

Operations update



International Federation
of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies

Bangladesh: Cyclone Aila

Emergency appeal n° MDRBD004
Operations update n° 6
20 December 2009

Period covered by this Operations Update: 10 November to 20 December 2009;

Appeal target (current): 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. [<click here to view Emergency Appeal budget>](#)

Appeal coverage: The appeal has 36 per cent coverage [<click here to go directly to the updated donor response or here for contact details>](#)

Appeal history:

- **Emergency Appeal** for cyclone Aila was launched on 24 June 2009 for CHF 2,355,249 (USD 2.2 million or EUR 1.6 million) for nine months to assist 36,800 families (or 184,000 beneficiaries)

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

Summary:

Cyclone Aila hit south western coastal districts of Bangladesh on 25 May 2009, killing 190 people, affecting more than 3.9 million people across the 11 coastal districts, disrupting their livelihoods, and destroying infrastructure.

Immediately after the cyclone hit Bangladesh, the BDRCS/International Federation delivered essential humanitarian services to the affected population through food and non-food item distribution, mobile health services, water and sanitation activities, emergency shelter and livelihood assistance.

The BDRCS and the Federation relief efforts continued during the month of November, assisting a total of 8,000 households with shelter materials. BDRCS/International Federation have had several meetings to determine the approach of livelihood support interventions in the cyclone affected areas.

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

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



Beneficiaries at Ashasuni, Satkhira waiting shelter materials. Photo credit: International Federation

Response at a glance:

Distribution/Assessment	No. of families	Date of distribution completed/targeted	Remarks
NFI and dry food	10,000	15 th June '09	
Food distribution	10,000	20 th July '09	
Detailed shelter assessment		20 th July '09	Report submitted
NFI	7,000	13 th September '09	
Shelter materials	8,000	22 nd November	
Livelihood interventions	5,000	3 rd week of January, 2010	Planned

The situation

Torrential rains from Aila caused at least 190 fatalities. Numerous villages were either completely submerged in flood water or destroyed. Several rivers broke through embankments causing widespread inland flooding.

Many affected people are still living in temporary shelters on damaged embankments. They are facing a scarcity of drinking water, a lack of sanitation facilities and insufficient resources to resume productive normal lives. Security and the privacy are a major concern among the number of women living on and around the embankments. As such, the Bangladesh government, the Bangladesh Red Crescent Society (BDRCS) and the International Federation are working together in post disaster response activities. Other non-governmental organizations are also taking the same stance.

Coordination and partnerships

The International Federation shelter coordination team was in Bangladesh from 24 June to 4 August. During this time, they supported the wider coordination activities of the disaster and emergency response (DER) shelter working group responding to the needs of cyclone Aila.

BDRCS activated the disaster management-working group Bangladesh (DMWGB) subcommittee to better facilitate the Aila operations. The International Federation, in coordination with other Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement partners, is providing support to BDRCS to strengthen its emergency response and preparedness capacities during the operation. BDRCS and the International Federation are working in close coordination with the government of Bangladesh, different UN bodies and other international agencies. Recently, on 2 December 2009, a water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH) cluster meeting was attended, where the cluster members working in Bangladesh shared their plans to address WASH priority needs in the Aila affected areas.

National Society Capacity Building

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 (NHQ).

BDRCS successfully completed the distribution of emergency shelter materials by the end of November 2009. Besides, BDRCS and the International Federation have jointly conducted a rapid assessment from 23 to 25 October 2009 to identify priority livelihoods needs of the most vulnerable people.

Red Cross and Red Crescent action to date

BDRCS in collaboration with the International Federation completed the distribution of emergency shelter materials and household items for 7,000 families in the Satkhira and Khulna districts under the Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries' (OPEC) funding. For the details of these activities please refer to the [operations updates 4 and 5](#).

In addition, the distribution of emergency shelter materials for 8,000 families who have lost their houses and are living in makeshift shelters on the embankments and the roadsides has been completed during the reporting period.

Progress towards objectives

Emergency Food Aid	
Objective: 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"> Assessment, identification and registration of beneficiaries for emergency food aid. Procurement of food items that includes rice, lentils, edible oil, iodized salt. Quality inspection of food items. Distribution of food packages to 10,000 registered families. Develop a monitoring and evaluation system to improve the delivery system.

