

# Operations update



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## Bangladesh: Cyclone SIDR

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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.

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:

The estimated death and destruction caused by the cyclonic storm SIDR, which hit the south-western coast of Bangladesh on 15 November 2007, is still rising. The latest figures (as of 11 December 2007) given by the Bangladesh government's Disaster Management Information Centre (Ministry of Food and Disaster Management) stood at 3,347 people dead and 8.9 million people affected, an increase from the figures reported in the previous operations update. A total of 871 people are still reported missing. Destruction has also been severe with damages to 1.5 million houses (completely/partially) and approximately 2.5 million acres of crops.

The Bangladesh Red Crescent Society (BDRCS), with support from the Federation, is providing relief assistance in the form of food, potable water, clothing, household and hygiene items, medical assistance, as well as shelter relief and livelihood support, to the most affected families in nine districts. So far, under this appeal framework - the BDRCS/Federation is providing food and non-food assistance, to 20,000 families in the four most affected districts of Borguna, Bagerhat, Pirojpur and Patuakhali. While the distribution has been completed in Bagerhat and Pirojpur, it is still ongoing in Patuakhali and Barguna where it is planned to be completed by 15<sup>th</sup> December.

The Federation's field assessment and coordination team (FACT) completed its assessment and prepared the first draft of the plan of action, which it shared with all partners. The FACT members are in the process of leaving Bangladesh and are handing over to the Federation's Bangladesh delegation and BDRCS for the



BDRCS volunteers distributing relief items to beneficiaries in Bagerhat district.

smooth continuation of activities. With the additional support from regional disaster response team (RDRT) members and international/local operation support staff, BDRCS and their highly committed volunteers/staff jointly with the Bangladesh delegation, have given this operation their highest priority. Continuous analysis is ongoing at all level to minimize gaps and streamline and speed up the operation.

Movement coordination is also continuing by the Federation to coordinate the partner national societies and the International Committee of the Red Cross through regular coordination meetings. Impressively, shelter cluster coordination mechanism is moving on, jointly chaired by the Bangladesh Government and Federation. Under its global commitment Federation has been deployed a technical team to provides expertise and guidance to the organizations in the cluster.

There are currently (as of 11 December 2007) eight new mobile medical teams deployed to the four most affected districts, providing basic curative and preventive health care in eight upazillas (sub-districts). The distribution of medical kits has been initiated and of hygiene parcels will be starting in the four most affected districts. Two consultants from the Danish Red Cross conducted a needs assessment on psycho-social issues and provided training on psychological first aid to students Dhaka University.

**Since the launch of the Appeal, international response has been positive. The plan of action prepared by the delegation and BDRCS is being finalized. A donor contribution list attached with this operations update that shows contributions for which we have received pledge management notes. 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, to date we have reached 55.57% coverage. There is still a need for further contributions to enable BDRCS/Federation to deliver the planned assistance as laid out in this Appeal**

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## The situation

The extent of devastation caused by the cyclonic storm SIDR, which hit the south-western coast of Bangladesh on 15 November 2007, continues to increase, as more information becomes available. According to the latest figures (given in the table below) from the disaster management information centre of the Bangladesh's ministry of food and disaster management, the number of deaths and number of people affected, as of 11 December 2007, shows an increase from the figures reported in the previous operations update and fact sheet.

**Table 1: Situation table**

Affected districts	30
Affected upazillas (Sub-districts)	200
Affected unions	1,950
Affected households (families)	2,064,026
Affected population	8,923,259
Reported deaths	3,347
People injured	55,282
People lost (missing)	871
Houses damaged (Fully)	563,877
Houses damaged (Partially)	955,065
Crops damaged (Fully)	742,827
Crops damaged (Partially)	1,730,117
Livestock deaths	1,778,507
Roads damaged (Fully)	1,714 km
Roads damaged (Partially)	6,361 km
Educational institutions (Fully)	4,231
Educational institutions (Partially)	1,2723
Embankment damaged	1,875 km
Damaged trees	4,065,316

Cyclone SIDR, destroyed or damaged hundreds of thousands of houses and caused the loss of food stocks as well as household items for a few million families. Households who have lost their main income earner, especially women headed households, are at high risk and are finding it more difficult to regain or develop their livelihood. The fishing and agriculture sectors have been badly affected. Markets are functioning although prices have had to be reduced as people don't have the income to spend at the market. This has affected the income of traders, which has reduced.

