

# Operations update



International Federation  
of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies

## Bangladesh: Cyclone Aila

Emergency appeal n° MDRBD004  
Operations update n° 2  
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**Appeal target (current):** CHF 2,355,249 (USD 2.2 million or EUR 1.6 million) in cash, kind, or services to support the Bangladesh Red Crescent Society (BDRCS) to assist 36,800 families (or 184,000 beneficiaries) for nine months.

**Appeal coverage:** The appeal is 28 per cent covered. Funds are still urgently needed to enable the BDRCS to continue to provide humanitarian assistance and to plan for recovery for those affected by Cyclone Aila.

### Appeal history:

This Emergency Appeal was launched on 24 June 2009.

- **Disaster Relief Emergency Fund (DREF):** CHF 253,000 was allocated from the International Federation's DREF to support the national society's response to the Cyclone Aila operation on 2 June 2009

### Summary:

Cyclone Aila hit the south-western coast of Bangladesh on 25 May 2009. As per information from the food and disaster management ministry (FDMM), it left up to 190 dead and thousands marooned in the coastal areas of the six districts. Within hours of the cyclone making landfall, BDRCS distributed cash to its respective units to purchase dry foods for emergency relief. BDRCS, in a joint effort with the International Federation, mobilized assessment teams for further emergency response. The government and the navy, together with local administrations and non-governmental organizations, provided significant assistance during the initial relief operation.

At present, many areas of the affected districts are still inundated. Additionally, many houses, roads and embankments are damaged. An estimated 243,000 houses have been fully destroyed and over 373,000 partially damaged. Thousands of people found temporary shelter. These include cyclone shelters, schools, and makeshift shelters on embankments. Added to this situation, the start of the monsoon season has exacerbated the impact of the cyclone. Detailed shelter assessments for the Khulna and Satkhira districts have been completed and shared within the movement and the Aila shelter working group. Based on the International Federation's shelter assessment and recommendations for the technical working group (within the shelter cluster) it is the intention of the BDRCS/International Federation team to execute a third emergency distribution of shelter items targeted to assist most vulnerable families still living on the embankments.

Relief efforts are continuing in all affected districts with some early recovery underway. The immediate



The on-going distribution of food items at one of the remote islands of Pirojpur district. **Photo credit: BDRCS**

response by the BDRCS/International Federation included non-food item (NFI) packages comprising of plastic sheets, water jerry cans and hygiene parcels. These were dispatched from pre-positioned stock and distributed to 10,000 households within the eight most affected areas. In addition to the distribution of NFIs, the BDRCS/International Federation collaborated with Save the Children and Oxfam, and provided 11,000 water jerry cans for the beneficiaries. Jerry cans allow beneficiaries to collect clean drinking water from the water purification plants set up by Save the Children and Oxfam in the affected areas. As of last week, 10,000 food packages were distributed to most affected families in eight affected districts of Barisal, Bhola, Pirojpur, Sathkira, Khulna, Bagerhat, Barguna and Patuakhali.

#### Response at a glance:

Distribution/Assessment	No. of families	Date of distribution completed/targeted	Remarks
NFI and dry food	10,000	15 June 09	
Detailed shelter assessment		20 July 09	Report submitted
NFI	7,000	9 August 09	Planned distribution
Shelter materials	10,000	24 August 09	Planned distribution

To develop a more comprehensive understanding about Aila relief distribution, the early recovery delegate from the Asia Pacific Zone arrived in the country to take note of the current relief distribution status. Additionally, the delegate will consider any opportunities for early recovery activities identified within the appeal to be implemented while taking into consideration limited funding. The early recovery delegate will also try to find potential partnerships for recovery programmes.

To date the following partners have contributed to this appeal: Red Cross Society of China Hong Kong Branch, Japanese Red Cross, Monaco Red Cross, Netherlands Red Cross/government; and the Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries' (OPEC) Fund for International Development.

The International Federation, on behalf of BDRCS, would like to thank all partners who have contributed to this appeal.

