

DREF operation update



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Bangladesh: Tropical storm

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The IFRC's Disaster Relief Emergency Fund (DREF) is a source of un-earmarked money created by the Federation in 1985 to ensure that immediate financial support is available for Red Cross and Red Crescent response to emergencies. The DREF is a vital part of the International Federation's disaster response system and increases the ability of national societies to respond to disasters.

Period covered by this update: 28 April - 17 May 2010



Discussion with beneficiaries during the selection process. Photo: IFRC

Summary:

CHF 267,129 (USD 250, 677 or EUR 186, 294) was allocated from IFRC's Disaster Relief Emergency Fund (DREF) on 21 April 2010 to support the Bangladesh Red Crescent Society (BDRCS) in delivering immediate assistance to at least 22,500 people (4,500 families). Unearmarked funds to repay DREF are encouraged.

On 14 April 2010, a tropical storm hit several districts of Bangladesh, namely Rangpur, Kurigram, Nilphamari, Lalmonirhat, Dinajpur, Gaibandha, Sirajganj and Bogra. On 17 April 2010, another storm hit Lalmonirhat district which killed three people and damaged 2,000 dwellings.

Local administration sources confirmed that a total of eight people, including one woman, were killed and

more than 200 people injured in the tropical storm, caused primarily by collapsed buildings, fallen trees, and thunderstorm. This storm also damaged around 50,000 dwellings, around 100 educational institutes and standing crops. As a result, most of the affected population were forced to live in the open air.

The government of Bangladesh immediately allocated food items and cash grant for the people of the affected districts.

With support from the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC), BDRCS deployed 200 Red Crescent Youth (RCY) volunteers to assist the affected people in evacuation and repairing houses. Unit level officers of neighbouring districts were on stand-by to assist staff and volunteers in the affected districts.

As the Bangladesh government had distributed emergency food items to the affected communities, BDRCS took the opportunity to include an assessment of need for supplementary food stocks in its rapid needs assessment carried out in April. Based on the assessment, the team recommended assistance to a total of 4,500 families with a package of supplementary food items, non food items (NFIs) and emergency shelter materials. While some non-food items were available as part of BDRCS's pre-positioned stocks, additional food and non-food items were procured to meet the needs of the affected communities.

The beneficiary selection process was completed and verified in Rangpur, Gaibandha and Kurigram districts. BDRCS deployed four staff members, three national disaster response team (NDRT) members and one trained regional disaster response team (RDRT) member to the targeted districts to support the process. It is expected that distributions will begin from the third week of May 2010.

The major donors and partners of the DREF include the Danish Red Cross, Irish Red Cross/ Irish government, Japanese Red Cross, Monaco Red Cross/ Monaco government, Netherlands Red Cross/ Netherlands government, Norwegian Red Cross/ Norwegian government, Swedish Red Cross/ Swedish government, Italian government, United Kingdom Department for International Development (DFID), European Commission's Humanitarian Aid Office (DG ECHO), OPEC Fund for International Development, and corporate and private donors. Details of all donors can be found [here](#).

IFRC, on behalf of the Bangladesh Red Crescent Society, would like to thank all donors and partners for their generous support to DREF.

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The situation

The tropical storm that hit on 14 April 2010 in several districts of Bangladesh caused the deaths of at least eight people and injured more than 200 people.

According to local administration reports, Red Crescent branches and the media, at least 50,000 dwellings, half of which are thatched houses, were partially or damaged or completely destroyed. The strong winds and rain also caused damage to crops, trees, and power supplies. Several thousand trees were uprooted and road communication was disrupted in the rural areas of Kurigram, Lalmonirhat, Gaibandha and Rangpur districts. The local agricultural department reported tens of thousands of hectares of crops were destroyed in the affected districts.

Some of the affected population have already fixed their damaged houses either by taking loan a from the bank or by selling their livestock.

The government of Bangladesh responded swiftly to the situation and allocated 728 metric tonnes of rice and BDT 3,685,000 cash (CHF 56,700) for distribution among the affected population. District and sub-district government hospitals and health centres provided health care support to the injured people.

Coordination and partnerships

BDRCS local units coordinated with local authorities in exchanging information on the damage and needs of the affected population as well as the government's response. BDRCS, supported by IFRC, made communication with traditional partners in country, including the European Commission's Humanitarian Aid department (DG ECHO). BDRCS is an active member of the disaster emergency response (DER) group, chaired by the ministry of food and disaster management. Information and operational updates are shared with other humanitarian agencies and government departments through the DER group to avoid any

overlapping of assistance. BDRCS/IFRC shared its intervention information with DER members in the coordination meeting held on 6 May 2010 at the Disaster Management Bureau.