People whose houses were completely destroyed have found refuge in small thatched houses built together with scrap materials from the already destroyed and damaged houses or are temporarily living with their relatives. Due to such living condition the normal daily activities to earn a daily living has been hampered. Thus, there is a pressing need to assist in repairing the damaged and rebuilding destroyed houses.

## Coordination and partnerships

The Federation continued to coordinate with Movement and non-Movement partners. The Federation's Bangladesh delegation has been maintaining constant contact and coordination with most of the partner national societies (PNSs) involved in responding to Cyclone SIDR in Bangladesh. For example, close follow-up and

coordination was maintained with the in-country delegates from the Swiss and German Red Cross Societies, regarding the provision of relief assistance supported by these PNSs through the Federation. A Spanish Red Cross delegate was also in close contact with the Bangladesh delegation on technical issues. The AusAID<sup>1</sup> Office in Bangladesh has been in contact with the delegation to gather information on the operation. Support to the operation was provided by the Australian Red Cross and AusAID from the beginning of the operation. Representatives from the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA)<sup>2</sup> office in Dhaka visited the delegation to collect information on the operation.



**A house destroyed by Cyclone SIDR**

Following requests from the United Nations Development Programme for participation by all relevant agencies in early recovery assessment, the delegation facilitated the process of coordinating and providing a team from BDRCS. The BDRCS assigned six people as its members for the assessment team.

Two regular coordination meetings were held on 6<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> December, with all partner national societies and the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC). This is a forum for information sharing and strengthening coordination. It was also emphasized by the shelter cluster coordination group for more information on what partners are planning in the field of shelter.

The shelter cluster coordination mechanism is moving on, jointly chaired by the Bangladesh Government and Federation under which the Federation is providing technical expertise and guidance to the organizations of the cluster. The Ministry of Health and Family Welfare and the World Health

Organisation held a third health cluster meeting on 3<sup>rd</sup> December, attended by Movement partners, national and international organizations and UN agencies. Members of UNICEF's water and sanitation unit visited the Bangladesh delegation. There was a sharing of information on the operation and an agreement for closer coordination.

An internet based Red Cross Red Crescent Movement coordination group has been set up for information sharing on the operation.

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

The shelter coordination group, coordinating the Emergency Shelter Cluster, received information on the plans and actual operations for distribution of non-food items and shelter materials from 25 agencies/NGOs so far registered with the group. So far, approximately 308,000 households in 13 districts are targeted for non-food items distribution, while about 67,240 households are identified to receive construction materials. Many agencies/NGOs are presently finalising their assessments and plan preparation. The group is gathering organisation information on needs and planned coverage to provide a map of their interventions in different parts of the country.

Four coordination meetings have so far been held at the national level in Dhaka. A government of Bangladesh representative, from the Disaster Management Bureau, is co-chairing the national level meetings. Coordination in the field, at the district level, has started. Well-attended meetings, around 30 participants each, were held in Barisal and Pathuakali on 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> December. It is expected that the coordination process will be expanded to the Upazilla (sub-district) and possibly Union levels in the future, as requested by the participants.

The group has started the rotation of its personnel; a new assistant coordinator is now in the field to ensure that effective coordination takes place. Also, an early recovery advisor from UN-Habitat has been assigned to the group to ensure that all aspects of this cross-cutting issue are addressed well by all.