## The situation

Cyclone Aila has left 190 dead and thousands of people marooned in the coastal areas and flood protected embankments of Bangladesh. Initial local media reports indicated that the storm surge heavy rains coupled with gale force winds flattened huge parts of standing crops and washed away numerous fisheries. The storm surge and monsoon rains also caused extensive damage to embankments in the coastal districts. According to the food and disaster management ministry (FDMM), more than 7,103 people were wounded and more than 3,928,238 people were affected. River embankments broke and road networks, water and communication systems were hampered. The affected areas were without electricity for over 24 hours. The national newspapers reported a scarcity of food, drinking water and medicines for those in cyclone shelters. The World Health Organization (WHO) reported that a total of 686 medical teams, including doctors and health assistants, worked in the districts of Satkhira, Khulna, Bagerhat, Barisal, Bhola, Barguna, Pirojpur and Patuakhali providing emergency medical care, mostly first aid. As of 11 June 2009, a total of BDT 131,381,000 (CHF 2,098,808) cash; 27,951 metric tonnes of rice; and BDT 200,292,000 (CHF 3,199,659) as a house building grant were allocated to the Aila affected districts.

The FDMM held a coordination meeting on 11 June 2009 through government organizations and non-government organizations (GO-NGO) requesting the national and international humanitarian community for their support in early recovery activities. Based on the assessment, the ministry set six priority activities for early recovery. These were: shelter and housing, livelihood, water and sanitation, agriculture rehabilitation, repairing of embankment, and the construction of cyclone shelters.

Following the FDMM meeting on 11 June, the ministry organized another appraisal meeting on Aila on 19 July at the FDMM. The meeting was attended by foreign ambassadors as well as international donor agencies. The government is seeking US \$1,149 million (CHF 1228.83 million) in assistance for mitigating the impact of natural disasters and for conducting rehabilitation programmes for the 11 "Aila-affected" coastal districts. The FDMM highlighted that the appeal money is mainly needed for reconstruction of embankments, cyclone shelters and "cluster villages" for the landless people. The Aila relief delegate and disaster management officer from the International Federation accompanied BDRCS' Chairman to the FDMM meeting. They informed those in attendance that the BDRCS with the assistance from the Red

Cross and Red Crescent Movement will continue the response to alleviate the suffering of the affected population through relief distributions. In turn, BDRCS' Chairman called attention to the need to repair and rehabilitate existing cyclone shelters; as well as to build more in the most vulnerable regions.

Other organizations, including several humanitarian agencies and two international non-governmental organizations, continue to provide assistance with non-food items (NFIs) and food items (FI); safe drinking water supply; water purification tablets (WPT); oral rehydration solution (ORS) sachets as well as hygiene promotion activities, which have been distributed and opened to the affected people. The Islamic Development Bank has been providing agricultural rehabilitation support, including seeds and fertilizer. The World Bank has initiated a social protection programme for the Aila victims. The United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) has also provided assistance for community forestry as well. The European Commission's Humanitarian Aid Office (ECHO) has initiated an early recovery programme including livelihood rehabilitation, food security and education support on long term basis. On the other hand, some local and national NGOs, including the Bangladesh Rural Advancement Committee (BRAC), are also very active in providing support for Aila victims along with their regular programmes. They have been distributing FIs and NFIs to families in the most affected districts.

## Coordination and partnerships

The BDRCS has activated the disaster management working group Bangladesh (DMWGB) subcommittee to better facilitate the Aila operation. The International Federation, in coordination with its Red Cross Red Crescent Movement partners, is providing support to the BDRCS to strengthen its emergency response and preparedness capacities in Bangladesh. The BDRCS and International Federation, in coordination with the government of Bangladesh, international agencies and organizations such as the UNDP, the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF), the World Food Programme (WFP), and ECHO, met to determine the needs of the affected people after Cyclone Aila struck. In addition, BDRCS and the International Federation have participated in water and sanitation (WASH), and shelter sector working groups. The BDRCS/International Federation continue to participate in coordination meetings in Dhaka held by the disaster emergency response (DER) secretariat of the FDMM to share information about assessments, needs and priorities as well as interventions by the government and other humanitarian agencies.

Prior to Aila's land-fall, the International Federation's country office conducted a meeting with the cyclone preparedness programme (CPP) and considering the emergency situation, the International Federation released funds for BDRCS's CPP to ensure the mobilization of volunteers and the dissemination of warning messages using the required equipment. As a part of the effort to avoid duplication and share emergency response plans for the disaster (which includes details of targeted districts and beneficiaries as well as the kind of relief work to be provided), different agencies and national society units attended meetings at the local level disaster management committees, such as district disaster management committees, on a regular basis. The BDRCS/International Federation has had discussions with the directorate of relief and rehabilitation, the disaster management bureau and the FDMM to ensure good and efficient coordination. BDRCS will lead the planning and implementation of the operation with its partners. The International Federation will provide support with disaster response tools and take the lead on coordination with Red Cross Red Crescent partners and external international organizations. The International Federation has been providing updates of their Cyclone Aila response to the national coordination mechanism which has been reflected in government reports.

