

# Operations update



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of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies

## Bangladesh: Cyclone SIDR

Emergency appeal n° MDRBD003  
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This Emergency Appeal seeks CHF 24,483,160 (USD 22.2 million or EUR 15 million) in cash, kind, or services to support the Bangladesh Red Crescent Society to assist 243,000 families (1,215,000 beneficiaries) over two years from the date. This appeal was launched on 25 November 2007.

[<click here for the Emergency Appeal>](#)

A Preliminary Appeal was launched for CHF 3,989,305 on 16 November 2007 to mobilize immediate relief assistance.

CHF 250,000 was allocated from the Federation's Disaster Relief Emergency Fund (DREF) to support this operation. Unearmarked funds to replenish DREF are encouraged.



Federation FACT team members, with BDRCS volunteers, assess the situation in Borguna district

This operation is to be implemented over a two-year period and is expected to be completed by November 2009. A Final Report will be made available three months after the end of the operation.

### Summary:

Cyclone Sidr that hit southwest Bangladesh on 15 November 2007, soon after the destruction caused by monsoon floods during June-October 2007, caused widespread death, devastation and the wrecking of livelihoods for millions of people in large parts of the country. The latest figures<sup>1</sup> (as of 2 December 2007), indicate that the number of deaths reported due to Cyclone Sidr has risen to 3,292, along with a rise in the number of people injured to 52,808 and the total affected population to 8.6 million. The number of people missing is 871, which has reduced from 880 that were reported missing in the previous operations update. The number of houses completely destroyed is 563,877 across 30 districts of Bangladesh and many are still without a roof over their heads in the cold winter weather. The number of livestock killed has increased to approximately two million. Contaminated drinking water sources in many parts of the affected areas continue to be a concern. There is, therefore, still a pressing need for food, clothing and drinking water.

The Bangladesh Red Crescent Society (BDRCS) and the Federation have been coordinating closely with the relevant departments of the Bangladesh government and other international and local agencies to provide the most urgent immediate needs of medical assistance, food, potable water, clothing and shelter relief, including household and hygiene items, to the most affected families, who have lost all means of self-support.

Three joint BDRCS/Federation relief teams started distributing food and non-food items to 20,000 families in

<sup>1</sup> Source: Disaster management information centre (DMIC), Bangladesh ministry of food and disaster management.

the four most affected districts of Borguna, Bagerhat, Pirojpur and Patuakhali, out of the nine districts being targeted under this Appeal. These distributions are expected to be completed within the next 2 to 3 days. The relief items will benefit approximately 100,000 beneficiaries. Hygiene parcels and jerry cans have arrived as stocks from stocks in Kuala Lumpur and Dubai, for distribution among affected communities in targeted districts. The relief team in the field is looking for possible solutions to provide the affected people access to safe and sustainable water sources.

Before Cyclone Sidr hit Bangladesh, the BDRCS had mobilized 18 mobile medical teams to cover 12 districts for 7-10 days each. Of these, eight teams are still in the field continuing to carry out their work, while the rest are back in Dhaka. Plans are underway to send 10 new teams to the nine districts targeted under the Appeal. In four of the most affected districts, 20 medical kits will be distributed.

The cluster approach was activated on 28<sup>th</sup> November to support the Bangladesh government in the coordination of the operation. The Federation deployed a shelter coordination team on 21<sup>st</sup> of November in response to the coordination needs expressed by a number of agencies. This team has taken up the coordination of the Emergency Shelter Cluster and is linking with the other clusters in accordance with the agreed process.

As of 30<sup>th</sup> November 2007, the Bangladesh government allocated approximately BDT 507 million (CHF 8.4 million or USD 7.4 million) from the Chief Advisor's 'relief and welfare fund' for the people affected by the Cyclone Sidr. Through its Directorate of Relief and Rehabilitation, the government also distributed 27,000 food bags (containing rice), 26,700 blankets, 16,454 tents, 3,348 utensils and 13,000 bundles of corrugated iron sheets.

