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BANGLADESH: DHAKA FIRE

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The Situation

A devastating fire swept through a densely populated slum area of the Bangladesh capital, Dhaka on Wednesday 1 February. The fire department estimates the blaze, which started as a kitchen fire, swept through 1,500 thatch dwellings in the Mohammedpur area. No deaths were reported but 28 people suffered injuries.

A total of 1,500 families have had their homes destroyed. Five hundred families are sheltering in a community centre while the remainder are staying with relatives and friends.

The government agencies have distributed emergency materials including 1,000 blankets and 22 tonnes of rice and corrugated iron sheets will be distributed to the affected people.

Red Cross and Red Crescent action

The Bangladesh Red Crescent Society and the Federation delegation closely monitored the situation. A four-member joint Bangladesh Red Crescent/Federation assessment team was deployed on 2 February.

Based on the assessment team's report, the 500 families who are in the community centre will be assisted immediately with each receiving a family kit and two blankets. The family kits include basic kitchen and cooking utensils and men's and women's clothing.

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