

300 villages brought under flood rehab programme

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SOME 300 flood-affected villages in districts have been brought under a Flood Restoration and Recovery Assistance Programme, being implemented with assistance from the World Bank.

Of the flood-affected villages, 150 are in Jamalpur district, 100 in Gaibandha and 50 in Sirajganj district.

Social Development Foundation and Palli Karma Shahayak Foundation are implementing the 25-mil-

lion US\$ programme in the districts devastated by floods in 2007.

SDF recently distributed Tk 4 lakh as initiation fund under the project in four villages in Sadar upazila of Sirajganj, said a press release on Sunday.

Speaking on the occasion at Patal village, acting Managing Director of SDF Md Abdul Momen said SDF has launched the unique project--Social Investment Program Project-for poverty alleviation in rural Bangladesh

and hoped that it would be able to bring about a basic change in the lives of the poor people.

In response to the government's request for rehabilitation and reconstruction assistance in the aftermath of the 2007 floods, the International Development Association of the World Bank came up with the US\$25 million emergency programme.

About 150,000 flood-affected families will be benefited directly from the livelihood support activities.