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

According to government figures, as 871 people are still missing as a result of the Cyclone SIDR, the ICRC, continues to work with the BDRCS to trace those listed as missing and restore family links among the affected people. BDRCS volunteers in the three affected districts of Pirojpur, Patuakhali and Barguna, have started collecting information from the field about missing people, based on government data, under the supervision of two BDRCS officers deployed for this specific assignment (one covering Pirojpur and the other covering

<sup>1</sup> The Australian government's overseas aid programme

<sup>2</sup> Agency coordinating official development assistance for the government of Japan

Patuakhali and Barguna). This information will be compiled into a database set up at the BDRCS national headquarters, which will be updated regularly during the coming weeks.

## Red Cross Red Crescent action

Immediately after the Cyclone SIDR struck, the BDRCS/Federation distributed dry food, emergency shelter (tarpaulins), blankets, family kits (containing household and hygiene items), medical supplies, water taps and oral rehydration salts to over 75,000 beneficiaries in nine of the most affected districts. Under the current Appeal framework, attention has shifted to focus on 20,000 families in the four most affected districts of Borguna, Bagerhat, Pirojpur and Patuakhali.

The Federation's field assessment and coordination team (FACT) completed its assessment and prepared the first draft of the plan of action, which it shared with all partners. This plan of action, for the provision of support to nine targeted districts (Bagerhat, Patuakhali, Barguna, Pirojpur, Barisal, Bhola Jhalokathi, Satkhira and Khulna) under the operation, was prepared based on information collected and analyzed from the BDRCS national headquarters, branches, the national society's cyclone preparedness programme and the FACT assessment. This was also based on information collected from the Bangladesh government/cluster system, and international and local NGOs.

The FACT members are in the process of leaving Bangladesh and are handing over to the Bangladesh delegation. Further detailed assessments will be conducted in all sectors by the BDRCS volunteers/staff and Federation country team with the additional international/local operation support staff including RDRT. For the water and sanitation sector, the FACT member from the German Red Cross handed over to a delegate from the American Red Cross. Under the shelter sector, the FACT member handed over to a delegate from the Belgian Red Cross. Under health, a field delegate has arrived and a Danish Red Cross delegate is taking care of the psycho-social aspect of the programme. The FACT member looking after livelihoods handed over to recovery operations officer from the Federation secretariat in Geneva, before a delegate is appointed to look after this area. One of the FACT members continues to look after relief distribution. In addition, two disaster management officers (local staff) have been recruited under this Cyclone SIDR operation.



**A woman beneficiary holding a distribution card in Patuakhali district**

A senior procurement officer from Geneva is also at the Bangladesh delegation, to support the ongoing procurement of relief material. In addition, a relief officer from Geneva visited cyclone affected areas and held a discussion with the delegation on activities under the relief operation.

The relief and logistics teams are using Barisal as a hub for carrying out their operations. The head of the Bangladesh delegation visited Barisal district to assess the feasibility of setting up an operational office there within the shortest possible time. Initial findings indicate that the choices with regard to office space are limited. Decisions will be made after further analysis of the situation in the field.

As a result of good relations established by the relief teams with the local government, police and community members like village leaders and school teachers, in the four most affected districts, they have had the cooperation of these groups for conducting efficient distributions. The four RDRT members from India, Sri Lanka and Afghanistan continue their work in assisting the BDRCS units in the provision of relief assistance in the four districts. Parallel to the Cyclone SIDR operation, an RDRT training on relief and shelter was conducted, hosted by the Bangladesh delegation with support from the Federation's South Asia Regional Delegation. Some of the sector-specific sessions at this workshop were facilitated by the concerned FACT members.

Relief operations could have been faster if the various food and non-food items had been in place for distribution at the same time, so that a complete relief package could be distributed to beneficiaries in one go. Delays in receipt of items were primarily due to procedures related to their procurement and shipping and other related formalities. Challenges in distribution were also faced at the district level due to remoteness of some target areas (transporting relief goods to these areas would take more time and cost more) and some of the BDRCS units not being as organised as others. During the course of relief distribution there was a felt need to streamline the structures and processes of distribution to facilitate a timelier and efficient distribution process.

