



Adult Training & Recreation Centre Patuakhali, BANGLADESH



Disaster Relief and Rehabilitation Program: At DCI, we feel that once a child has been chosen for our Sun Child Sponsorship Program we have a moral obligation to do everything we can to promote and safeguard the child's welfare. The Patuakhali District, one of DCI's Sun Child Sponsorship project locations, was devastated by Cyclone Sidr in November, 2007. Because we already had infrastructure in place there, DCI was able to provide immediate relief and rehabilitation aid to the local community and subsequently DCI continued to work to rebuild damaged homes and schools as funding became available and is still continuing to do so.

Construction of ADULT TRAINING & RECREATION CENTER was one effort to restore normal life in the life of people in the area. The donation from Sylhet Sadar Than association of NY and some contribution from DCI's emergency fund was used to construct this center. The center is fully functioning since Dec, 2008. The local project manager of DCI is creating small groups with the local high school & college students. DCI plans to arrange different information session, workshop and vocational training opportunities in this center, in addition to arrangements for entertainments for the youths and elderly. As appropriate "Disaster management" was the topic of the first workshop in December of 2008.

—Report by Program Manager Abdul Monaem.



Youth forum members at Disaster management Workshop