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HANDS ON DISASTER RESPONSE EXTENDS CYCLONE RELIEF PROJECT

Group will continue volunteer relief project for one more month in Bangladesh

CARLISLE, MA 03/20/08 – Hands On Disaster Response (HODR), a volunteer-driven 501(c) 3 nonprofit organization, recently announced the extension of Project Rayenda their volunteer project in Rayenda, Bangladesh to help those devastated by Cyclone Sidr. This disaster, the most significant in Bangladesh in over 15 years, hit the coastline November 15, 2007, killing over 3,500 and extensively damaging over 1 million homes, businesses, and schools.

Since the start of Project Rayenda on January 5, 2008 HODR volunteers have been effectively working with the community and other relief organizations to restore normalcy and improve living conditions. HODR has partnered with fellow international NGO Save The Children by helping staff their “safe spaces.” These spaces provide kids affected by Cyclone Sidr a safe playing environment. HODR and Save the Children have also teamed up to build five playgrounds. These communities have never had playground equipment before and are incredibly excited about this project. To fulfill this commitment, HODR has extended Project Rayenda until April 17. The volunteers will continue to work on a mixture of shelter, community and playground building projects.

HODR is still accepting volunteers for Project Rayenda. There is no charge to the volunteers except transportation to the volunteer base. In exchange for volunteer time and resources, HODR provides food, shelter, and a dynamic, rewarding work experience. For more information, visit their website, www.HODR.org.

HODR is also still in need of monetary donations to offset the costs of these projects. Donations can be made securely on their website, www.HODR.org. All donations are tax-deductible and will be used effectively in this relief project. All funds donated to HODR go directly towards these efforts to help run a successful relief project. Please give generously to support our volunteers and the people they assist.

For additional information on HODR’s Bangladesh Project please visit www.HODR.org or contact Paula Ogletree at 706-476-0310 or paula@hodr.org.

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ABOUT: Hands On Disaster Response is a US-based, volunteer-driven, 501(c) 3 nonprofit organization dedicated to timely disaster response and relief. HODR strives to provide hands-on relief to survivors of natural disasters with maximum speed and minimum bureaucracy. Our projects focus on applying volunteer resources and expertise to communities affected by natural disaster. Previous projects have included Thailand (2004 Southeast Asian Tsunami), USA (Hurricane Katrina), Indonesia (2006 Jogjakarta earthquake), the Philippines (Typhoon Reming) Peru (2007 Pisco Earthquake), Bangladesh (Cyclone Sidr), and USA (2008 Arkansas tornadoes). Donations made to HODR are tax deductible.