

DREF operation update



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of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies

Bangladesh: Cold Wave

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Period covered by this update: 19 February to 23 March 2010

Summary: CHF 219,317 (USD 210,914 or EUR 148,704) was allocated from IFRC's Disaster Relief Emergency Fund (DREF) on 21 January 2010 to support the national society in delivering immediate assistance to some 50,000 people (approximately 10,000 families).



Warm clothing distribution at Lalmonirhat district
Photo Credit: IFRC

From the middle of December 2009 until the end of January, the northern and south-western parts of Bangladesh experienced a severe cold wave which had an adverse impact on the agricultural and fisheries sector as well as taking an effect on people's health. Poor people in the northern part of the country suffered the most. BDRCS with support from the IFRC responded swiftly to the cold wave.

BDRCS and IFRC distributed 48,000 blankets from BDRCS' existing disaster preparedness stocks. In addition, BDRCS/IFRC provided packages of warm clothing to 10,000 families, where each package contained two blankets, one shawl, one woollen cap, one saree and one lungi. BDRCS' district units in the affected areas also distributed warm clothes to the affected population. The replenishment of BDRCS disaster preparedness stocks through this DREF is nearly completed. The procurement of sarees were delayed since no samples received met the set standards and the committee of contracts recommended to re-tender.

The operation seeks a one-month extension to complete the procurement of sarees. The replenishment will be completed by 21 April 2010. A Final Report for this operation will be made available three months after the end of the operation, by 21 June 2010.

The DREF allocation has been replenished by: the European Commission Humanitarian Aid Office (ECHO) by 80 per cent; and the Canadian Red Cross and government by 20 per cent. Details of all donors can be found at the following URL:

<http://www.ifrc.org/what/disasters/responding/drs/tools/dref/donors.asp>

IFRC, on behalf of BDRCS, would like to thank both the donors and partners for their generous support of the Disaster Relief Emergency Fund (DREF).

The situation

The unprecedented cold wave and dense fog that swept all over Bangladesh from the middle of December 2009 has had an adverse impact on the people of Bangladesh. BDRCS/IFRC responded swiftly to address the needs of the affected peoples. The distribution of 10,000 packages of warm clothes in 10 cold wave affected districts was completed by 11 February 2010.

Following the distribution, ECHO's Head of Delegation in Dhaka along with IFRC and BDRCS officials from BDRCS' national headquarters (NHQ) visited two districts from 10-11 March for post distribution monitoring.

Coordination and partnerships

Since BDRCS/IFRC are active members of the disaster emergency response (DER) group of Bangladesh, information and operation updates were shared with other humanitarian agencies and the national government in order to avoid any overlapping of distribution. UNDP distributed 35,000 blankets in ten affected districts: Dinajpur, Kurigram, Rajshahi, Bogra, Sirajgonj, Pabna, Sunamgonj, Sarkhira, Faridpur, and Jhenaidah. Also, coordination between UNDP and BDRCS was established in terms of targeting geographic locations. Movement response discussions were held between BDRCS and partner national societies (PNSs) to divert the allocation of Chapainawabganj district to other affected areas as 5,000 people were provided with blankets through the Swiss Red Cross programme. BDRCS has good contacts with the local administration that enables the national society to effectively target the most affected areas and people.

Red Cross and Red Crescent action

Progress towards objectives

Relief distributions (food and basic non-food items)

Objective: 50,000 severely affected people or 10,000 families receive a package of warm clothes (two blankets, one saree, one lungi, one shawl and one woollen cap) in ten districts.

Activities planned:

- Door to door assessments
- Beneficiary registration
- Local procurement of some items according to IFRC's standard procedures
- Dispatch and transportation by BDRCS to the distribution sites
- Storage and distribution of relief items, especially at unit level
- Distribution by trained Red Crescent Youth volunteers
- Regular detailed monitoring and reporting of distributions
- Ongoing monitoring and technical advice by the BDRCS national headquarters and the International Federation.

Progress:

The distribution of the packages of warm clothing to 10,000 families in ten affected districts was successfully completed by 11 February 2010.

For more details please refer to [DREF Operation Update 1](#).

ECHO's Head of Delegation in Dhaka along with IFRC and BDRCS representatives from NHQ visited some of the targeted remote villages of Lalmonirhat and Rangpur districts from 10-11 March 2010. At the meetings the beneficiaries expressed their satisfaction with timely distribution as well as the content of the packages.

As reported in [DREF Operation Update 1](#), three major items in the package blankets, shawls, and woollen caps were procured following IFRC's procurement procedures. Other items in the package, sarees and lungies were borrowed and dispatched from disaster preparedness stocks. The replenishment process of these items is in progress.

Logistics

Progress: The procurement of 10,000 saree pieces and 10,000 lungi pieces was initiated in February. The tender was called and pre-supply samples testing were conducted by an independent inspection agency in February. After the evaluation of the offers by the established committee of contracts, the work order for 10,000 lungi pieces was placed with a qualified supplier. The expected delivery date for 10,000 lungi pieces is 25 March 2010. The inspection agency will make the post-delivery inspection of the lungies to BDRCS's warehouse at its NHQ.

For the replenishment of sarees, the local committee of contracts recommended a re-tender as none of the pre-supply samples passed the quality test. The re-tender process started on 23 March. It is expected that the replenishment of sarees will be completed by the third week of April 2010.