## National Society Capacity Building

The BDRCS has 68 districts throughout the country with a membership of more than 350,000 people. It also has 34,000 volunteers trained in community-based disaster preparedness (CBDP) and community-based disaster management (CBDM), across flood-prone areas. Another 40,000 volunteers are trained in CPP in cyclone-prone areas, one third of which are women. The BDRCS has extensive experience in responding to flood emergencies. Its leadership, officers and volunteers have wide-ranging operational experiences in disaster relief. Currently in BDRCS, there are a number of officers who have worked internationally within the Movement and are now working in the national headquarters (NHQs). Its operational capacity has been developed through its experience in a number of extensive disaster relief and preparedness programmes over the last few years and most recently, the floods and Cyclone Sidr operations. In the current relief operation, unit level officers (ULOs) based at the district level are coordinating activities at the local level and are also assisting the units in assessment, distribution, monitoring and reporting on a regular basis. They are organizing the volunteers and mobilizing communities for implementing the current projects. At the Bhola district, the CPP also has a radio network

which is used to communicate with remote areas to manage field activities. The national society also has a number of health facilities. Technical support is provided by the International Federation country, regional and zonal offices. Owing to the recent large-scale flood and Cyclone Sidr operations, the capacity of BDRCS' NHQ has been enhanced.

## Red Cross and Red Crescent action

BDRCS/International Federation reacted swiftly to Cyclone Aila that hit the south western coast of Bangladesh on 25 May 2009. BDRCS volunteers had alerted people with warning messages and evacuated many people from different islands and the remotest locations during tidal surge. Immediately after Cyclone Aila hit, the BDRCS/International Federation made the decision during emergency response to allocate a cash grant total of BDT 30,000 (approximately CHF480) to each of its units in Barguna, Bhola, Bagerhat and Patuakhali. Additionally, BDT 20,000 (CHF 320) was allocated to Chittagong, Cox's Bazaar, Laxmipur, Feni and Noakhali, while BDT 50,000 (approximately CHF 800) was sent to Satkhira, for the purchase of dry foods and cooked food for emergency distribution with which BDRCS's units distributed to the people affected for three to four consecutive days. Furthermore, 2,000 WPTs and 5,000 ORS sachets were sent with each assessment team. The BDRCS's unit from Satkhira successfully raised BDT 40,000 (approximately CHF 640) and used it to provide cooked food to 3,700 people. Following the dry food/cooked food distribution, BDRCS allocated NFI packages for distribution to 8,000 most affected families in eight affected districts. Also, in collaboration with Save the Children and Oxfam, another 11,000 jerry cans were distributed amongst the distressed people in five districts. After the approval of the International Federation's Disaster Relief Emergency Fund (DREF), standard supplementary food packages has been distributed amongst 10,000 most affected families in eight districts.

The Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries' (OPEC) funding was approved to assist 7,000 families with shelter materials, tool kits, distribution of blankets and water and sanitation in two districts. The procurement process of the items is in progress.

The International Federation recruited nine field monitoring officers for the short term in order to assist BDRCS in the relief distribution as well as for monitoring the whole operation. The International Federation personnel were also in the field during the distribution. The BDRCS teams from the NHQs paid visits to the respective units to provide them assistance in targeting the most affected areas and appropriate beneficiaries. The BDRCS sent four medical teams to the affected areas to provide primary health care services to the affected families, mostly living in temporary shelters.

Along with updating of the disaster management information system (DMIS) and sending out timely information bulletins, the BDRCS/International Federation have been providing updates of the Cyclone Aila response to the national coordination mechanism which has been reflected in the government report.

