

Cyclone victims need more aid

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DHAKA, Bangladesh -- Bangladeshi victims of Cyclone Sidr were receiving aid but the BBC reported huge logistical challenges hampered aid agencies to reach many people. Sidr, one of the most devastating storms spawned in the Bay of Bengal hit the country last week, killing more than 3,000 people, rendering hundreds of thousands homeless, destroying much of the country's crops and downing communication lines. Despite a massive international relief effort, the BBC report said the survivors' needs are for more especially clean water, food and shelter. An MSNBC report from an affected village reported angry victims demanded more food from aid workers after they had exhausted their supply of three boxes per family of high-protein biscuits, the report said. One villager was quoted as saying many victims didn't know about the approaching storm or the warnings, saying they are illiterate. Britain's Guardian in a report from Jhalokati said the scene was one of collapsed homes, uprooted trees and inundated cropland. A woman told the newspaper her family of five hadn't eaten for two days.

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