Cyclone Amphan was the first tropical cyclone of 2020 and the strongest ever recorded in the Bay of Bengal. The cyclone is believed to have affected 4.5 million people in Odisha and as many as 60 million in West Bengal. State authorities organised evacuations but 85 people still lost their lives. The damage is estimated to total almost $13.5 billion.

COVID-19 exacerbates the emergency. In the midst of a lockdown, families have limited access to decent work, cash and food. The lack of hygiene supplies and facilities increases the risk of the spread of COVID-19 and water borne diseases. Monsoon rains will create further challenges. Together, this leaves those affected by the cyclone acutely vulnerable.

Objective
To provide essential hygiene items, food supplies and shelter or cash for work assistance to 3,000 households / approximately 14,000 individuals in targeted areas of Odisha and West Bengal states to lessen the impact of Cyclone Amphan and the potential spread of COVID-19.

Activities
- Identify 3,000 households as per set vulnerability criteria
- Provide 3,000 hygiene kits to selected households
- Distribute 3,000 15-day dry ration food packs
- Give shelter kits to 1,100 families with damaged homes
- Offer cash for work to 200 beneficiary households to restore community infrastructure

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