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## BANGLADESH: FLOODS

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### In Brief

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The flood situation in south-western Bangladesh, particularly in the districts of Jessore and Satkhira, remains the same with very minor improvement in some areas. The Bangladesh Red Crescent Society (BDRCS) and the Federation continue to assess the situation, distribute food and non-food items to the affected population and share information and coordinate interventions with other organizations.

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### The Situation

The flood situation in south-western Bangladesh remains the same with very minor improvement in some areas. In Jessore district, while the water levels have reduced in some of the areas of the two affected upazillas (sub-districts) of Monirampur and Keshobpur, largely due to the contribution of volunteers in draining out the water, there has been no improvement in the flood situation in the third affected upazilla of Avoyanagar. Even in Monirampur and Keshobpur, the affected people continue to live in temporary shelters on the road side or in public places and some are still in their houses despite being waterlogged and marooned.

According to local sources, though there has been some movement of army personnel in the affected areas, they have not been involved in any intervention as yet.

The situation in Satkhira district also remains the same as reported previously.

### Red Cross and Red Crescent action

The Bangladesh Red Crescent Society (BDRCS) / Federation teams continue with the distribution of food and non-food items in the flood affected areas of Jessore district. On 7 September 2006, the BDRCS vice chairman and secretary general, together with the head of the Bangladesh delegation, visited some of affected areas in Jessore district and observed the distribution. They also held discussions with the local BDRCS unit, Federation field

team, local government officials and beneficiaries. The updated information on BDRCS/Federation intervention is given below:

**Table: Distribution of relief items in Jessore district, as on 12 September 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)
Monirampur	Nehalpur	380	359	131	359	---	---	359	359	359
	Shyamkur	245	---	245	216	216	216	216	216	216
	Monoharpur	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
	Kultia	1,180	---	1,180	553	1,180	1,180	1,180	1,180	1,180
	Durbadanga	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
	Dhakuria	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
	Khanpur	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
	Chaluahati	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Keshobpur	Sagardari	425	241	184	425	184	184	425	425	425
	Biddyanandakathi									
Avoyngar	Shundoli	965	---	965	965	965	965	965	965	965
	Chalishia	700	---	700	400	700	700	700	700	700
	Noapara	426	--	426	426	426	426	426	426	426
	Pourashava									
<b>Total</b>		<b>4,321</b>	<b>600</b>	<b>3,831</b>	<b>3,343</b>	<b>3,671</b>	<b>3,671</b>	<b>4,271</b>	<b>4,271</b>	<b>4,271</b>

**Note:**

1. A Family kit box contains the followings: 2 aluminium cooking saucepans, 1 plastic mug, 2 plastic glasses, 2 aluminium plates, 2 spoons, 1 seamless aluminium bucket, 2 soap bars (bath and laundry), 6 candles, 12 match boxes, 1 item of women's clothing, 1 item of men's clothing, 1 plastic sheeting, 1 plastic weave bag, card board box.
2. 50 seriously affected road dwelling families (29 in Shaymkur and 21 in Nehalpur - unions under Monirampur Upazilla) were instantly supported with plastic sheeting only.

After the procurement of food rations for 2,300 families, the procurement of food rations for an additional 2,700 families has been completed.

BDRCS and the Federation decided to provide relief materials to 1,000 badly affected families in Satkhira district, with the relief package being similar to the one distributed in Jessore district. The procurement process for food rations for 1,000 families has been completed and distribution is taking place.

As a pressing need for water and sanitation (watsan) intervention was identified in some areas of Jessore and other agencies have not got involved, the BDRCS/Federation plan to start an intervention in this area, in coordination with UNICEF (the lead in watsan) and the government.

The Bangladesh delegation has been having coordination meetings with various INGOs and NGOs, both at the field level and at the centre in Dhaka. During the disaster emergency response group meetings, the delegation has provided information about the situation and the RCRC action taken. Following the interest shown by ECHO for possible funding support to the BDRCS/Federation operation, the delegation has been in contact with the local office and is in the process of developing a concept paper for the intervention.

On 14 September, the Federation team visited Khulna district to conduct an assessment of the flood affected areas, together with the local BDRCS unit. The Federation health delegate also visited the affected areas of Jessore, Satkhira and Khulna districts to assess the needs for health interventions.

The smooth functioning of the operation has been hampered by occasional clashes between political demonstrators and police on the main streets of big cities.

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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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