## 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):** 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.

Relief teams in the field continued the distribution of food items, comprising rice (20 kg), lentils (5 kg), edible oil (2 litres) and iodized salt (1 kg) per family, to 20,000 families in the four most affected districts of Bagerhat, Pirojpur, Patuakhali and Barguna. While distribution was completed in Bagerhat and Pirojpur, it could not be completed as planned in Patuakhali and Barguna due to changes in distribution schedules and locations. These distributions are planned to be completed by 15<sup>th</sup> December.

**Table 2: Status of relief distribution in the four most affected areas (as of 12 December 2007)**

District	Upazillas (sub-districts)	No. of families targeted	No. of families supported earlier	No. of families supported during this period	Total no. of families supported to-date	Total no. of beneficiaries supported
Bagerhat	Moreganj, Sarankhola, Chitalmari	5,000	3,850	1,150	5,000	25,000
Pirojpur	Zianagar, Mathbaria, Bhandaria	5,000	1,000	4,000	5,000	25,000
Patuakhali	Galachipa, Kalapara, Mirjaganj	5,000	2,000	382	2,382	11,910
Barguna	Barguna, Sadar, Betagi, Amtali, Pathorghata, Bamna	5,000		1,222	1,222	6,110
<b>Total</b>		<b>20,000</b>	<b>7,232</b>	<b>6,372</b>	<b>13,604</b>	<b>68,020</b>

The process of identifying and assessing needs of the next group of beneficiaries in the four most affected districts for the provision of further relief assistance is ongoing. From 16<sup>th</sup> December, BDRCS is planned to begin distribution of the above-mentioned food rations for 5,000 more families in Bagerhat, supported by the Swiss Red Cross.

**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.

So far, the distribution of food rations was accompanied by the distribution of one saree (women's clothing item) and one lungi (men's clothing item) per family, comprising the non-food part of the relief package. As mentioned above, the distribution of this relief package is planned to be completed by 15<sup>th</sup> December. Food distributions for 5,000 more families in Bagerhat, from 16<sup>th</sup> December, will also include one saree and one lungi per family in the package.

The distribution of other planned non-food items (two blankets, one tarpaulin, one plastic sheet, one family kit comprising household items, two jerry cans, 30 water purification tablets per month for two months, and 5 packs of oral rehydration salts per family), along with the remaining one saree and one lungi per family, for the 20,000 families being covered in the four most affected districts, is proposed to be started by 20<sup>th</sup> December.

## 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.

Following the return of all 18 of the BDRCS mobile medical teams that had been deployed before the appeal was launched, eight new teams were formed and deployed to the four most affected districts, with two teams deployed per district. Two of these teams left Dhaka on 5<sup>th</sup> December, one each for Barguna and Patuakhali districts, and the remaining six left on 6<sup>th</sup> December for all four districts.

These eight teams currently in the field are providing basic curative and preventive health care in eight upazillas of the four districts, including in the remote areas of these districts. The teams are also distributing water purification tablets (WPT) and oral rehydration salts (ORS) to patients being treated. Awareness raising on hygiene and water and sanitation also continues.

**Table 4: Cumulative number of patients treated by the mobile medical teams so far (19 November to 2 December)**

<b>Total cases treated</b>	<b>25,129</b>
Male	8,618
Female	10,319
Children below 5 years	6,143
Diarrhoea	2,540
Dysentery	2,787
Acute Respiratory Infection	3,143
Injuries	2,267
Water Purification Tablets	35,270
Oral Rehydration Salts	15,775

The distribution of 20 medical kits, with essential basic medicines, in the four most affected districts could not take place earlier due to procedural delays but has now been initiated. Each district was to receive five kits to cover a population of 5,000 each for one month. These kits were to be given to upazilla (sub-district) health complexes for the provision of health services to the affected population.