## Progress towards objectives

Emergency food aid	
<b>Objective:</b> To meet the immediate food needs of 10,000 most vulnerable families affected by Cyclone Aila by providing standard supplementary food over one month in the eight districts of Barisal, Bhola, Pirojpur, Satkhira, Khulna, Bagerhat, Barguna and Patuakhali.	
Expected results	Activities planned
Most affected families are provided with supplementary food aid	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Assessment, identification and registration of beneficiaries for emergency food aid</li> <li>• Procurement of food items that includes rice, lentils, edible oil, iodized salt</li> <li>• Quality inspection of food items</li> <li>• Distribution of food packages to 10,000 registered families</li> <li>• Develop a monitoring and evaluation system to improve the delivery system</li> </ul>

**Progress:** The distribution of standard food packages to 10,000 most vulnerable households was successfully completed by 20 July 2009 (*please see annex 1 where district wise food distribution to 10,000 families is shown*). The food package was finalized on the basis of findings of assessment reports done by joint teams comprising of BDRCS and the International Federation. This package was complied according to the SPHERE standards in the Bangladesh context. All items were procured, following the International Federation procedures. Prior to the distribution, the quality of food items was inspected by an authorised inspection company.

Considering the geographical location of the targeted districts, BDRCS divided the operation into two clusters and assigned two deputy directors of BDRCS as cluster coordinators to supervise and monitor to maintain accountability. The BDRCS also deployed staff from the NHQs to assist respective units for the registration of beneficiaries and physical distribution as well as for coordination with government and other stakeholders, in order to prevent duplication and overlapping of resources. The respective unit executive committee, unit level officers (ULO) and unit level volunteers were involved with the entire distribution process.



Beneficiaries enrolling their thumb prints in the ``master roll`` before receiving their relief items. **Photo credit: Bangladesh Red Crescent Society (BDRCS).**

From the International Federation's side, a total of nine field monitoring officer/volunteers were recruited, trained, and equipped for assisting BDRCS as well as monitoring the relief distribution. Eight volunteers were deployed to eight targeted districts and one volunteer was assigned to support planning, monitoring, evaluation and reporting at the International Federation. Besides this, four teams comprising of International Federation personnel were in the field to monitor the beneficiary registration and card distribution. They also observed the FI distribution and provided assistance based on needs at the distribution point.



Monitoring conducted by volunteers on beneficiary card distribution at Patuakhali district. Photo credit: BDRCS.

#### **Challenges:**

- Most of the vulnerable people are in very remote locations.
- In some places, distribution was delayed since boats were the only means of transportation in these isolated islands. Reaching the affected people was further aggravated due to the continuing flooding and tidal surges.

#### **Emergency Shelter**

**Objective:** To meet the emergency shelter needs of 12,000 families or 60,000 people living in makeshift shelters in the three most affected districts (Satkhira, Khulna and Bhola) for six months

Expected results	Activities planned
Most affected families are provided with emergency shelter	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Assessment, identification and selection of beneficiaries for emergency shelter assistance</li> <li>• Procurement of basic emergency shelter materials, including tarpaulins, plastic sheets and one cutting tool</li> <li>• Distribution of shelter materials and tool kits among beneficiaries</li> </ul>

**Progress:** Several attempts have been made to source funds for this main component of early recovery. As of this reporting date, a portion of the funds provided by the Netherlands Red Cross will be allocated to a shelter intervention targeting the most vulnerable families living on the embankments.

<b>Non-Food Items</b>	
<b>Objective:</b> To meet the basic household needs of 7,000 families in the eight most affected districts of Barisal, Bhola, Pirojpur, Satkhira, Khulna, Bagerhat, Barguna and Patuakhali	
<b>Expected results</b>	<b>Activities planned</b>
Distribution of blankets to 7,000 families before the upcoming winter season in all eight districts.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Procurement of blankets</li> <li>• Conduct assessments for the selection and social mobilization for the verification of 7,000 families</li> <li>• Engage communities' participation in planning and the distribution of blankets</li> <li>• Mobilize volunteers in assessment, distribution and monitoring and evaluation in each district</li> </ul>

**Progress:**

A package of emergency shelter materials, tool kits, blankets, and jerry cans for water storage, among other things, will be provided to 7,000 families. Shelter tools have been added to the household packages after a detailed assessment. The tendering process is presently in the final stages. The suppliers have been selected by a committee comprising of BDRCS and International Federation staff. Three major items: tarpaulin, jerry cans for water and blankets are en route from the Regional Logistics Unit regional warehouse in Kuala Lumpur. The NFIs and shelter package will be targeted at Satkhira and Khulna districts. Beneficiary registration will be completed by the first week of August and distribution is expected to be complete by the second week of August.

