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In Brief

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As a result of the recent heavy rains across Bangladesh that worsened the flood situation in the south-western districts of Jessore, Khulna and Satkhira, an increasing number of families have been rendered homeless and forced to move to temporary shelters on higher ground. The Bangladesh Red Crescent Society (BDRCS) and the Federation continue to distribute essential relief items in all the affected districts and have carried out water and sanitation interventions in Jessore.

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The Situation

The recent worsening of the flood situation in south-western Bangladesh (Jessore, Satkhira and Khulna districts), following heavy rainfall due to low depression over the Bay of Bengal, led to an increasing number of families being rendered homeless and forced to move to temporary shelters on higher ground, especially by roadsides. According to a current report from the field, in Jessore district approximately 5,299 families are currently taking shelter on high main roads. The community people are of the opinion that it will take at least another 2-3 months for the water to recede and for people to move back to their homes. There has not been much improvement in the overall situation for the affected people who did not leave their homes for fear of losing their land and belongings, and they are still trying to cope with the situation.

Red Cross and Red Crescent action

The Bangladesh Red Crescent Society (BDRCS) and the Federation continue to work on the distribution of essential relief items in the affected areas. Seven sub-districts (*upazillas*) in the three affected districts have been covered in the second phase of the relief operation. The beneficiary selection and distribution of goods has

mostly been done by the respective BDRCS units, with close monitoring by the BDRCS and the Federation in Dhaka. The latest update on the relief distribution operation is given below:

Table 1: Distribution of relief items in Jessore, Satkhira and Khulna districts, as on 17 October 2006

Coverage			Items distributed per family							
Sub-districts (Upazilla)	Union	No. of families	Family kit box	Plastic sheeting	Blankets (Pcs.)	Clothing for women (Pcs.)	Clothing for men (Pcs.)	Rice (10 kg. pack)	Lentils (2.5 kg. pack)	Edible oil (900 ml. bottle)
Jessore district										
Monirampur	Nehalpur	359	359	81	359	---	---	359	359	359
	Shyamkur	880	---	880	880	880	880	880	880	880
	Monoharpur	743	---	---	---	743	743	743	743	743
	Kultia	1,343	---	1,184	1,180 1,017	1,343	1,343	1,343	1,343	1,343
	Haridaskathi	500	---	430	500	500	500	500	500	500
	Durbadanga	265	---	245	265	265	265	265	265	265
	Dhakuria	300	---	260	300	300	300	300	300	300
	Khanpur	403	---	---	403	403	403	403	403	403
	Chaluaahati	240	---	---	240	240	240	240	240	240
Ruhita/Horihor	24	---	---	14	24	24	24	24	24	
Sub Total:	10 unions	5,057	359	3,080	4,141	4,698	4,698	5,057	5,057	5,057
Keshobpur	Sagardari	425	241	184	425	184	184	425	425	425
	Biddyanandakathi									
	Shufalakathi	882	---	---	882	882	882	882	882	882
	Pajia	461	---	---	461	461	461	461	461	461
	Pourashava (ward# 7 & 8)	226	---	02	---	226	226	226	226	226
Sub Total:	5 unions	1,994	241	186	1,768	1,753	1,753	1,994	1,994	1,994
Avoyanagar	Shorkhola Noapara	173	---	173	173	173	173	173	173	173
	Dhopadi Noapara	253	---	253	253	253	253	253	253	253
	Shundoli	965	---	965	965	965	965	965	965	965
	Chalishia	700	---	700	700	700	700	700	700	700
	Noapara Pourashava	251	---	---	---	251	251	251	251	251
	Paira	279	---	---	---	279	279	279	279	279
	Prembagh	328	---	---	---	328	328	328	328	328
Sub Total:	7 unions	2,949	---	2,091	2,091	2,949	2,949	2,949	2,949	2,949
Total	22 unions	10,000	600	5,357	8,000	9,400	9,400	10,000	10,000	10,000
Satkhira district										
Satkhira Sadar	Fingri	436	---	436	436	436	436	436	436	436
Kolaroa	Jalabad	300	---	300	300	300	300	300	300	300
	Joynagar	250	---	250	250	250	250	250	250	250
	Deara	200	---	200	200	200	200	200	200	200
Tala	Tetulia	964	---	964	964	964	964	964	964	964
	Dandia	200	---	200	200	200	200	200	200	200
Total	6 unions	2,350	---	2,350	2,350	2,350	2,350	2,350	2,350	2,350
Khulna district										
Dumuria	Maguraghona	480	---	480	480	480	480	480	480	480
	Altia	130	---	130	130	130	130	130	130	130
	Damalia	103	---	103	103	103	103	103	103	103
	Khunia	56	---	56	56	56	56	56	56	56
	Shuvana	141	---	141	141	141	141	141	141	141
Total	5 unions	910	---	910	910	910	910	910	910	910
Grand Total	33 Unions	12,646	600	12,026	12,296	11,996	11,996	12,355	12,355	12,355

The target distribution has been completed, apart from pending distribution of relief packages to 140 families in Khulna district, due to some administrative and logistical problems which has resulted in these packages being held up in the BDRCS unit office in Khulna. These items will be distributed as soon as the issue is resolved and the Bangladesh delegation is following up towards this end.

The BDRCS/Federation have carried out water and sanitation (watsan) interventions, like installation of tube wells and slab latrines, at the roadside camps of Jessore district. Bleaching powder has been distributed to disinfect the installed latrines. Water purification tablets (WPT) were distributed to 8,750 affected families living in temporary shelters (20 tablets per family for purifying 100 litres of water). The bleaching powder and WPT were provided by UNICEF and distributed through the BDRCS network in the affected areas.

Table 2: Federation/BDRCS intervention in implementing watsan facilities in Jessore district:

Sub-districts (Upazilla)	Tube well	Beneficiaries for tube wells (50 households per TW)	Slab latrine	Bleaching powder from DPHE*/ UNICEF (5 kg per slab latrine)	Beneficiaries for slab latrines/ bleaching powder (20 households per SL/BP)	WPT from DPHE/ UNICEF	Beneficiaries for WPT (20 tablets per household)	Leaflet for WPT
Monirampur	13	650	30	150 kg	600	104,000	5,200	200
Keshobpur	07	350	20	100 kg	400	20,000	1,000	200
Avoyrnagar	-					51,500	2,575	100
Total	20	1,000	50	250 kg	1,000	1,75,000	8,750	500

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The Bangladesh delegation has been participating in regular coordination meetings and sharing information with various INGOs and NGOs. These organizations are providing further intervention in the affected districts.

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- *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.*
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