The 3,700 hygiene parcels that were expected from the Federation's regional logistics unit in Kuala Lumpur, arrived and will be distributed among the affected communities in the four districts, along with the food and non-food items distributed.

The health delegate to oversee field operations arrived in Dhaka on 12<sup>th</sup> December and will proceed to the field shortly. Representatives from the Federation and BDRCS participated in a third meeting of the health cluster, led by the World Health Organisation, on 3<sup>rd</sup> December.

## 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.

The distribution of non-food items related to water and sanitation are ready to be started as soon as possible. The exact places of intervention are mostly coordinated at the district level. Following assessments conducted during the last reporting period, which brought out an urgent requirement for 750,000 water purification tablets (WPT) in the districts of Bagerhat, Barguna, Pirojpur and Patuakhali, a requisition for this amount of WPT was done last week and the stocks have arrived. The first load of these is still to be given to the BDRCS for distribution in the districts. It has been estimated that a total of 1,500,000 WPT is required till further needs assessment. Therefore, a second requisition for 750,000 WPT has been requested on 10<sup>th</sup> December.

**Table 3: Districts and upazillas served by BDRCS mobile medical teams**

Districts	Upazillas
Bagerhat	Morelganj
	Sharankola
Barguna	Pathorgata
	Amtoli
Pirojpur	Motbaria
	Bandari
Patuakhali	Galachippa
	Kalapara

The number of patients treated so far by these medical teams is reflected in Table 3. The total number of cases do not correlate with the male, female and children below 5 years break-down, as some of the teams have not given such a break-down. This information is still not complete as some of the mobile medical teams are yet to submit their reports.

BDRCS is planning to send 15 more medical teams to cover the remaining five districts, Khulna, Satkhira, Barisal, Bhola and Jhalokhat, out of the nine targeted under this appeal, and also to give more coverage to the four districts mentioned above.

Water and sanitation items will be distributed along with the distribution of non-food items. It is planned that the distribution of these non-food commodities will take place for 25,000 beneficiaries in the four most affected districts on 15<sup>th</sup> December. The hygiene kits containing 500 grams of soap and 400 grams of washing soap, which have arrived, will also be distributed soon.

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 number of jerry cans, 38,000 have been donated by the Japanese and British Red Cross Societies, 28,000 have been provided by the Netherlands Red Cross and 1,500 have been given by the Australian Red Cross. Procurement for the rest of the 160,500 jerry cans from local market in Bangladesh is under process. This will benefit 500,000 cyclone affected people. Two water testing kits for the Federation and hygiene kits for targeted beneficiaries are also in the pipeline. The hygiene kits are due for distribution on 25<sup>th</sup> December.

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

Together with a BDRCS team, the new water and sanitation delegate, who took over from the FACT member, visited Gopalganj district for a rapid assessment. The assessment revealed that in the three villages visited there is no urgent need for watsan intervention. At present, the delegate is in Bagerhat district to conduct another rapid assessment on the immediate needs of water and sanitation.

Information, Education, Communication (IEC) material on health and hygiene is being translated into the local language Bangla for easy understanding and wide dissemination at the field level. A plan is underway for the immediate circulation of this material to ensure greater coverage.

### **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.

**Objective 2:** 30,000 cyclone affected families in Barguna, Pirojpur, Bagerhat and Patuakhali districts repair their partially damaged houses within one year of the project.

**Expected result:** The affected families have received support to repair their partially damaged homes.

Following initial assessments conducted in Barisal, Barguna and Patuakhali districts, further assessments in collaboration with the British Red Cross are planned in the four most affected districts, which are priority districts for the shelter programme. A more in-depth assessment for the identification of beneficiaries will be carried out during the coming weeks. The development of a phased approach is underway. Plans are to work with a limited number of communities during the initial implementation stage. This will enable further adaptation to local needs and thereby be more effective in the long run.