Progress

The expected result of this objective has been met. Please refer to [operations update no.2](#) for full details.

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"> Assessment, identification and selection of beneficiaries for emergency shelter assistance. Procurement of basic emergency shelter materials, including tarpaulins, plastic sheets and one cutting tool. Distribution of shelter materials and tool kits among selected beneficiaries.

Progress

BDRCS has successfully completed the distribution of emergency shelter materials among 8,000 families in the three most-affected districts (4,000 in Satkhira; 2,500 in Khulna, and 1,500 in Noakhali). Before distribution, a joint team comprising of BDRCS and International Federation specialists conducted a quality check of items. The package of emergency shelter materials were determined based on recommendations made by the technical working group of the DER shelter working group for the cyclone Aila response operations.

Three teams comprising of the International Federation and BDRCS staff members were formed and deployed to the field to assist local units in distribution and monitoring the distribution of food items, non-food items and shelter materials. The local unit volunteers and executive committee members were actively involved in the distribution process. During the reporting period, the distribution of shelter materials took place in the Khulna district. The distribution status is as follows:

District	Upazilla	Union	Distribution point	# of families	Distribution date
Khulna	Dacop	Tildanga	Union Parishad office premises	150	17 November
		Chalna	Union Parishad office premises	75	17 November
		Bajua		190	17 November

		Anishanta	Union Parishad office premises	50	17 November
		SutarKhali	Padmakhali Launch ghat	310	17 November
		Kamarkhola	Padmakhali Launch ghat	275	17 November
		Dacop Sadar	Union Parishad Office Premises	50	17 November
	Koira	South Bedkhati	Kashirkhal Launch ghat	350	22 November
		Koira Sadar	Kashirghat Launch ghat	300	21 November
		Moharajpur	Launch ghat	250	21 November
		North bedkhathi	Launch ghat	300	22 November
	Batiyaghata	Delua	Office premises	100	17 November
		Haliya	Office premises	100	17 November
Satkhira	Ashashuni	Pratapnagar	Nawabeki Ferry ghat, high school	400	4 November
		pratapnagar	Nawabeki Ferry ghat, high school	600	5 November
		Sriula, Ashashuni sadar	UP Office premises	500	14 November
	Shaymnagar	Padmapukur	Nawabeki Ferry ghat, high school	400	8 November
		Padmapukur	Nawabeki Ferry ghat, high school	400	9 November
		Burigoaliny and munshiganj	Munshiganj BDR camp	400	10 November
		Gabura	Nildumuria primary school	400	12 November
		Gabura	Nildumuria primary school	400	13 November
		Kashimari, Shamnagar sadar	Kashimari Up office premises	500	15 November
	Noakhali	Hatiya	Namabazar	Launch ghat	480
Nizum Dwip			Launch ghat	348	9 November
Namabazar			Embankment	497	10 November
Nijhum Dwip			Launch ghat	175	11 November
Total				8000	

Non Food Items Distribution:	
Objective: 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.	
Expected results	Activities planned
Distribution of blankets to 7,000 families before the upcoming winter season in all eight districts.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Procurement of blankets. • Conduct assessments for the selection and social mobilization for the verification of 7,000 families. • Engage communities' participation in planning and distribution of blankets. • Mobilize volunteers in assessments, distribution and monitoring and evaluation in each district.

Progress

The expected result of this objective has been met. Please refer to the [operations update 4 and 5](#) for full details.