As per the initial plan the packages were supposed to be distributed at the Satkhira and Bhola districts. However, from the recent field visit, it was found that the affected communities within Bhola are starting to progress with their own recovery. Khulna and Satkhira appear to be in need of most assistance since people are still living in temporary or makeshift shelters on the embankment. Therefore, it has been agreed by both the International Federation and BDRCS that the original plan must be modified from its original focus on Bhola and Satkhira.

**Challenges:**

- Identifying most appropriate beneficiary recipients for NFI package and distributing in an effective and efficient manner.
- The monsoon rain may hamper the process of distribution.

<b>Emergency health</b>	
<b>Objective:</b> The health status of 24,500 families (122,500 people) among the cyclone-affected population is improved by providing basic health care (preventive and curative health care) in eight districts for six months	
<b>Expected results</b>	<b>Activities planned</b>
Affected communities will have access to information and basic intervention for diarrhoea	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Volunteers will be trained on prevention of diarrhoea and basic interventions</li> <li>• Trained volunteers will reach out to the affected communities (household by household) to disseminate information on prevention of diarrhoea and basic measures in the treatment of diarrhoea</li> <li>• Dissemination of information, education and communication (IEC) materials</li> <li>• Distribution of ORS sachets</li> </ul>
Affected communities will have access to information and referral support for fever,	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Volunteers will be trained on case identification of fever, diarrhoea, ARI and jaundice</li> <li>• Trained volunteers will visit the affected communities and identify cases of fever, diarrhoea, ARI and jaundice (household by</li> </ul>

diarrhoea, ARI (acute respiratory infection) and jaundice.	household) and facilitate referral to health centres <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Collaboration and coordination with the health system of Bangladesh and other agencies providing primary health care for provision of health care to referred cases</li> <li>• Case identification</li> <li>• Registration of cases</li> <li>• Referral and follow up of cases</li> </ul>
Affected communities will have access to information and basic intervention on psychosocial support	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Volunteers (already trained in Cyclone Sidr recovery operations) will be utilized to disseminate psychosocial support information to the affected communities (household by household) and provide basic psychosocial support (in form of psychological first aid)</li> <li>• Distribution of IEC materials</li> </ul>
Affected communities will have information on reproductive health	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Volunteers trained in reproductive health will be utilized to disseminate information to the affected communities (household by household) on reproductive health</li> <li>• Distribution of IEC materials</li> <li>• Linkage to health facilities</li> </ul>
Vulnerable groups in the affected population will have nutritional support	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Multivitamins and mineral tablets will be provided to the children below 12 years</li> <li>• Iron and zinc tablets will be provided to the pregnant and lactating women</li> <li>• Procurement of hygiene parcels</li> <li>• Distribution of hygiene parcels along with emergency shelter materials</li> </ul>

**Progress:** Immediately following Cyclone Aila, BDRCS sent four medical teams to the affected areas to provide primary health care services to the affected families, mostly living in temporary shelters.

No progress has been made so far against the appeal. Based on the availability of the funds, the planned activities will start in the coming weeks.

#### Water, sanitation and hygiene promotions

<b>Objective:</b> The risk of waterborne and water related diseases will be reduced through the provision of safe water, adequate sanitation as well as hygiene promotion to 70 communities 24,500 households (122,500 people) in the three most affected districts (Satkhira, Khulna and Bhola) for six months.	
Expected results	Activities planned
The most affected families living in makeshift shelters have access to safe water supplies, sanitation and hygiene promotion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Assess water and sanitation needs in affected areas in coordination with shelter units to plan an integrated programme</li> <li>- Provide 7,000 jerry cans, water purification tablets and hygiene promotion to address treatment and storage needs for the identified displaced population</li> <li>- Assess the requirement for restoring long-term water supply systems</li> <li>- Assess the requirement for providing materials to restore latrines damaged by the cyclone</li> </ul>

**Progress:** No progress has been made so far. Based on the availability of the funds, the planned activities will start in the coming weeks.

#### Livelihood rehabilitation/agricultural inputs

<b>Objective:</b> To assist 10,000 vulnerable families or 50,000 people in the three most affected districts (Satkhira, Khulna and Bhola) to repair and re-establish their household income.	
Expected results	Activities planned
The most affected families are provided with	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Develop beneficiary targeting strategy and registration system with communities to deliver intended assistance</li> </ul>

assistance to restore and / or improve their livelihoods income which will assist in rebuilding the economy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Distribute resources according to plans emanating from livelihoods assessments which may include assets replacements</li> <li>• Monitor and evaluate activities and provide reporting on distributions</li> <li>• Provide support to the most vulnerable groups for restoration and alternative livelihood options.</li> <li>• Develop an exit strategy</li> </ul>
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**Progress:** Several initiatives have been undertaken to mobilize funds from different sources including from partner national societies (PNSs) and other partners. No progress has been made so far. Based on the availability of the funds, the planned activities will start in the coming weeks.

