

Minutes of the Third Community Meeting
Organised by BADRC held on 18/04/2010

In the third community meeting of Bangladesh Australia Disaster Relief Committee (BADRC) the management committee gave brief account of its activities since second community meeting as follows:

- 1 Contribution to Victoria Bush Fire:_BADRC paid \$2000.00 for the victims of the bush fire in Victoria on an emergency basis.
- 2 The BADRC management committee has selected a school cum shelter in a SIDR affected area. The selection was initially based on the selection criteria listed below. The former Acting High Commissioner Mr, Restadul Islam personally visited the site and recommended that BADRC should proceed with the selection. Consultants have been appointed to oversee the construction and certification.
- 3 Financials: With the excellent cooperation from the Bangladesh High Commission (Mr. Nazrul Islam in particular) BADRC has received back (\$26,874.00) the contribution paid to the High Commissioner Relief Fund. As at 09/03/10 the balance was \$47,493.33 including the contribution received back. Since then \$30,000.00 has been fixed deposited and will be available whenever we need the money.

Minutes:

- 1 Shelter-cum-school:
BADRC produced a draft design of the first floor (the ground floor ill have no structure, only pillars to hold first floor) of the shelter. After lengthy discussion
 - It was decided to make provision for two toilets on the first floor. The design will need to be altered to reflect this decision.
 - The community meeting approved a budget of \$40,000.00 (forty thousand dollars).
- 2 Other matters:
 - One of the community members (Dr.Waliul Islam) present in the meeting presented leaflets that described the charity activities he has been involved with in the Bogra district of Bangladesh. Of the activities the meeting decided to explore the Scholarship Scheme further. The meeting in principle agreed to support the Scholarship scheme via interest income on the fixed deposit that BADRC is planning to make for this purpose in a bank in Bangladesh.
 - However the meeting has requested a formal proposal on the Scholar Scheme (to be funded by BARDC as above) from Dr. W Islam for further discussion and consideration in the next Community Meeting.