

# DREF operation update



## Bangladesh: Tropical Storm

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

**Period covered by this update: 18 May to 14 June 2010.**

**Summary:** CHF 267,129 (USD 250, 677 or EUR 186, 294) was allocated from IFRC's 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.

A tropical storm hit several districts of Bangladesh, namely Rangpur, Kurigram, Nilphamari, Lalmonirhat, Dinajpur, Gaibandha, Sirajganj and Bogra on 14 April 2010. Local administration sources confirmed that a total of eight people were killed and more than 200 people were injured in the tropical storm. 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. On 17 April 2010, another storm hit the Lalmonirhat district which killed another three people.



Bangladesh Red Crescent Society unit volunteers assist in distribution activities. Photo credit: BDRCS

Following, the government of Bangladesh allocated food items and cash grants for the people of the affected eight districts.

With support from IFRC, BDRCS deployed 200 Red Crescent Youth (RCY) volunteers to assist the affected people in evacuation and the reparation of 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 a need assessment 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 NFIs were available as part of BDRCS's pre-positioned stocks, additional food and NFIs were procured to meet the needs of the affected communities.

BDRCS and IFRC have successfully completed the distribution of food items and NFIs to 4,500 affected families in Gaibandha, Kurigram, Lalmonirhat and Rangpur districts by 4 June, 2010. During the coordination meeting BDRCS and IFRC found that different organizations who were already working on

the ground in affected areas already provided adequate support to the other four affected districts; that is why BDRCS selected to aid four districts: Gaibandha, Kurigram, Lalmonirhat and Rangpur.

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's Department for International Development (DFID), European Commission's Humanitarian Aid Office (DG ECHO), OPEC's OFID, and corporate and private donors. Details of all donors can be found here:

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

On behalf of BDRCS, IFRC would like to thank all donors and partners for their generous support to DREF. [<click here to view contact details>](#)

## The situation

The tropical storm that hit several districts in Bangladesh on 14 April 2010 caused the deaths of at least eight people and injured more than 200 people. Another storm that hit on 17 April in the Lalmonirhat district killed three more people.

According to local administration reports, Red Crescent branches and the media, at least 50,000 dwellings, half of which were thatched houses, were partially 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 ways were disrupted in the rural areas of Gaibandha, Kurigram, Lalmonirhat and Rangpur districts. The local agricultural department reported that tens of thousands of hectares of crops were destroyed in the affected districts.

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's local units regularly communicated with the local authorities in order to facilitate the exchange of information. Local units gather information on damage and needs of the affected population as well as government response. BDRCS, supported by IFRC, communicated with traditional partners in-country, including the European Commission's Humanitarian Aid department (DG ECHO) for support. 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 were shared with other humanitarian agencies and government departments through the DER group to avoid any overlapping of assistance to the affected people. BDRCS and IFRC shared their 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 deployed 200 RCY volunteers to assist the affected people. The volunteers helped people to evacuate to a safer place and assisted others in repairing damaged houses. BDRCS and IFRC jointly conducted a rapid needs assessment in the area from 15 - 17 April. Unit level officers (ULO) from neighboring districts were on stand-by to assist staff and volunteers in the affected districts.

BDRCS mobilized its fleet, warehouse, and logistics resources to dispatch relief items for 4,500 families from its central warehouse in Dhaka.

National disaster response team (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 volunteers and the unit executive committee (UEC), BDRCS and IFRC distributed food items and NFIs including shelter materials among the 4,500 families from four affected districts (Gaibandha, Kurigram, Lalmonirhat, Rangpur) by first week of June. IFRC conducted monitoring visits to targeted areas to verify beneficiary selection criteria and to monitor the entire distribution process.

## Progress towards outcomes

### 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 days ration for a five member family), NFIs and emergency shelter materials. Each family will receive the following items in a single distribution:

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

**Progress:** BDRCS, supported by IFRC, have successfully completed the distribution of food items, NFIs and emergency shelter materials to the 4,500 families from the Gaibandha, Kurigram, Lalmonirhat and Rangpur districts by 4 June, 2010. The beneficiary selection process was done by trained unit level volunteers.

All food items and some selected NFIs were procured, following IFRC procedures. Procurement was done after receiving technical approval from the Regional Logistics Unit at the Asia Pacific Zone office in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. Prior to the distribution, pre and post delivery inspections were done by an authorized inspection company to examine the quality of the items. The suppliers completed the delivery of the items to the respective districts by 24 May whereas the remaining items of the relief package (i.e. sarees, lungis, jerry cans and tarpaulins) were dispatched from BDRCS and IFRC's joint disaster preparedness (DP) stock.

Unit level officers and volunteers distributed beneficiary cards to selected beneficiaries. Volunteers informed the beneficiaries about the date and place of the distribution while distributing the card. They also briefed them about the items and quantity of items in the relief package. The physical distribution started from 29 May and was completed on 4 June 2010. Members of the executive committee, volunteers, officers of the respective units, and representatives from the national headquarters were present during the distribution.

IFRC recruited two field monitoring officers and assigned them to assist BDRCS. They also monitored the relief distribution process for the four targeted districts: Gaibandha, Kurigram, Lalmonirhat and Rangpur. In addition to this, a team comprising of BDRCS and IFRC staff members visited all four districts and monitored the distribution process. The distribution table is shown in [Annex 1](#).

The replenishment of DP stock is in progress. 4,500 tarpaulins have reached Chittagong port from the Regional Logistics Unit's warehouse based in Kuala Lumpur. Necessary arrangements have been made to release those tarpaulins from the port and to be store in BDRCS's warehouse. A requisition has also been made for the procurement of sarees and lungis to replenish DP stocks. It is expected that the replenishment of the DP stock will be completed by the third week of August.

