive and education content keeping in mind the concept of Building as learning Aid. Play material has also been provided to children.

Glimpses of modernized classrooms
To
HDFC BANK PARIVARTAN
Dear sir / Madam,

School authority of L.N.NodalVidyapitha, Kasarda and SMC members take this opportunity to thank HDFC Bank Parivartan and it’s team members for successfully implementing repair, renovation and refurbishment work and developing a model school in our area.

We are very much happy for the quality of the work that have been done in our school and once again whole heartedly thanks to HDFC Bank Parivartan team.

Thanks

Head Master, L. N. Nodal VidyaPitha, Kasarda. Block – Niali, Cuttack.

SMC members –
Name – Rabindra Kumar Padhi
Signature - Rabindra Kumar Padhi

OFFICE OF THE HEADMASTER
BAPUJEE GOVT. U.P SCHOOL GADAKAN
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LETTER OF APPRECIATION

Our School had faced serious damages after devastating cyclone “Fani”. In response to our request HDFC BANK in collaboration with “PRAYATNA SANSTHA” came forward and rebuilt our classrooms in a sophisticated way even tile flooring and roof top covered with GI sheet supported by iron angle bars. We are much more thankful to HDFC BANK and “PRAYATNA SANSTHA” for undertaking the repair work and providing school furniture etc. This will go a long way in helping the students in their studies. Our School committee also praised for such kind of contribution in this field, as a whole.

Thank You.

Chairperson (SMC)
Bapujee Govt. U.P School
Gadakan, Bhubaneswar

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HDFC Bank Parivartan

HDFC Bank, as a socially responsible private sector bank, strives to create sustainable communities through implementing CSR programmes under ‘Parivartan’. At HDFC Bank, we firmly believe that for any business to prosper, it must consider the social, environmental and ethical impact of its decisions. Progress isn’t simply about moving with the times. It is about ushering in ‘Parivartan’ – a transformation that improves lives and empowers communities. To achieve this, the Bank works hand-in-hand with marginalized communities to try and understand their unique needs. The Parivartan initiative of HDFC Bank defies Rural Development, Promotion of Education, Skills Development and Livelihood Enhancement, Healthcare & Hygiene, and Financial Literacy & Inclusion as strategic focus areas of intervention across 17 states of India.

Under HDFC Bank Parivartan, the Bank reaches out to reference communities and puts effort in enabling them to shift from a vicious cycle of poverty to a virtuous cycle of growth. Stemming from the Bank’s core value of sustainability, this approach empowers millions to be self-reliant and, in effect, become partners in the growth of our nation. Taking one step at a time, the Bank aims to pave the way for a brighter future.

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Dedicated to the millions of children whose lives are affected by disasters every year.