According to findings from the field, the repair and rebuilding of houses that were damaged or destroyed by the cyclone has been started by using existing relief materials, material from the destroyed and damaged houses, and newly purchased material. There is an urgent need to provide more material and assistance for this repair and rebuilding of houses.

Through the findings of the assessment carried out by the FACT team, the BDRCS and the Federation have specified the materials, techniques and tools needed in rebuilding, repairing and improving the affected houses. The general reasoning is to start from the existing materials and techniques (locally present) and the skills known to the affected communities and build further on these, through a participatory process, to improve the overall quality of the houses. In the following weeks, materials and toolkits will be provided to cover the most urgent needs, including trainings and community capacity building. Market research is underway to define the availability and technical specifications of materials to be distributed and the first steps towards procurement and logistics for the materials and tool kits have taken place.

Necessary action to repair the houses will be implemented through the BDRCS safer housing approach and its programme on building community disaster preparedness capacity. The existing network of volunteers developed by the BDRCS will be involved for a more efficient response, especially those developed around the cyclone shelters. The response will be in line with the recommendations of the Emergency Shelter Cluster. As part of the cluster mechanism, regular strategic advisory group coordination meetings and technical working group meetings are being held, which have facilitated specific consultation and coordination on strategic and technical issues.

A book titled "Battling the Storm" on cyclone resistant techniques, developed by the BDRCS with support of the German Red Cross, has been re-edited for the benefit of the Shelter sector.

### **Livelihoods**

**Objective:** To protect the food security and livelihoods of up to 30,000 of the most vulnerable people affected in the districts of Barguna, Bagerhat, Pirojpur, Patuakhali and Khulna.

**Expected results:** Improved food security for the most vulnerable of the population.

A rapid livelihoods/shelter/water and sanitation assessment, carried out by BDRCS/Federation team in Barguna, Patuakhali and Barisal districts, with particular focus on Patuakhali and Barguna districts, was completed. The findings were that income generation programmes should be implemented as soon as possible to supplement relief distributions and give people the choice in prioritizing their needs. Beneficiaries identified small livestock as being a priority over seeds and saplings, so this option is being investigated in relation to distributing vouchers for small livestock such as chickens and ducks.

A detailed livelihoods and shelter assessment, led and funded by the British Red Cross started on 10<sup>th</sup> December. The assessment will be carried out in the four districts of Barguna, Bagerhat, Pirojpur and Patuakhali over two weeks. The team consists of livelihoods and shelter specialists, along with British Red Cross field staff and BDRCS volunteers.

A senior recovery officer from the Federation's Geneva secretariat arrived in Dhaka on 12<sup>th</sup> December to support the operation on early recovery issues in the short time whilst a recovery delegate and a livelihoods manager are being recruited.

### **EARLY RECOVERY (1 YEAR)**

The only developments under this component of the operation were under the health sector, as given below. There were no significant developments to report during this reporting period under the 'water and sanitation' and 'shelter' sectors.

#### **Health**

**Objective 1:** The psychosocial well-being of 20,000 most vulnerable cyclone affected families and BDRCS staff and volunteers improved.

**Expected result:** Psychosocial support is accessible to most vulnerable as well as BDRCS staff and volunteers.

Target areas for implementation of a proposed psycho-social welfare support assessment were identified in the nine most affected districts. Based on the needs, activities will be commenced with the four most affected districts out of these, viz. Bagerhat, Barguna, Patuakhali and Pirojpur, according to BDRCS/Federation prioritisation.

As reported in the previous operations update, two consultants from the Danish Red Cross came to Dhaka to conduct a needs assessment on psycho-social issues and to identify the support required. They provided training on psychological first aid to 20 students from the clinical psychology department of Dhaka University, between 10-12 December. These trained students in turn will train BDRCS staff and volunteers, who will be deployed by the national society in the four most affected districts.