**Since the launch of the Appeal, international response has been positive. The plan of action prepared by the delegation and BDRCS is being finalized. However, more aid is urgently needed, particularly unearmarked cash contributions to enable the operation to respond effectively to the needs on the ground, as planned. There is a donor contribution list attached which shows contributions for which we have received pledge management notes. However, we would like to take this opportunity to thank all of those who have contributed or pledged to this appeal. Including those pledges which are currently indicated but not confirmed in writing we would hope to reach 40% coverage. <[Click here for current donor contributions list](#)>**

## The situation

According to the disaster management information centre of the Bangladesh's ministry of food and disaster management, the extent of the devastation caused by Cyclone Sidr, as of 02 December 2007, is outlined below:

<b>Affected districts</b>	<b>30</b>
Affected upazilas (Sub-districts)	200
Affected unions	<b>1,888</b>
Affected households (families)	<b>2,000,848</b>
Affected population	<b>8,669,789</b>
Reported deaths	<b>3,292</b>
People injured	<b>52,808</b>
People lost (missing)	<b>871</b>
Houses damaged (Fully)	<b>563,877</b>
Houses damaged (Partially)	<b>939,675</b>
Crops damaged (Fully)	<b>596,516 acres</b>
Crops damaged (Partially)	<b>1,480,712 acres</b>
Livestock deaths	<b>1,563,019</b>
Roads damaged (Fully)	<b>1,714 km</b>
Roads damaged (Partially)	<b>5,409 km</b>
Educational institutions (Fully)	<b>2400</b>
Educational institutions (Partially)	<b>12399</b>
Embankment damaged	<b>1866 km</b>
Damaged trees	<b>4,065,316</b>

Cyclone Sidr dealt a severe blow to the Sundarbans, ruining the lush, green landscape, destroying 1,528 square kilometers of the forest out of around 6,000 square kilometers, according to forest officials' primary assessment. Of the devastated areas totaling about one-fourth of the forest, 1,200 square kilometers are land and the rest water bodies. The officials assess that approximately BDT 10 billion (CHF 165 million or USD 146 million) worth of forest resources have been lost, in addition to about BDT 200 million (CHF 3.3 million or USD 2.9 million) infrastructure damaged. The country's livestock sector suffered a loss of around BDT three billion (CHF 49 million or USD 44 million).



**Badly damaged roads in Patuakhali district make travelling next to impossible**

According to the disease control room at the government's directorate general of health services, diarrhoea and respiratory tract infections (RTIs) have shot up in the worst affected districts. As of 30<sup>th</sup> November, official records showed that a total of 318 people were suffering from diarrhoea while 318 contracted respiratory tract infections. However, no deaths from these diseases have been reported so far. The health ministry and health directorate officials also reported that 155 people contracted skin diseases, 48 got conjunctivitis and 298 developed fever.

After fulfilling the immediate basic needs, the restoration of livelihoods of the affected people and the economic structure of the severely-hit areas is the priority. This is to help revive the local economy and represent an important step to restore the normal well-being of the affected communities. To achieve this, recent media reports highlighted the need to rehabilitate the infrastructure and create employment opportunities in the affected areas.

A number of political, social, humanitarian and professional bodies are doing their bit for the millions of Sidr-affected people. In the midst of all this, it is mentionable that generosity does not depend on means, as demonstrated by dwellers of a city slum who donated one truckload of clothes to the Bangladesh Rural Advancement Committee (BRAC) for distribution among homeless inhabitants in the affected areas.

At present, approximately 42,000 BDRCS volunteers in the 30 affected districts are working to help the most vulnerable. Many of them are also assisting in selection of beneficiaries, registration/card distribution and distribution of food and non-food items to the targeted beneficiaries. However, as several roads and waterways are damaged, travelling and accessing affected communities has been difficult. With electricity and telecommunications lines/facilities also either destroyed or affected, communication has been a challenge. It is difficult to get information through internet or fax and there is poor mobile phone connectivity in some of the more remote districts.