Red Cross and Red Crescent action

BDRCS/IFRC deployed 200 Red Crescent Youth (RCY) volunteers to assist the affected people. The volunteers helped people to evacuate to a safer place and assisted others in repairing affected houses. A joint BDRCS and IFRC assessment team conducted a rapid needs assessment in the area on 15 - 17 April. BDRCS also mobilized its fleet, warehouse, and logistics resources to despatch relief items for 4,500 families from its central warehouse in Dhaka. Unit level officers (ULO) of neighbouring districts were on stand-by to assist staff and volunteers in the affected districts.

NDRT members were deployed in the affected districts. A total of four NDRT members were mobilized for assisting the respective units in relief operation. With the active participation of unit's volunteers and the unit executive committee (UEC) the beneficiary selection has been completed in Gaibandha, Kurigram and Rangpur districts. The selection process will be completed soon in the remaining district. The volunteers are engaged to prepare the beneficiary card and verification of selected beneficiary. IFRC conducted a monitoring visit to targeted areas to verify the selection criteria.

BDRCS and IFRC reviewed the stock of non-food items (NFI) available for distribution for the beneficiary families, and four BDRCS branches mobilized volunteers to support the selection of beneficiaries. Four NDRT members from BDRCS have been deployed to the affected areas. Beneficiary selection process is completed in Rangpur, Gaibandha and Kurigram districts. Beneficiary selection process is going on in Lalmonirhat district.

Progress towards objectives

Relief distributions (food, basic non-food items and emergency shelter materials)

Objective 1:

4,500 severely affected families or 22,500 people in four districts receive a package of supplementary food (15-day rations for a five member family), NFIs and emergency shelter materials. Each family will receive the following items in a single distribution:

- *Food items*- 20kg rice, five kg dahl (lentils), two litres edible oil, one kg iodized salt
- *Non-food items* -one saree, one lungi and one jerry can
- *Emergency shelter materials* -one tarpaulin, one plastic sheet, one kg rope and 250gm wire

Progress:

The beneficiary selection process used by BDRCS considers the following criteria.

- Family has no self ability to fully reconstruct the damaged house and/or lost income generating activity
- Family living in damaged homes who have temporarily rebuilt their houses with bamboo and straw fences
- Marginal farmers
- Women-headed households
- Person with disability
- Families with school-going children
- Unaccompanied elderly
- Ethnic minorities and other socially excluded groups

As the Bangladesh government had distributed emergency food items to the affected communities, BDRCS took the opportunity to include an assessment of need for supplementary food stocks in its rapid needs assessment carried out in April. A team comprising of BDRCS and IFRC staff conducted a rapid needs assessment in three affected districts on 15 - 17 April 2010. The assessment team found that most of the thatched houses in the area were destroyed due to strong winds. Standing crops were also damaged. As a result, the assessment team recommended assistance to a total of 4,500 households in four districts (Kurigram, Gaibandha, Lalmonirhat and Rangpur) with a package of supplementary food items, non food items (NFIs) and emergency shelter materials. The procurement process for food and selected non-food items are in progress, while the remaining items of the package (i.e. saree, lungi, jerry can and tarpaulin) will be released from the Federation-supported BDRCS disaster preparedness stocks in-country. This stock will be replenished later on.

A sample of all food items procured for distribution underwent a laboratory test to ensure it passed the human edibility test. With all necessary procedures completed, all the food items and some non-food items are expected to be delivered and distributed on the third week of May.

Upazila/ Union wise allocation table:

Districts	Upazila	Union	Allocation (No. of Household)
Gaibandha	Sadullarpur (400 HH)	Damodarpur	120
		Kamarpara	87
		Bonogram	90
		Jamalpur	49
		Rasulpur	54
	Sadar (400 HH)	Boali	150
		Bollomjhar	150
		Pourashova	76
		Sadar thana	24
	Rangpur	Gangachara (400 HH)	kholiya
Betgari			200
Badarganj (300 HH)		Shekherhat	300
Kawnia (200 HH)		Tepamodhupur	100
		Sharail	100
Taraganj (250 HH)		Ekorchali	250
Sadar (350 HH)		Rajendrapur	100
		Topodhon	100
		Uttam	100
		Darshan	50
Lalmonirhat	Aditmari (225 HH)	Kamlabari	100
		Shar pukur	75
		Shattibari	50
	Sadar (775 HH)	Gokunda	100
		Harati	100
		Mogolhat	75
		Rajpur	50
		Puniagas	60
		Kulaghat	25
		Pourosava	365
Kurigram	Shadar (848 HH)	Pouroshova	390
		Pachgochi	62
		Holokhana	108
		Kathalbari	79
		Krishnapur	100
		Belgacha	109
		Rajarhat (352 HH)	Shadar
	Najim Khan	100	
	Chinai	104	
	Grand Total		

BDRCS and IFRC's disaster management teams had several discussions for finalizing the distribution plan. The Federation's disaster management officer also paid a monitoring visit to Gaibandha, Rangpur and Lalmonirhat districts on 11- 13 May 2010 to verify the beneficiary selection process. It is expected that the distributions will begin from the third week of May 2010. Click [here](#) for distribution plan.