### National society capacity building

<b>Objective:</b> The capacity of BDRCS to respond effectively to disasters is enhanced.	
Expected results	Activities planned
BDRCS has been provided with upgraded facilities and skills to better respond to disaster emergencies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Assessment of shelter needs in collaboration with the BDRCS units for long-term solution</li> <li>• Human resource development including volunteer management</li> <li>• Orientation for volunteers and staff on relief management</li> <li>• Upgrading national society communication and information as well as reporting management through training and providing equipment</li> <li>• National headquarter capacity building through improved functional facilities</li> <li>• Organize a lessons-learned workshop with the participation of respective district BDRCS units</li> </ul>

**Progress:** Depending on the coverage of appeal, planned activities will be implemented; if the coverage is less than the required amount, then the activities will be prioritized and done on a smaller scale.

### Logistics

NFIs allocated from the Cyclone Sidr stock for 10,000 families has been despatched to the respective areas in eight districts. After completing the procurement process following International Federation procedures for 10,000 food packages out of DREF money, the materials were sent for distribution in eight districts after a quality check. Procurement of 7,000 packages of household and shelter items, funded by OPEC, has been finalised. Three major items - 7,000 pieces each of tarpaulin, jerry cans and blankets; will be shipped from the Regional Logistics Unit's (RLU) warehouse in Kuala Lumpur. These are expected to be received within a week's time. In addition, an additional 4,500 pieces of tarpaulins donated in-kind by the Japanese Red Cross will be shipped within the next week from their stock held in the RLU warehouse in Kuala Lumpur.

The procurement of other items of package (plastic bucket, plastic mugs, plastic sheets and tools kit) has been finalised and orders will be placed in next few days after getting technical approval from the KL RLU with delivery time starting within two weeks.

The mobilization table showing the needs covered and the needs outstanding are available on DMIS. The table is being regularly updated by RLU in Kuala Lumpur. The International Federation will work on mobilizing specific relief items to respond to the needs in the field. Donors should coordinate with the RLU in Kuala Lumpur regarding outstanding needs. Shipping instructions will be provided to donors from RLU in Kuala Lumpur with a consignment tracking number which will be issued before shipping any goods to the operation. (Procurement of goods and transport can also be arranged through the Regional Logistics Unit, Kuala Lumpur).

## **Communications – Advocacy and Public Information**

Articles on the disaster situation and the Red Cross Red Crescent relief operation have been provided to the global, regional, and local print media as well as other global stakeholders. Web photographs and extended captions have been posted on the International Federation's public website, with additional updates maintained on DMIS. The communications teams of the BDRCS and the International Federation will continue to work closely together to ensure a steady flow of timely and accurate information between the field and major stakeholders such as media, national societies, and prospective donors to maintain a high profile for the emergency and early recovery operations. This will build on the already extensive media coverage from the first days of this disaster. A regular flow of information will also be maintained between the BDRCS led relief operation and the affected people, to improve access for beneficiaries to relief and recovery interventions, and to ensure transparency and accountability. At the same time, beneficiaries who do not have knowledge about the Red Cross Red Crescent Movement and the Fundamental Principles will be made aware of these through dissemination of related information. All relief activities will be supported with banners, aprons or other items to improve awareness of the BDRCS and International Federation role in the operation.