## Coordination and partnerships

The Federation continued to coordinate with Movement and non-Movement partners. This included all partner national societies (PNSs) that intend to support the activities of BDRCS so as to enable a cohesive and well-targeted response. The Federation's Bangladesh delegation met with representatives from the Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency (SIDA) and the Swedish Ambassador, as well as representatives from the Kuwait, Saudi Arabia and Spanish Red Cross/Red Crescent Societies, to update and share information on the BDRCS/Federation relief operation and their planned support to it. There was also a consultation between the head of the Bangladesh delegation, the BDRCS secretary general and the Swiss Red Cross emergency relief coordinator, to discuss Swiss Red Cross support to the relief operation, and certain changes to the planned support, which will now look to focus support in the two districts of Bagerhat and Patuakhali.

A coordination meeting for in-country Movement partners was held on 2<sup>nd</sup> December. The meeting was attended by the PNSs and the International Committee of the Red Cross and focused on sharing of information about their ongoing activities. It is planned to be held twice a week on Sundays and Thursdays.

On 27<sup>th</sup> November, the Bangladesh delegation attended the coordination meeting called by the ministry of food and disaster management. The Advisor and Secretary of the ministry expressed the government's appreciation of the relief assistance provided so far by the various local and international agencies, and requested these

agencies to keep the government regularly informed of their activities to allow for effective coordination of the humanitarian assistance. The UN Resident Representative also briefed all participants about the cluster approach.

The government also established an operation cell at the Zia International Airport in Dhaka, to facilitate the clearance of relief materials from aboard. This has helped to save much time for the clearance process and to get the relief items to the targeted area as soon as possible.

### **Inter-agency coordination and the Emergency Shelter Cluster**

The emergency shelter cluster held its 3rd meeting on 28<sup>th</sup> November. A total of 18 agencies attended this meeting, including donor organisations, UN agencies, Movement partners, and national and international NGOs. A technical working group has been formed to provide advice on technical issues. A technical advisor, seconded by CARE UK arrived on 1<sup>st</sup> December to give support in technical matters to the coordination team. A group has been formed on the shelter cluster, to develop a common strategy for the cluster that will be submitted for approval by its members. All the organizations working in shelter are encouraged to participate in the cluster.

### **Coordination with the ICRC - restoring family links**

According to government figures, 871 people are still missing as a result of the Cyclone Sidr. The ICRC is working with the BDRCS to trace those listed as missing following the disaster, to restore family links among the affected people. At present, two teams, including representatives from BDRCS, are working in coordination with BDRCS volunteers in the districts of Barguna, Bagerhat, Patuakhali and Pirojpur. They will be in the field for two weeks to collect data and to gather information on family service requests. The BDRCS' deputy director of tracing is out in the field to train selected people on how to collect concrete data. It has been planned that the focal person for tracing will submit the field reports for compiling and comparing the list of targeted families. Further details of the field report will be provided in the next updates.

## **Red Cross Red Crescent action**

Following more detailed assessments, the BDRCS and Federation have decided that within the nine targeted districts, the emergency relief operation will focus on areas along the coast and those where there has been the greatest contamination or damage to drinking water sources. The operation will also follow an integrated approach for each targeted area, with an integrated programme (and not separate programmes) on livelihoods, water and sanitation and capacity building. The programme staffing structure will reflect this integrated approach. The operation is also expected to face major logistical challenges due to damaged roads. This means that accessibility to many remote areas is by boat only.

The relief team is carrying out the operation with the base in Barisal. The head of the Bangladesh delegation and the team leader of the Federation's field assessment and coordination team (FACT) plan to visit Barisal this week to set up an operational office there.