How we work

All IFRC 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 IFRC'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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DREF BUDGET SUMMARY

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ORIGINAL

RELIEF NEEDS

Clothing & Textiles 176,923

Total Relief Needs 176,923

TRANSPORT, STORAGE & VEHICLES

Storage - Warehouse 769

Distribution & Monitoring 10,769

Transport & Vehicles Costs 7,385

PERSONNEL

National Society Staff 3,846

GENERAL EXPENSES

Travel 3,077

Information & Public Relations 1,077

Office running costs 769

Communication Costs 308

Financial Charges 138

PROGRAMME SUPPORT

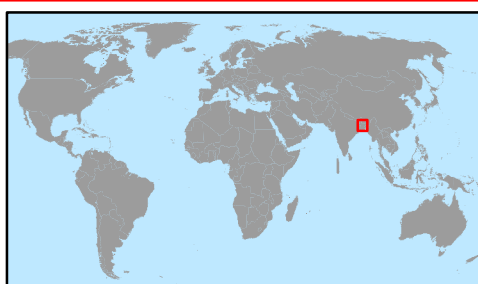
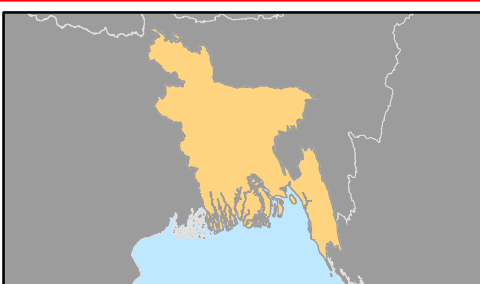
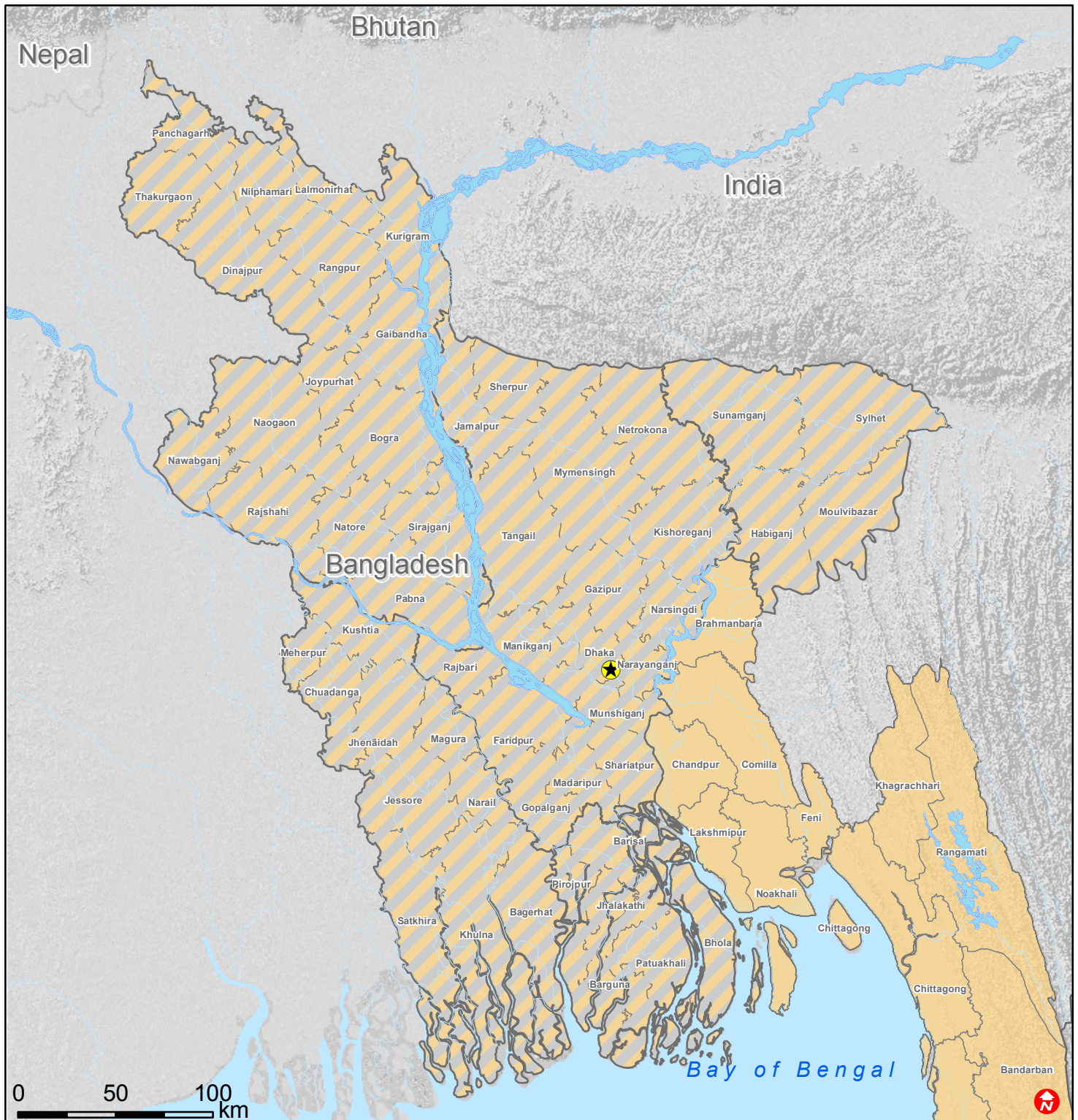
Programme Support - PSR (6.5% of total) 14,256

Total Operational Needs 219,317

Total DREF Budget (Cash & Kind) 219,317



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- Capitals
- Rivers
- lakes
- Most affected regions
- Districts