IFRC also recruited two field monitoring officers to support the National Society's NDRT and branch team in relief operations. The field monitoring officers will be responsible for monitoring the proper distribution of relief items to the beneficiaries.

Procurement of food and selected non-food items (i.e. plastic sheet, rope and wire) are under way, while the remaining items of the non-food items' package (i.e. saree, lunge, water jerry can and tarpaulin) will be released from IFRC-supported BDRCS stock in-country. The BDRCS pre-positioned stock used in these distributions will be replenished later, including 4,500 tarpaulins from the Kuala Lumpur regional logistics unit.

Table: Plan of action - distribution of items and replenishment of non-food items

Activity	Time frame					Remarks
	April	May	June	Jul	Aug	
Rapid assessment						Done
Mobilization of unit volunteers for selection of beneficiaries						Done
Mobilization of NDRT						Done
Procurement of FI and some NFI						In progress, completed by 2 nd week of May
Selection and registration of beneficiary families						Done in Rangpur, Gaibandha and Kurigram
Distribution of beneficiary card						
Distribution of items						
Replenishment of NFIs						
Reporting/updates	<i>Update</i>	<i>Update</i>		<i>Update</i>		Final report in November

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 IFRC's vision is to:

Inspire, encourage, facilitate and promote at all times all forms of humanitarian activities by National Societies, with a view to preventing and alleviating human suffering, and thereby contributing to the maintenance and promotion of human dignity and peace in the world.

The IFRC's work is guided by Strategy 2020 which puts forward three strategic aims:

1. Save lives, protect livelihoods, and strengthen recovery from disaster and crises.
2. Enable healthy and safe living.
3. Promote social inclusion and a culture of non-violence and peace.

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MDRBD006 - Bangladesh: Tropical Storm

Interim Financial Report

Selected Parameters	
Reporting Timeframe	2010/4-2010/5
Budget Timeframe	2010/4-2010/8
Appeal	MDRBD006
Budget	APPEAL

All figures are in Swiss Francs (CHF)

I. Consolidated Response to Appeal

	Disaster Management	Health and Social Services	National Society Development	Principles and Values	Coordination	TOTAL
A. Budget	267,129					267,129
B. Opening Balance	0					0
Income						
<u>Other Income</u>						
<i>Voluntary Income</i>	267,129					267,129
C6. Other Income	267,129					267,129
C. Total Income = SUM(C1..C6)	267,129					267,129
D. Total Funding = B + C	267,129					267,129
Appeal Coverage	100%					100%

II. Balance of Funds

	Disaster Management	Health and Social Services	National Society Development	Principles and Values	Coordination	TOTAL
B. Opening Balance	0					0
C. Income	267,129					267,129
E. Expenditure	-8,843					-8,843
F. Closing Balance = (B + C + E)	258,286					258,286

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III. Budget Analysis / Breakdown of Expenditure

Account Groups	Budget	Expenditure					TOTAL	Variance
		Disaster Management	Health and Social Services	National Society Development	Principles and Values	Coordination		
A		B					A - B	
BUDGET (C)		267,129					267,129	
Supplies								
Shelter - Relief	102,857							102,857
Clothing & textiles	33,571	10					10	33,562
Food	90,714	341					341	90,374
Total Supplies	227,143	351					351	226,792
Transport & Storage								
Storage	794	24					24	770
Distribution & Monitoring	12,698	822					822	11,876
Transport & Vehicle Costs	5,556	2,334					2,334	3,221
Total Transport & Storage	19,048	3,180					3,180	15,868
Personnel								
National Staff		513					513	-513
Total Personnel		513					513	-513
General Expenditure								
Travel	1,270	160					160	1,110
Information & Public Relation		23					23	-23
Office Costs	1,905	731					731	1,174
Communications	952	329					329	624
Financial Charges	508							508
Total General Expenditure	4,635	1,242					1,242	3,393
Programme Support								
Program Support	16,304	540					540	15,764
Total Programme Support	16,304	540					540	15,764
Operational Provisions								
Operational Provisions		3,017					3,017	-3,017
Total Operational Provisions		3,017					3,017	-3,017
TOTAL EXPENDITURE (D)	267,129	8,843					8,843	258,287
VARIANCE (C - D)		258,287					258,287	