Emergency Health	
Objective: The health status of 122,500 people (24,500 families) among the cyclone-affected population is improved by providing basic health care (preventive and curative health care) in eight districts for six months.	
Expected results	Activities planned
Affected communities will have access to information and basic intervention for diarrhoea	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Volunteers will be trained on prevention of diarrhoea and basic interventions. • 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. • Dissemination of information, education and communication (IEC) materials. • Distribution of oral rehydration salts (ORS).
Affected communities will have access to information and referral support for fever, diarrhoea, ARI (acute respiratory infection) and jaundice.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Volunteers will be trained on case identification of fever, diarrhoea, ARI and jaundice. • Trained volunteers will visit the affected communities and identify cases of fever, diarrhoea, ARI and jaundice (household by household) and facilitate referral to health centres. • Collaboration and coordination with the health system of Bangladesh and other agencies providing primary health care for provision of health care to referred cases. • Case identification. • Registration of cases. • Referral and follow up of cases.
Affected communities will have access to information and basic intervention on psychosocial support.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Volunteers (already trained during the 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). • Distribution of IEC materials.
Affected communities will have information on reproductive health.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Volunteers trained in reproductive health will be utilized to disseminate information to the affected communities (household by household) on reproductive health. • Distribution of IEC materials. • Linkage to health facilities.
Vulnerable groups in the affected population will have nutritional support.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Multivitamins and mineral tablets will be provided to the children below 12 years. • Iron and zinc tablets will be provided to pregnant and lactating women. • Procurement of hygiene parcels. • Distribution of hygiene parcels along with emergency shelter materials.

Progress

The expected result of the objective has been met. Please refer to the [operations update no. 5](#).

Water, Sanitation and Hygiene Promotion	
Objective: 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 of 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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assess water and sanitation needs in affected areas in coordination with shelter to plan an integrated programme. • Provide 7,000 jerry cans, water purification tablets (WPTs)

and hygiene promotion.	<p>and hygiene promotion to address water treatment and storage needs for the identified displaced population.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assess the requirement for restoring long-term water supply systems. • Assess the requirement for providing materials to restore latrines damaged by the cyclone.
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Progress

The expected result of this objective has been met. Please refer to [operations update 5](#).

Livelihood Rehabilitation and Agricultural Inputs

Objective: To assist 50,000 people or 10,000 vulnerable families 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 assistance to restore and / or improve their livelihoods income which will assist in rebuilding the economy.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop beneficiary targeting strategy and registration system with communities to deliver intended assistance. • Distribute resources according to plans emanating from livelihoods assessments which may include assets replacements. • Monitor and evaluate activities and provide reporting on distributions. • Provide support to the most vulnerable groups for restoration and alternative livelihood options. • Develop an exit strategy.

Based on the findings of the rapid assessment conducted by the joint team comprising of senior officials from BDRCS and the International Federation in October and the several follow-up meetings, it has been decided that a total of 5,000 vulnerable families in the Satkhira district will be assisted with livelihoods interventions. Please refer to the operations update 5 for the assessment findings.

As discussed and agreed:

- BDRCS' NHQ will deploy one officer for assisting the local unit in implementing livelihoods support interventions. The vulnerability and capacity assessment (VCA) will be conducted in two of the most affected communities in the Satkhira district to explore specific needs in the form of livelihood and asset replacement by the end of December 2009.
- The plan of action and the implementation mechanism as well as beneficiary selection procedures will be finalized by the end of December 2009.
- Providing livelihoods support is expected to be complete by the third week of January 2010.

National Society Capacity Building

Objective: 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"> • Assessment of shelter needs in collaboration with the BDRCS units for long-term solution. • Human resource development including volunteer management • Orientation for volunteers and staff on relief management. • Upgrading national society communication and information as well as reporting management through training and providing equipments • National headquarter capacity building through improved functional facilities. • Organize a lessons-learned workshop with the participation of respective district BDRCS units.

Several meetings were held with BDRCS to discuss the capacity building component over the reporting period. The proposed feasible plans are as follows:

- Organize a lessons learnt workshop at the NHQ level on the Aila response.
- Update and revise the BDRCS relief manual for re-printing and dissemination.
- Contextualization of Red Cross and Red Crescent (RCRC) Code of Conduct and disseminate it.
- Purchase a fax machine for the disaster response department at NHQ.
- Organize three days long orientation on RCRC principles, Code of Conduct, Relief & Response for the volunteer team of Satkhira Unit.
- Renovation of Satkhira Unit office.

Logistics

For the details please refer to the [Aila operations update 5](#).

Communications – Advocacy and Public Information

Regular updates on the BDRCS and the International Federation activities have been provided to the national coordination mechanism on the cyclone Aila response.

