

# DREF operation update



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## Bangladesh: Landslides

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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.

**CHF 125,874 (USD 113,575 or EUR 91,697) allocated from IFRC's Disaster Relief Emergency Fund (DREF) on 22 June to support the Bangladesh Red Crescent Society (BDRCS) in delivering immediate assistance to 1,300 families (approximately 6,500 people).**

**Period covered by this update: 29 June to 19 July 2010.**

### Summary:

On 15 June 2010, a series of mudslides and flash floods in two of the south eastern districts of Bangladesh: Cox's Bazaar and Banderban, killed at least 55 people. Thousands of houses collapsed leaving people homeless. Excessive rainfall also damaged standing crops and shrimp cultivation farms. For first few days roads and communication systems in Cox's Bazaar were disrupted as most of the roads remained inundated.

The BDRCS branch in Cox's Bazaar immediately responded to the disaster by providing search and rescue support to the local authorities and distributing dry food items and drinking water among the affected people.

BDRCS and IFRC's DIPECHO programme staff members conducted a rapid assessment. Following the assessment findings, BDRCS and IFRC selected 1,300 families. In the first round of distributions BDRCS distributed non-food item (NFI) packages along with shelter materials. This was completed in June 2010.

A second round of distribution started from 14 July and ended on 17 July 2010. BDRCS and IFRC distributed supplementary food packages and kitchen sets to the same 1,300 families in the Teknaf and Ukhia upazilas, in the Cox's Bazaar district by 17 July 2010.

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Bangladesh Red Crescent Society's volunteers assisting with distribution activities at Cox's Bazaar.  
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## The situation

Continuous heavy rainfall and strong winds caused a series of landslides and flash floods in different places within Cox's bazaar on 15 June 2010. The meteorological office in Dhaka reported that the Cox's Bazaar district and adjacent areas had more than 18 inches (461 mm) of rain between 12 and 15 June. A total of 55 people have been reported dead and more than 100 people were reported to be injured in landslides. To date, 11 people are still missing.

This excessive rainfall caused significant damage to houses, forcing people to move to safer places and seek shelter in temporary settlements. According to the government, damage was mainly inflicted on housing, roads and bridges.

On 16 June, local administration representatives and the BDRCS branch in Cox's Bazaar conducted a situation assessment. The reports showed that 2,797 families were badly affected and 8,229 families were partially affected by the said landslides and flash floods. In Teknaf, 455 affected families were accommodated in schools. Most of the villages under the Pankhali, Ukhia, Pakua and Teknaf union in Cox's Bazaar were submerged in floodwaters. Over 2,500 acres of shrimp enclosures were submerged, and shrimp harvests estimated at BDT 100,000,000 (approximately CHF 1.6 million) were swept away. Household items, including cooking facilities, utensils and food stocks were also washed away.

The central government immediately allocated BDT 1,600,000 (CHF 25,787) and 150 tonnes of rice to the affected people while the Bandarban district administration allocated BDT 20,000 (CHF 322) to the affected families.

BDRCS's local branch deployed volunteers in the aftermath of the disaster to evacuate people to safer places, such as schools and other public buildings. With support from IFRC and staff members from the DIPECHO programme, BDRCS's headquarters sent a team to conduct a joint rapid assessment. According to the findings of the assessment, immediate needs include food, clothing, emergency shelter materials and household items. This is followed by early recovery assistance in the form of transitional shelter materials to rebuild destroyed homes.

After the distribution of non-food items (NFIs) including shelter materials in June, BDRCS and IFRC followed up by completing the distribution of supplementary food packages and kitchen sets to 1,300 families in 17 July 2010.

## Coordination and partnerships

BDRCS's local units have been maintaining good relationships with local authorities in order to facilitate the exchange of information on damage and needs of the affected population; and government response. Both the national society and IFRC communicated partner national societies and other working partners in-country, including the European Commission's Humanitarian Aid department (DG ECHO) for possible support.