### **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.

This relief operation is strengthening the capacity of the national society to deliver efficient and effective services to the most vulnerable.

At present, the targeted BDRCS branches in the nine most affected districts of the country are completely involved in the implementation of the relief phase of the operation. On the job orientation is ongoing for local volunteers to enhance their knowledge in terms of detailed assessment under an integrated approach, transparency in beneficiary selection, and modality of a fare distribution process. Therefore, detailed

implementation of activities under this capacity building component will be part of two years programme process. . These interventions will be carried out based on an assessment 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

The BDRCS/Federation are planning to produce a documentary film on cyclone preparedness programmes in Bangladesh, to showcase the manner in which all the disaster preparedness/disaster risk reduction (DRR) initiatives contributed towards reducing the impact of Cyclone SIDR in the country. The film will be used as an information, education, communication (IEC) material for local communities, DRR practitioners and governmental and non-governmental agencies.

The Federation's South Asia Regional Delegation has deployed a DRR manager to the Bangladesh delegation to link BDRCS/Federation interventions under the Cyclone SIDR operation with its ongoing disaster management programme. This will include strengthening and further developing the DRR component of the disaster management programme.

### **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 is being conducted in parallel with the other programmes after current emergency needs are met. All interventions are being carried out with an emphasis on impartiality and neutrality, encouraging a respect for human dignity, gender and ethnic equality, in keeping with humanitarian values and the Movement's Fundamental Principles. For example, the selection of target groups has focused on identifying the most vulnerable groups such as households that have lost all their belongings, women headed households, the elderly and people with disabilities.

## **Logistics**

The first stocks of non-food items (jerry cans, blankets, tarpaulins) from the Australian / Netherlands Red Cross Societies and from the Regional Logistics Unit, Kuala Lumpur (KL RLU) are customs cleared and were transported by road to the Cyclone SIDR warehouse in Barisal district. The first stocks of blankets from the framework supplier in India are due within a few days following the date of reporting. The first stocks of tarpaulins from the framework supplier are due by the end of December.

Tenders for local procurement of food parcels and family kits have been completed and orders have been placed on 9<sup>th</sup> December. Shelter procurement is advancing well according to the plan of action produced by the shelter team. Further relief planning is scheduled for later this week.

- The procurement of hygiene parcels and rigid jerry cans has been locally started.
- Approval was received from the committee of contracts (logistics and response mobilization department) at the Federation office in Geneva, for the procurement of 50,000 food parcels and non-food items comprising sarees (women's clothing item) and lungies (men's clothing item). Approval is also received for the procurement of family kits and plastic sheeting. Currently, another 25,000 food packages with non-food items are being procured.



**BDRCS volunteers load relief items onto a truck at the BDRCS' unit in Bagerhat**

- 3,700 hygiene kits have arrived in Bangladesh from the KL RLU (currently undergoing customs clearance) and will be distributed along with food and non-food items.
- The first locally procured items such as family kits and food parcels will be ready for distribution, together with the distribution of non-food items received as in-kind donations, around 15<sup>th</sup> December.
- The British Red Cross ERU left for Barisal on 8<sup>th</sup> December.

The British Red Cross logistics emergency response unit (ERU) managing BDRCS' warehouse in Barisal. The next round of distributions commences on 15<sup>th</sup> December to 5,000 families in Bagerhat for food and non-food items.

Donors have so far responded positively in terms of in-kind donations, 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	Quabity (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		76,500	216,000	-16,000
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				34,050	58,350	41,650
Hyg. Kits	100,000		1,500	2,200	23,000						26,700	73,300

Supplier Stock - This is framework agreement stock held in Kuala Lumpur RLU warehouse or in the suppliers own warehouse  
AmCross/BritCross/Japanese Red Cross stokc 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 RLU, Kuala Lumpur regarding outstanding needs. The RLU will provide shipping instructions to donors, with a Consignment Tracking Number which will be issued before shipping any goods to the operation.