## Food Distribution to 10,000 families at eight affected districts

District	Upazila	Union	Distribution point	No of family	Date of Distribution
Shatkhira	Shyamnogor	Kashimadi	Union parishad office	150	13-Jul
		Atulia	Haoulbhang primary school	100	13-Jul
		Burigualini	Up office	165	14-Jul
		Munshiganj	Shundorbon high school	150	14-Jul
		Padmapukur	Pakhimara ghat	430	12-Jul
		Gabura	Khochoolisha gonia primary	300	15-Jul
		Munshganj	Horinagar mch centre	50	10-Jul
		Gabura	Chandimukha ghat	210	11-Jul
		Gabura	Napitkhali embankment	110	11-Jul
		Padmapur	Katakhalai madrasa	150	15-Jul
	Ashashuni	Pratabnagar	Chakla primary school, trimohoni	365	17-Jul
		Anulia	Bisartbazar	60	18-Jul
		Sriola	Up office	60	18-Jul
		Pratabnagar	Kurikahaniya ferry ghat	200	20-Jul
Khulna	Koira	Northbedkashi	Union parishad	150	14-Jan
		South bedkashi	Launch ghat	150	14-Jul
		Moharajpur	Up office premises	200	14-Jan
	Dakob	Shutarkhali	Nolian bazar	200	17-Jan
		Kamarkhola	Kalinagar bazar	200	17-Jan
		Tildanga	Mojamnagar bazar	100	17-Jul
Pirojpur	Mathbaria	Majher char	Ulabariaghat	300	13-Jul
	Zia nagar	Pottasi, patharghata, baligora	Zia nagor high school	300	15-Jul
	Vandaria	Nod mollah, vitabaria	Vandaria hospital ground,	200	16-Jul
Borguna	Amtoli upazila	Gulishkhali, chaura, amtoli 6 no, arpagashia, athorogasia, holudia	Amtoli fire service compound	200	16-Jul
		Pochakoralia, koroibaria	Bogibazar	200	16-Jul
		Borobogi	Joyalvanga	200	17-Jul
	Pathorghata	Sadar, kalmegha	Patharghata high school compound	200	15-Jul
		Sadar, kakchira, kathaltoli	Kathaltoli union parishad compound	200	15-Jul

<b>Noakhali</b>	Hatia	Namerbazar dakbanglo	Launch ghat	300	14-Jul
		Keringsar	Embankment	300	15-Jul
		Nangolia char	Launch ghat	250	18-Jul
		Noler char	Launch ghat	150	19-Jul
<b>Bhola</b>	Charfeshon	Charkukrimukri	Char kukrimukri boat stand	175	12-Jul
		Charkukrimukri	Char patila cyclone shelter	175	12-Jul
		Charkukrimukri	Dhal char	500	13-Jul
		Char madraj	Shamraj shuli	150	13-Jul
	Monpura	Shakuchia	Janata bazar	231	14-Jul
		Hajir hat	Hajirhat	140	14-Jul
Manpura and kalatoli		Ramnewaj	129	15-Jul	
<b>Bagerhat</b>	Morolganj	Doibookhathi, baroikhali, ponchokoron, doiboggohati, khaulia, putikhali, chingra khari, juidhara	Morolgonnj high school compound	500	11-Jul
	Mongla	Shundorbon, mithakhali	Upazila office compound	200	15-Jul
	Shoronkhola	Khontakata, rayanda, south khali	TNO office compound	300	11-Jul
<b>Patuakhali</b>	Kalapara	Lalua	Lalua ferry ghat c.p.p. Cyclone centre	350	12-Jul
		Chaleta bunia	Chaleta bunia	400	17-Jul
	Galachipa	Rangabali	Rangabali launch ghat	450	17-Jul
<b>Total</b>				<b>10,000</b>	

## How we work

***All International Federation assistance seeks to adhere to the Code of Conduct for the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement and Non-Governmental Organizations (NGO's) in Disaster Relief and is committed to the Humanitarian Charter and Minimum Standards in Disaster Response (Sphere) in delivering assistance to the most vulnerable.***

The International Federation's activities are aligned with its Global Agenda, which sets out four broad goals to meet the Federation's mission to "improve the lives of vulnerable people by mobilizing the power of humanity".

### Global Agenda Goals:

- Reduce the numbers of deaths, injuries and impact from disasters.
- Reduce the number of deaths, illnesses and impact from diseases and public health emergencies.
- Increase local community, civil society and Red Cross Red Crescent capacity to address the most urgent situations of vulnerability.
- Reduce intolerance, discrimination and social exclusion and promote respect for diversity and human dignity.