BDRCS and IFRC also shared the landslide response plan with different organizations working in Cox's Bazaar, in the monthly inter-agency meeting.

BDRCS and IFRC reviewed NFI stocks available for dispatching to the affected districts. Since BDRCS and IFRC are active members of the disaster emergency response (DER) group chaired by the Ministry of Food and Disaster Management, information and operations updates are being shared with other humanitarian agencies and government departments to avoid any overlapping of assistance.

## Red Cross and Red Crescent action

On 15 June 2010, with the support from IFRC, BDRCS deployed 30 Red Crescent Youth (RCY) volunteers in the immediate aftermath of the disaster to help evacuate affected people to safer

places, such as schools and other public buildings. Volunteers also assisted in repatriating the bodies of five military personnel to their relevant command post in Cox's Bazaar.

As an immediate response, on 16 June 2010, BDRCS procured emergency relief items for the most affected 455 families in Teknaf. These families were identified through initial assessments done by BDRCS staff and volunteers from the disaster response team in close cooperation with the Thana Nirbani Office (TNO) in Teknaf. Each family received pressed rice, molasses and water as relief items. The distribution took place on 17 June at four distribution points.

BDRCS and IFRC then conducted a joint rapid needs assessment in the affected areas.

IFRC's Bangladesh country office released BDT 105,145 (CHF 1,695) for the purchase of dry food items. Staff members from BDRCS's chapters in Cox's Bazaar also provided necessary support to BDRCS's special units in completing the relief operation.

As part of the DREF supported operation, BDRCS and IFRC completed the second round of distribution of food items and kitchen sets to 1,300 families in the Ukhia, Bandarban (adjoining Ukhia) and Teknaf upazilas of Cox's Bazaar district by 17 July 2010.

The disaster management officer from the IFRC country office was in Cox's Bazaar during food items distribution. The officer monitored the distribution process and provided assistance to BDRCS staff members and RCY volunteers based on needs at the distribution point.

## Progress towards outcomes

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

#### Objective 1:

1,300 severely affected families or 6,500 people in two upazilas of the Cox's Bazaar district receive a package of emergency and supplementary food NFIs and emergency shelter materials .

#### Progress:

BDRCS and IFRC have successfully completed the distribution of supplementary food packages and kitchen sets among the selected 1,300 families in Ukhia (including the areas adjoining Bandarban) and Teknaf upazilas of Cox's bazaar districts by 17 July 2010.

These 1,300 families are the same beneficiaries, who received the NFIs including shelter materials as a first round of distribution in June 2010. Each food package contained 20 kg of rice, five kg of dahl (lentils), two litres oil, and one kg of iodized salt.



Volunteers collecting thumb prints as a form of identification.  
Photo credit : IFRC.

All items were procured, following IFRC procurement procedures. A local committee of contracts was held on 29 June and the work order was placed to qualified suppliers on 30 June. Suppliers delivered the food items to the Cox's Bazaar units between 7-8 July. Prior to the distribution, the quality of food items was inspected by an authorized inspection company.

On the other hand the kitchen sets were dispatched from BDRCS and IFRC joint disaster preparedness (DP) stock on 13 July to the Cox's Bazaar unit. Kitchen sets included the following items: Two aluminium cooking saucepans (paatil) with lids, one steel bowl, one plastic mug, two steel glasses, two aluminium plates, three spoons (steel), one seamless aluminium bucket, four soap bars, 12 candles, 12 match boxes.

Pre-distribution planning meetings were held on 12 and 13 July at Cox's Bazaar unit office to finalize the distribution plan as well as to determine the roles and responsibilities of the volunteers for distribution activities. The vice chairman of the unit executive committee, volunteers, unit level officers and IFRC officers were present at the meetings.

Before the distribution, volunteers informed the beneficiaries about the date and place of the distribution. They also briefed them about the items and the quantities in the relief package. Actual distribution began on 14 July and was completed on 17 July 2010.