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 (NGOs) 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 Report

Selected Parameters	
Reporting Timeframe	2009/6-2009/11
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
A. Budget	2,355,249					2,355,249
B. Opening Balance	0					0
Income						
Cash contributions						
<i>China RC, Hong Kong branch</i>	27,374					27,374
<i>Danish Red Cross (from Danish Government)</i>	145,476					145,476
<i>Japanese Red Cross</i>	3,914					3,914
<i>Monaco Red Cross</i>	15,795					15,795
<i>Netherlands Red Cross (from Netherlands Government)</i>	228,450					228,450
<i>OPEC Fund For Int-l Development</i>	327,189					327,189
<i>VERF/WHO Voluntary Emergency Relief</i>	2,000					2,000
C1. Cash contributions	750,198					750,198
Inkind Goods & Transport						
<i>Japanese Red Cross</i>	61,910					61,910
C3. Inkind Goods & Transport	61,910					61,910
Other Income						
<i>Voluntary Income</i>	253,397					253,397
C5. Other Income	253,397					253,397
C. Total Income = SUM(C1..C5)	1,065,505					1,065,505
D. Total Funding = B + C	1,065,505					1,065,505
Appeal Coverage	45%					45%

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. Opening Balance	0					0
C. Income	1,065,505					1,065,505
E. Expenditure	-848,804					-848,804
F. Closing Balance = (B + C + E)	216,701					216,701

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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
BUDGET (C)	2,355,249						2,355,249	
Supplies								
Shelter - Relief	540,258	407,436				407,436	132,822	
Clothing & textiles	25,900	35,069				35,069	-9,169	
Food	236,926	178,861				178,861	58,065	
Seeds,Plants	680,645						680,645	
Water & Sanitation	336,935						336,935	
Medical & First Aid	10,161						10,161	
Utensils & Tools		44,929				44,929	-44,929	
Other Supplies & Services		1,866				1,866	-1,866	
Total Supplies	1,830,826	668,161				668,161	1,162,665	
Land, vehicles & equipment								
Computers & Telecom	3,774	518				518	3,256	
Office/Household Furniture & Equipm.	14,516						14,516	
Total Land, vehicles & equipment	18,290	518				518	17,772	
Transport & Storage								
Storage		10,459				10,459	-10,459	
Distribution & Monitoring	67,193	40,950				40,950	26,244	
Transport & Vehicle Costs		3,513				3,513	-3,513	
Total Transport & Storage	67,193	54,921				54,921	12,272	
Personnel								
International Staff	136,800	2,018				2,018	134,782	
National Staff	45,177	15,578				15,578	29,599	
National Society Staff	45,968	11,957				11,957	34,010	
Total Personnel	227,945	29,553				29,553	198,392	
Workshops & Training								
Workshops & Training	3,226	942				942	2,284	
Total Workshops & Training	3,226	942				942	2,284	
General Expenditure								
Travel	16,290	1,475				1,475	14,815	
Information & Public Relation	5,677	1,899				1,899	3,779	
Office Costs	15,065	5,084				5,084	9,981	
Communications	7,081	3,900				3,900	3,181	
Financial Charges	6,532	246				246	6,287	
Other General Expenses	4,032	1,004				1,004	3,028	
Total General Expenditure	54,678	13,607				13,607	41,071	
Programme Support								
Program Support	153,091	58,774				58,774	94,318	
Total Programme Support	153,091	58,774				58,774	94,318	
Services								
Services & Recoveries		11,747				11,747	-11,747	
Total Services		11,747				11,747	-11,747	
Operational Provisions								
Operational Provisions		10,581				10,581	-10,581	
Total Operational Provisions		10,581				10,581	-10,581	
TOTAL EXPENDITURE (D)	2,355,249	848,804				848,804	1,506,445	
VARIANCE (C - D)		1,506,445				1,506,445		

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IV. Project Details

Project	Name	Opening Balance	Income	Expenditure	Closing Balance	Budget	Variance
		A	B	C	A + B + C	D	D - C
Goal 1: Disaster Management							
PBD013	Cyclone AILA	0	1,065,505	-848,804	216,701	2,355,249	1,506,445
Sub-Total Goal 1: Disaster Management		0	1,065,505	-848,804	216,701	2,355,249	1,506,445
Total	Bangladesh - Cyclone Aila	0	1,065,505	-848,804	216,701	2,355,249	1,506,445