In terms of human resources, the recruitment process for delegates, national officers and drivers is still ongoing. A health officer and a logistics officer have been recruited. There is still a need to recruit delegates for finance, early recovery, health, logistics, water and sanitation and relief, as well as a head of the relief operation. A FACT shelter member from the Belgium Red Cross has joined the operation. The technical advisor for the cluster shelter has also arrived and is now working closely with the shelter cluster team. Two consultants from the Danish Red Cross are scheduled to arrive in Dhaka within the next two days, to conduct a needs assessment on psycho-social issues and identify support required.

Regional disaster response team (RDRT) members and response units are working in the field to support the FACT team. In addition to the several trained RDRT personnel in the country, four RDRT members from India, Afghanistan and Sri Lanka have arrived to work in the relief sector. Three of them are already in the field while the fourth member is leaving on 3<sup>rd</sup> December for Bagerhat.

The FACT team are in the field in the districts of Barisal, Bagerhat Barguna and Patuakhali, to conduct a more detailed assessment for the operation. A few details of their findings are included in the sector-wise progress reported below.

### **Progress of proposed relief operation**

#### **Goal of the operation:**

The overall goal of the operation is to restore the lives and basic living conditions of communities affected by the Cyclone Sidr disaster.

#### **RELIEF (1 YEAR)**

### **Food and Non-Food Items**

**Objective (Food):** Objective: Immediate needs on food rations for 100,000 cyclone-affected families in the south coastal lines shall be met by the effort of international and domestic assistance within the first three months, thus supporting them to focus on sustaining their lives.

**Expected result:** Targeted cyclone affected families have received adequate food rations to cope with the effects of cyclone.

**Objective (Non-Food):** To cope in a post situation of devastating cyclone of nine districts, distribution of non-food items shall be made along with food items for 100,000 cyclone-affected families to meet their basic needs within the first three months.

**Expected result:** Targeted cyclone-affected families have received essential non-food items.

Per family - 2 blankets, clothes (2 sarees, 2 lungis and clothes for children), 1 family kit (contents include cooking saucepans, plastic mug, plastic cups, aluminum plates, spoons, candles and match boxes and plastic weave bag), 1 tarpaulin, 1 ground sheet for shelter and 2 jerry cans for water and sanitation.

The relief teams in the field have started distributing food and non-food commodities to 20,000 families in the four most affected districts of Borguna, Bagerhat, Pirojpur and Patuakhali, which will be completed within the next three to four days. The trained, active and motivated BDRCS volunteers, including the Red Crescent Youth, are involved extensively in this large scale relief operation. Significant impact has been made by volunteers in the severely affected areas, in terms of a smoother access to communities in these areas, leading to more a more effective distribution process. The status of relief distribution in these areas, to date, is as follows:

District	Upazilas (sub-districts)	No. of Families	Total families affected	Distribution to date*
Bagerhat	Moreganj, Sarankhola, Chitalmari	5,000	233,024	3,850
Pirojpur	Zianagar, Mathbarie, Bhandaria	5,000	192,831	1,000
Patuakhali	Galachipa, Kalapara, Mirjaganj	5,000	252,300	2,000
Barguna	Barguna Sadar, Betagi, Amtali, Pathorghata, Bamna	5,000	144,696	Figures are yet to be confirmed
<b>Total</b>		<b>20,000</b>	<b>822851</b>	<b>6,850</b>

\*Each family is provided with a package of rice (20 kg), lentils (5 kg), edible oil (2 litres), iodized salt (1 kg), 1 saree and 1 lungi.

Starting from 1st December, RDRT members started their field work in Bagerhat, Barguna, Patuakhali and Pirojpur districts, together with a Federation team to assist the BDRCS units in relief response. Three Federation relief teams have been deployed, together with BDRCS national headquarters personnel, to assist local BDRCS units in the selection of beneficiaries, in consultation and coordination with concerned government authorities and various agencies/organisations at the district level. The registration of beneficiaries has been carried out by local BDRCS volunteers. In some districts, the distribution started from 1<sup>st</sup> December.