## Communications – Advocacy and public information

The BDRCS and the Federation continue to provide a steady flow of information on their operation to all partners, stakeholders and the general public through the regular release of web-stories, reports and press releases. For example, a press release was circulated to a number of national newspapers on 10<sup>th</sup> December, covering the ongoing relief distribution for 20,000 affected families in the four most affected districts. It focused on the shipment of tarpaulins and jerry cans, donated by the Netherlands Red Cross under the Federation Appeal framework, which was received by the head of the Bangladesh delegation and the Netherlands Ambassador in Dhaka on 9<sup>th</sup> December. Articles were also published in national newspapers on the relief distribution being done by BDRCS and the donations given by banks and private companies to the national society.

Besides these, an operations update reporting progress of the operation was released on 4<sup>th</sup> December and a fact sheet providing brief information on interventions was brought out on 9<sup>th</sup> December.

## 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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**[<Updated donor response report attached below; click here to return to the title page>](#)**

**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:	9,265,519
APPEAL COVERAGE TO DATE:	38%

Updated on: 14 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>
Australian Government	AUD	1,000,000		992,000			<b>992,000</b>
Bangladesh - Private Donors	BDT	300,000		4,890			<b>4,890</b>
Canadian Red Cross	CAD	300,000		337,200			<b>337,200</b>
Canadian Red Cross (from Canadian Government)	CAD	250,000		281,000			<b>281,000</b>
Czech Government	USD	82,780		95,942			<b>95,942</b>
Danish Red Cross (from Danish Government)	CHF	306,330		306,330			<b>306,330</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		57,633			<b>57,633</b>
Irish Government	EUR	400,000		660,000			<b>660,000</b>
Irish Red Cross	EUR	30,000		49,500			<b>49,500</b>
Italian Govt Bilateral Emergency Fund	EUR	100,000		167,300			<b>167,300</b>
Italian Red Cross	EUR	183,423		302,647			<b>302,647</b>
Japanese Red Cross	USD	277,800		310,580			<b>310,580</b>
Korea Republic Red Cross	KRW	68,000,000		83,300			<b>83,300</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>
Slovakia Government	SKK	2,000,000		99,800			<b>99,800</b>
Slovenian Red Cross	EUR	20,000		33,000			<b>33,000</b>
Swedish Red Cross	SEK	1,000,000		169,500			<b>169,500</b>
Swiss Red Cross (from Swiss Government)	BDT	24,409,092		397,868			<b>397,868</b>

	Currency	Amount	Health & Care	Disaster Management	Humanitarian Values	Organisational Development	Coordination & Implementation	Total
			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>								
VERF/WHO Voluntary Emergency Relief	CHF	2,500		2,500				2,500
<b>Total Cash contributions</b>				<b>6,630,443</b>				<b>6,630,443</b>
<b>Inkind Goods &amp; Transport (pledged)</b>								
American Red Cross	CHF	263,950		263,950				263,950
Australian Red Cross	AUD	14,000		14,966				14,966
British Red Cross	CHF	189,140		189,140				189,140
Iran Red Crescent	CHF	1,244,103		1,244,103				1,244,103
Japanese Red Cross	CHF	89,386		89,386				89,386
Netherlands Red Cross	CHF	710,361		710,361				710,361
Norwegian Red Cross	NOK	747,915		162,148				162,148
Spanish Red Cross	EUR	126,134		211,021				211,021
<b>Total Inkind Goods &amp; Transport</b>				<b>2,885,076</b>				<b>2,885,076</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>9,265,519</b>				<b>9,265,519</b>
<b>TOTAL FUNDING</b>			0	9,265,519	0	0	0	9,265,519
<b>COVERAGE</b>				<b>38%</b>				<b>38%</b>