### Challenges:

- The response took a little more time than anticipated as beneficiary selection was far more complicated than anticipated. Distribution started from the end of May. Extra time was needed to follow the proper procurement process of food items and NFIs.
- The unit executive committee from the Lalmonirhat district was newly elected and formed. They were unfamiliar with the Code of Conduct for the Movement and Other Non-Governmental Organizations in disaster relief. It was important to make certain that the committee were aware of such items to ensure a fair and proper distribution.

## 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 \(NGO's\) 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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## Annex 1

Districts	Upazilas	Unions	No. of families covered	Distribution centre	Date of distribution
Rangpur	Kaunia	Tepmodupur & Sarail	200	UNO Office Premises	31 May 2010.
	Badargonj	Sheikherhat	300	Sheikherhat High School Premises	1 June 2010
	Gangachara	Kholeya & Betgari	400	Khaleyagonjipur High School Premises	2 June 2010
	Rangpur Sadar	Rajendrapur, Topodhan, Uttam & Darshan	350	UNO Office Premises	3 June 2010
	Taragonj	Ikorchali	250	Ikorchali School & College Premises	3 June 2010
Kurigram	Rajarhat	Rajarhat sadar, Najimkhan & Chinai	352	UNO Office premises	2 June 2010
	Kurigram Sadar	Belgacha, Kanthalbari & Holokhana	300	UNO Office Premises	3 June 2010
		Mogolbasa, Kurigram Sadar & Panchgachi	548	Kurigram Pourashabha Premises	4 June 2010
Lalmonirhat	Sadar	Gokunda, Rajpur, Puniagachh & Harati	310	Mustafir Bazar, Saralkhan High School premises	2 June 2010
		Mogolhat & Kulaghat	100	Mogolhat union Parishad Premises	3 June 2010
		Pourashaubha area	365	Lalmonirhat Govt. Boys' High School Premises	4 June 2010
	Aditmari	Karpukur, Kamalbari & Saptibari	225	Tipar Bazar	3 June 2010
Gaibandha	Sadar	Pourashauva area, Boala & Ballamjhar	400	Zilla Parishad Premises	29 May 2010
	Sadullapur	Damodarpur, Kamarpara, Bangram, Jamalpur & Rasulpur	400	Dhamudabga Lalbazar High School,	30 May 2010

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MDRBD006 - Bangladesh: Tropical Storm

Interim Financial Report

Selected Parameters	
Reporting Timeframe	2010/4-2010/6
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
<b>A. Budget</b>	267,129					267,129
<b>B. Opening Balance</b>	0					0
<b>Income</b>						
<u>Other Income</u>						
<i>Voluntary Income</i>	267,129					267,129
<b>C6. Other Income</b>	267,129					267,129
<b>C. Total Income = SUM(C1..C6)</b>	267,129					267,129
<b>D. Total Funding = B + C</b>	267,129					267,129
<b>Appeal Coverage</b>	100%					100%

## II. Balance of Funds

	Disaster Management	Health and Social Services	National Society Development	Principles and Values	Coordination	TOTAL
<b>B. Opening Balance</b>	0					0
<b>C. Income</b>	267,129					267,129
<b>E. Expenditure</b>	-216,701					-216,701
<b>F. Closing Balance = (B + C + E)</b>	50,428					50,428

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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
<b>BUDGET (C)</b>		<b>267,129</b>					<b>267,129</b>	
<b>Supplies</b>								
Shelter - Relief	102,857	94,862				94,862	7,995	
Clothing & textiles	33,571	10				10	33,562	
Food	90,714	91,843				91,843	-1,128	
<b>Total Supplies</b>	<b>227,143</b>	<b>186,714</b>				<b>186,714</b>	<b>40,428</b>	
<b>Transport &amp; Storage</b>								
Storage	794	24				24	770	
Distribution & Monitoring	12,698	2,594				2,594	10,105	
Transport & Vehicle Costs	5,556	5,149				5,149	406	
<b>Total Transport &amp; Storage</b>	<b>19,048</b>	<b>7,767</b>				<b>7,767</b>	<b>11,281</b>	
<b>Personnel</b>								
National Staff		513				513	-513	
<b>Total Personnel</b>		<b>513</b>				<b>513</b>	<b>-513</b>	
<b>General Expenditure</b>								
Travel	1,270	201				201	1,069	
Information & Public Relation		46				46	-46	
Office Costs	1,905	1,739				1,739	165	
Communications	952	645				645	308	
Financial Charges	508	250				250	258	
<b>Total General Expenditure</b>	<b>4,635</b>	<b>2,881</b>				<b>2,881</b>	<b>1,754</b>	
<b>Programme Support</b>								
Program Support	16,304	13,226				13,226	3,078	
<b>Total Programme Support</b>	<b>16,304</b>	<b>13,226</b>				<b>13,226</b>	<b>3,078</b>	
<b>Services</b>								
Services & Recoveries		4,244				4,244	-4,244	
<b>Total Services</b>		<b>4,244</b>				<b>4,244</b>	<b>-4,244</b>	
<b>Operational Provisions</b>								
Operational Provisions		1,356				1,356	-1,356	
<b>Total Operational Provisions</b>		<b>1,356</b>				<b>1,356</b>	<b>-1,356</b>	
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE (D)</b>	<b>267,129</b>	<b>216,701</b>				<b>216,701</b>	<b>50,428</b>	
<b>VARIANCE (C - D)</b>		<b>50,428</b>				<b>50,428</b>		