Due to lack of communication and transportation facilities, as well as the heavy engagement of the team in operational issues in the field, the information flow has not been as smooth as expected. Information on the distributions is being received on an almost daily basis through verbal communication. As the teams return from the field, more accurate updates on the distribution and the situation of the area are being provided.

Currently, another 25,000 food packages with non-food items are being procured.

### **Health**

**Objective:** The health status of 243,000 families (1,215,000 beneficiaries) among cyclone-affected population is improved by providing basic health care (preventive, promotive and curative health care) for two months.

**Expected result:** Cyclone-affected population has improved access to adequate basic health care services to prevent communicable diseases.

As of 2<sup>nd</sup> December, out of the 18 medical teams, eight are still in the field (in the districts of Barguna, Patuakhali, Bagerhat, Pirojpur, Khulna and Gopalganj), while the rest are back in Dhaka. They were deployed for 7-10 days each. This was done even before the appeal was launched. Many of the local doctors from the affected districts who were with these mobile medical teams have decided to return to their private practice.

New teams are being formed and 10 teams will be deployed from 3<sup>rd</sup> or 4<sup>th</sup> December. Another 10 teams will be deployed as soon as possible to the affected districts.

The cumulative number of patients treated by the mobile medical teams so far (19-30 November) is as follows:

<b>Total cases treated</b>	<b>20,738</b>
Male	6,753
Female	8,428
Children below 5 years	5,474
Diarrhoea	2,021
Dysentery	2,143
Acute Respiratory Infection	2,565
Injuries	2,127
Water Purification Tablets	32,470
Oral Rehydration Salts	13,375

The total number of cases does not correlate with the male, female and children below 5 years break-up, as some of the teams have not given such a break-up. Water purification tablets, along with awareness raising on hygiene and water and sanitation, were provided to patients by these teams.

Twenty medical kits, with basic essential medicines, are on the way to the field. The four most affected districts will receive five kits each.

These will be given to district health complexes

to treat the affected people. Each kit will cover 5,000 populations for one month. It is planned to distribute more such kits to other district health complexes in the cyclone affected districts.

A total of 3,700 hygiene parcels are also expected to arrive from the Federation's regional logistics unit in Kuala Lumpur, for distribution among the affected communities.

The Bangladesh government has mobilised its doctors from less affected/non affected districts to assist in the affected areas. A total of 1,193 doctors, including specialists, are serving the affected population. One medical team, consisting of six specialists (medicine, surgery, gynecology, pediatrics, anesthesia, and orthopedics) has been deployed to each cyclone-affected district.

As the main challenge has been the scarcity of water purification tablets in the market due to most of them having been purchased by the government in bulk quantity, the Federation is mobilizing these through its regional logistics unit, Kuala Lumpur.

### **Water and sanitation**

**Objective:** The risk of water-borne and water-related diseases has been reduced through provision of sustainable water purification means and water containers for 100,000 households for one year.

**Expected result 1:** Access to sustainable safe water.

Water purification tablets are being distributed together with the other relief distributions in the affected districts. Due to a shortage of these in the country, a requisition has been submitted to the regional logistics unit in Kuala Lumpur for international procurement of 750,000 tablets. The stock is expected to arrive in Dhaka by the second week of December. The distribution of water and sanitation items is still at a planning stage.

Since the drinking water in these areas is contaminated, jerry cans are urgently needed in all the nine districts to facilitate the carrying of clean drinking water for the affected communities. Out of a total of 200,000 required jerry cans, 8,000 have been donated by the Japanese and British Red Cross Societies while another 28,000 were provided by the Netherlands Red Cross. An additional 1,500 from the Australian Red Cross are expected to arrive next week. For the balance of jerry cans needed, the team is investigating opportunities on the local market in Bangladesh but this is challenging due to the overall demand in country. Other possibilities are being investigated by country, Kuala Lumpur and Geneva logistics teams.