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MDRBD004 - Bangladesh - Cyclone Aila

Interim Financial Report

Selected Parameters	
Reporting Timeframe	2009/6
Budget Timeframe	2009/6-2010/3
Appeal	MDRBD004
Budget	APPEAL

All figures are in Swiss Francs (CHF)

## I. Consolidated Response to Appeal

	Goal 1: Disaster Management	Goal 2: Health and Care	Goal 3: Capacity Building	Goal 4: Principles and Values	Coordination	TOTAL
<b>A. Budget</b>	<b>2,355,249</b>					<b>2,355,249</b>
<b>B. Opening Balance</b>	<b>0</b>					<b>0</b>
<b>Income</b>						
<u>Outstanding pledges (Revalued)</u>						
<i>Monaco Red Cross</i>	15,235					15,235
<i>OPEC Fund For Int-l Development</i>	325,168					325,168
<i>VERF/WHO Voluntary Emergency Relief</i>	2,000					2,000
<b>C2. Outstanding pledges (Revalued)</b>	<b>342,403</b>					<b>342,403</b>
<u>Other Income</u>						
<i>Voluntary Income</i>	253,397					253,397
<b>C5. Other Income</b>	<b>253,397</b>					<b>253,397</b>
<b>C. Total Income = SUM(C1..C5)</b>	<b>595,800</b>					<b>595,800</b>
<b>D. Total Funding = B + C</b>	<b>595,800</b>					<b>595,800</b>
<b>Appeal Coverage</b>	<b>25%</b>					<b>25%</b>

## II. Balance of Funds

	Goal 1: Disaster Management	Goal 2: Health and Care	Goal 3: Capacity Building	Goal 4: Principles and Values	Coordination	TOTAL
<b>B. Opening Balance</b>	<b>0</b>					<b>0</b>
<b>C. Income</b>	<b>595,800</b>					<b>595,800</b>
<b>E. Expenditure</b>	<b>-8,629</b>					<b>-8,629</b>
<b>F. Closing Balance = (B + C + E)</b>	<b>587,171</b>					<b>587,171</b>

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### III. Budget Analysis / Breakdown of Expenditure

Account Groups	Budget	Expenditure					TOTAL	Variance
		Goal 1: Disaster Management	Goal 2: Health and Care	Goal 3: Capacity Building	Goal 4: Principles and Values	Coordination		
A							B	A - B
<b>BUDGET (C)</b>		<b>2,355,249</b>					<b>2,355,249</b>	
<b>Supplies</b>								
Shelter - Relief	540,258						540,258	
Clothing & textiles	25,900						25,900	
Food	236,926	850				850	236,076	
Seeds,Plants	680,645						680,645	
Water & Sanitation	336,935						336,935	
Medical & First Aid	10,161						10,161	
<b>Total Supplies</b>	<b>1,830,826</b>	<b>850</b>				<b>850</b>	<b>1,829,976</b>	
<b>Land, vehicles &amp; equipment</b>								
Computers & Telecom	3,774						3,774	
Office/Household Furniture & Equipm.	14,516						14,516	
<b>Total Land, vehicles &amp; equipment</b>	<b>18,290</b>						<b>18,290</b>	
<b>Transport &amp; Storage</b>								
Distribution & Monitoring	67,193						67,193	
<b>Total Transport &amp; Storage</b>	<b>67,193</b>						<b>67,193</b>	
<b>Personnel</b>								
International Staff	136,800						136,800	
National Staff	45,177	28				28	45,149	
National Society Staff	45,968	1,638				1,638	44,330	
<b>Total Personnel</b>	<b>227,945</b>	<b>1,666</b>				<b>1,666</b>	<b>226,279</b>	
<b>Workshops &amp; Training</b>								
Workshops & Training	3,226						3,226	
<b>Total Workshops &amp; Training</b>	<b>3,226</b>						<b>3,226</b>	
<b>General Expenditure</b>								
Travel	16,290	186				186	16,104	
Information & Public Relation	5,677						5,677	
Office Costs	15,065						15,065	
Communications	7,081	5				5	7,076	
Financial Charges	6,532						6,532	
Other General Expenses	4,032						4,032	
<b>Total General Expenditure</b>	<b>54,678</b>	<b>191</b>				<b>191</b>	<b>54,487</b>	
<b>Programme Support</b>								
Program Support	153,091	561				561	152,530	
<b>Total Programme Support</b>	<b>153,091</b>	<b>561</b>				<b>561</b>	<b>152,530</b>	
<b>Operational Provisions</b>								
Operational Provisions		5,361				5,361	-5,361	
<b>Total Operational Provisions</b>		<b>5,361</b>				<b>5,361</b>	<b>-5,361</b>	
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE (D)</b>	<b>2,355,249</b>	<b>8,629</b>				<b>8,629</b>	<b>2,346,621</b>	
<b>VARIANCE (C - D)</b>		<b>2,346,621</b>				<b>2,346,621</b>		