**Expected result 2:** Hygiene practice among the target population have improved.

An assessment team on water and sanitation conducted a detailed assessment on the water and sanitation needs in the affected areas, between 28<sup>th</sup> November and 1<sup>st</sup> December. The districts covered were Barisal, Barguna and Patuakhali. The findings were that the major challenges to the implementation of the emergency water and sanitation programme in these areas have been the access to some of the remote areas, due to damaged roads and lack of proper transportation, but more importantly the lack of existing water and sanitation set up in the BDRCS departments at the unit level. This would mean that a new capacity needs to be built for water and sanitation to be effectively implemented in these areas.

As reported in the last update, plans are still being considered to shift the coordination meetings for the water and sanitation (WASH) cluster to the district of Barisal. At present, the meetings are taking place in the UNICEF

office in Dhaka. A water and sanitation officer is currently being recruited. It is hoped that within the next few days the recruited officer can start working in the field.

### **Shelter**

**Objective 1:** 5,000 most vulnerable cyclone-affected families who lost their houses in Barguna, Pirojpur, Bagerhat and Patuakhali districts are living in a basic shelter within one year of the project.

**Expected result:** Targeted families receive tools, materials and support to build a basic shelter.

Barguna, Pirojpur, Bagerhat and Patuakhali are the priority districts for the shelter programme. The assessment team has conducted their initial assessments in Barisal, Barguna and Patuakhali. Further assessments will be conducted in the other districts.

The assessments by the FACT, aided by BDRCS staff and volunteers, so far covered more than eight unions. The assessments were carried out in coordination with the British Red Cross Emergency Response Unit (ERU) and the relief teams. Meetings were conducted with the Deputy Commissioners in the districts visited to update them on the Red Cross Red Crescent activities in the field and to gain valuable knowledge of the local situation.

The assessment team found that people living along the coastline and along some parts of the Horinghata river have been the most affected by the Cyclone Sidr. Many families along the river in Barguna district have lost their homes. In other parts of Barguna, people living by the river have moved temporarily to the side of major roads to build their own temporary shelters and collect relief goods. They are worried that aid will not reach their remote villages. Their main livelihoods of fishing, agriculture and livestock have been partially or completely destroyed. In Patuakhali, approximately 70 percent of the houses, crops and infrastructure along roads are in ruins.



**People living in temporary shelters by the side of major roads in Barguna district**

Through interviews with the affected people, the assessment team found that people are in need of support in the form of tools and materials to re-build their houses. Those affected identified nails, corrugated iron and wood as the priorities but said they could provide their own labour as people are used to building their own houses. Over the coming weeks, the Federation and BDRCS will focus on developing a participatory process and criteria for selecting beneficiaries for the shelter interventions. This will be done in coordination with the Emergency Shelter Cluster.

Market research is underway to define the availability and technical specifications of materials to be distributed. The response will be in line with the decisions taken in the Emergency Shelter Cluster and it will support the communities' efforts with local materials and techniques. The existing structures and systems will be used and reinforced. The existing network of volunteers developed by the BDRCS will be involved for a more efficient response, especially those developed around the cyclone shelters.

Semi-structured interviews are being carried out with beneficiaries who are receiving the relief items from Red Cross Red Crescent and will continue after the distribution to the districts has been completed. This will help the assessment and the relief teams to understand if the relief operations currently being carried out are appropriate for beneficiaries, and at the same time assist in making the necessary changes to the distribution packs.

## **CAPACITY BUILDING/DISASTER RISK REDUCTION (2 YEARS)**

### **National society capacity building**

**Objective:** To render effective humanitarian services in most affected 09 districts, BDRCS branch organizational capacity is enhanced

**Expected result:** Systematic branch development is taking place in the nine most affected BDRCS branches to improve service delivery to the most vulnerable.

Assessment is ongoing, to clearly reflect the capacity building aspect of the affected BDRCS districts branches, national headquarters and volunteers, in the Plan of Action.

### **Disaster Risk Reduction**

**Objective:** The capacity of targeted communities to respond to and mitigate the effects of disasters has been enhanced

**Expected Result:** Communities in selected vulnerable districts are reached and organised for better resilience to disasters, through newly setup BDRCS Preparedness Units

In parallel with the emergency operation, strong advocacy is also being carried out by the BDRCS and Bangladesh delegation, on disaster preparedness/risk reduction measures (i.e. early warning systems, cyclone preparedness programme, cyclone/multi purpose centre, mass community awareness and school children programme) together with on the importance of a holistic approach, community participation, gender, and the commitments of government, donors and community. The development agencies that are involved in long-term disaster preparedness/risk reduction initiatives in Bangladesh at present, have appreciated the impact of the overall approach and have stressed the importance of working together.

### **Humanitarian values**

**Objective:** Practice of non-discrimination and social harmony among targeted BDRCS and civil society stakeholders is increased.

**Expected results:** Awareness of Fundamental Principles and values and practice of non-discrimination and social harmony among targeted BDRCS civil society stakeholders is increased.

This component will be conducted in parallel with the other programmes after current emergency needs are met.

## **Logistics**

The first stocks of non-food items from the Federation's regional logistics unit in Kuala Lumpur will arrive in Chittagong port early next week and the pre-clearance process has started. Additional stocks of blankets and tarpaulins have been ordered and are on the way from framework agreement suppliers in China and India.

Tenders for local procurement of food parcels and family kits have closed and the analysis of quotations received is currently taking place. Procurement files will be sent to the regional logistics unit and Geneva for approval (due to the different levels) early next week.

The British Red Cross Logistics ERU is finalizing the warehousing / customs clearance and transport for the first receipt of non-food items. The World Food Programme led logistics cluster is functioning well and now providing some good information including customs clearance options at each main point of entry. The expectation is with the main export season about to commence, combined with Cyclone Sidr activity, that logistics facilities and operators will be stretched.

Donors continue to respond very positively in terms of in-kind donations with additional IKD's received in recent days from the Australian Red Cross / Netherlands Red Cross and hygiene kits added to items already donated by the British and Japanese Red Cross Societies (from pre-positioned stock from regional logistics unit warehouse). See updated table below. An up-to-date mobilization table has been published on the Federation's disaster management information system (DMIS) and is being updated regularly. [<Click here for link to most current mobilization table on DMIS>](#)

Item	Quability (MOB. T)	American RC	British RC	Japanese RC	Netherlands RC	Spanish RC	Norwegian RC	Iranian RC	Aust RC	Supplier Stock	Total	Balance
Blankets	200,000	25,000	7,500	11,000	50,000	20,000	16,000	10,000		36,500	176,000	24,000
Jerry Cans	200,000		3,000	2,200	28,148				1,500	2,800	37,648	162,352
Tarps	100,000	10,000	3,000	2,200	8,000	1,100				34,800	59,100	40,900
Hyg. Kits	100,000		1,500	2,200							3,700	96,300

Supplier Stock - This is framework agreement stock held in Kuala Lumpur RLU warehouse or in the suppliers own warehouse

AmCross/BritCross/Japanese Red Cross stock is being shipped ex the KL RLU warehouse )nb - 5,000 AmCross Tarps ex Dubai RLU)

The Federation continues to work on mobilizing specific relief items to respond to the needs in the field, and donors are urged to coordinate with the regional logistics unit regarding outstanding needs. Shipping instructions will be provided to donors from the regional logistics unit, with a Consignment Tracking Number which will be issued before shipping any goods to the operation.

## **Communications – Advocacy and public information**

The communications department is working closely with Reuters photographers. Discussions are underway to conduct video footage and interviews of the recovery process in the affected areas. BDRCS, with the support of

the Federation, are currently in the process of hiring professional video/photographers to cover the recovery process conducted by Bangladesh delegation and national society staff.

#### 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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**Donor response to MDRBD003 - Bangladesh - Cyclone Sidr**

TIMEFRAME: 16 Nov 07 to 16 Nov 09

LOCATION: Bangladesh

TOTAL AMOUNT SOUGHT:	24,483,160
TOTAL RECEIVED TO DATE:	5,709,621
APPEAL COVERAGE TO DATE:	23%

Updated on: 03 Dec 2007

Currency	Amount	Health & Care	Disaster Management	Humanitarian Values	Organisational Development	Coordination & Implementation	Total
		CHF	CHF	CHF	CHF	CHF	CHF
<b>BUDGET</b>			<b>24,483,160</b>				<b>24,483,160</b>

**FUNDING**
**Opening Balance**
**Income**
**Cash contributions (received and pledged)**

American Red Cross	USD	200,000		223,600			<b>223,600</b>
American Red Cross (from USAID)	USD	300,000		335,400			<b>335,400</b>
Bangladesh - Private Donors	BDT	300,000		4,890			<b>4,890</b>
Canadian Red Cross (from Canadian Government)	CAD	250,000		281,000			<b>281,000</b>
DREF	CHF	250,000		250,000			<b>250,000</b>
Estonia Government	EUR	31,955		52,726			<b>52,726</b>
Finnish Red Cross	EUR	75,000		123,750			<b>123,750</b>
German Red Cross	EUR	241,604		398,647			<b>398,647</b>
Icelandic Red Cross	ISK	3,000,000		54,600			<b>54,600</b>
Italian Govt Bilateral Emergency Fund	EUR	100,000		167,300			<b>167,300</b>
Japanese Red Cross	USD	175,000		195,650			<b>195,650</b>
Liechtenstein Red Cross	CHF	10,000		10,000			<b>10,000</b>
Monaco Red Cross	EUR	18,000		29,700			<b>29,700</b>
Netherlands Red Cross (from Netherlands Government)	EUR	500,000		825,000			<b>825,000</b>
Qatar Red Crescent	USD	27,397		30,630			<b>30,630</b>
Swedish Red Cross	SEK	1,000,000		175,700			<b>175,700</b>
Swiss Red Cross (from Swiss Government)	BDT	24,986,638		407,282			<b>407,282</b>
VERF/WHO Voluntary Emergency Relief	CHF	2,500		2,500			<b>2,500</b>
<b>Total Cash contributions</b>				<b>3,568,374</b>			<b>3,568,374</b>

**Inkind Goods & Transport (pledged)**

American Red Cross	CHF	184,850		184,850			<b>184,850</b>
Australian Red Cross	AUD	9,000		9,621			<b>9,621</b>
British Red Cross	CHF	189,140		189,140			<b>189,140</b>
Iran Red Crescent	CHF	1,244,103		1,244,103			<b>1,244,103</b>
Japanese Red Cross	CHF	89,386		89,386			<b>89,386</b>
Netherlands Red Cross	CHF	319,373		319,373			<b>319,373</b>
Norwegian Red Cross	NOK	752,165		161,715			<b>161,715</b>
Spanish Red Cross	EUR	116,300		193,058			<b>193,058</b>
<b>Total Inkind Goods &amp; Transport</b>				<b>2,391,247</b>			<b>2,391,247</b>



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			CHF	CHF	CHF	CHF	CHF	CHF
<b>BUDGET</b>				24,483,160				24,483,160
<b>FUNDING</b>								
<b>Opening Balance</b>								
<b>Income</b>								
<b>Other Income</b>								
DREF Allocations	CHF	-250,000		-250,000				-250,000
<b>Total Other Income</b>				<b>-250,000</b>				<b>-250,000</b>
<b>Total Income</b>				<b>5,709,621</b>				<b>5,709,621</b>
<b>TOTAL FUNDING</b>			0	<b>5,709,621</b>	0	0	0	<b>5,709,621</b>
<b>COVERAGE</b>				<b>23%</b>				<b>23%</b>