BDRCS's Cox's Bazaar unit secretary and vice chairman as well as the local government representative and the representative from the upazila administration were present at the distribution site. Unit executive committee and the volunteers actively took part in the distribution. Distribution table is shown below:

Distribution Date	Number of families	Upazila	Distribution Point
14 July 2010	385	Ukhia	Thyingkhali government primary school Plongkhali government primary school
14 July 2010	75	Naykhonsori (Bandarban)	Goomdhum Bethbonia bazaar
15 July 2010	440	Ukhiya (Marichapalong, Haldiapalong, Rajapalong, Ratnapalong)	Rangikhali Madrasha field, Nila, Teknaf upazila complex
16 July 2010	20	Teknaf	Upazila complex
17 July 2010	380	Teknaf	Upazila complex

The replenishment of DP stock (NFIs and shelter materials and kitchen sets), has been initiated and is expected to be completed by end of August 2010.

### Challenges

- The size and the volume of the distribution package was much big. It was very difficult for the women to carry those items.  
The prevailing monsoon caused delay in the distribution process.

## Communications – information and public relations

The steady flow of timely and accurate information among those working in the field and other major stakeholders will support the programme objectives of this DREF operation. In addition, there will also be an effort to increase the profile, funding and other support for BDRCS and IFRC. In close collaboration with the operation, those affected by this emergency will be provided with information to support their relief and recovery. Donors and national societies will receive information and materials they can use to promote this operation. Also, the communications initiatives will help to build the information and public relations capacity of BDRCS for future emergencies.



Beneficiaries receiving relief items: People reached have commented that food items will help them sustain till the next harvest and save them from borrowing money to buy food.  
Photo credit : IFRC.

## 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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Interim Financial Report

Selected Parameters	
Reporting Timeframe	2010/6-2010/6
Budget Timeframe	2010/6-2010/9
Appeal	MDRBD007
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>	125,874					125,874
<b>B. Opening Balance</b>	0					0
<b>Income</b>						
<u>Other Income</u>						
<i>Voluntary Income</i>	125,874					125,874
<b>C6. Other Income</b>	125,874					125,874
<b>C. Total Income = SUM(C1..C6)</b>	125,874					125,874
<b>D. Total Funding = B + C</b>	125,874					125,874
<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>	125,874					125,874
<b>E. Expenditure</b>	-6,654					-6,654
<b>F. Closing Balance = (B + C + E)</b>	119,220					119,220

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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>125,874</b>					<b>125,874</b>	
<b>Supplies</b>								
Shelter - Relief	21,667						21,667	
Clothing & textiles	10,617						10,617	
Food	31,108	1,647				1,647	29,461	
Water & Sanitation	13,433						13,433	
Utensils & Tools	26,000						26,000	
<b>Total Supplies</b>	<b>102,825</b>	<b>1,647</b>				<b>1,647</b>	<b>101,178</b>	
<b>Transport &amp; Storage</b>								
Storage	500						500	
Distribution & Monitoring	4,167	1,415				1,415	2,751	
Transport & Vehicle Costs	3,000	509				509	2,491	
<b>Total Transport &amp; Storage</b>	<b>7,667</b>	<b>1,924</b>				<b>1,924</b>	<b>5,743</b>	
<b>General Expenditure</b>								
Travel	2,000						2,000	
Information & Public Relation		494				494	-494	
Office Costs	2,500	1,037				1,037	1,463	
Communications	2,667	598				598	2,069	
Financial Charges	533	548				548	-15	
<b>Total General Expenditure</b>	<b>7,700</b>	<b>2,677</b>				<b>2,677</b>	<b>5,023</b>	
<b>Programme Support</b>								
Program Support	7,682	406				406	7,276	
<b>Total Programme Support</b>	<b>7,682</b>	<b>406</b>				<b>406</b>	<b>7,276</b>	
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE (D)</b>	<b>125,874</b>	<b>6,654</b>				<b>6,654</b>	<b>119,220</b>	
<b>VARIANCE (C - D)</b>		<b>119,220</b>				<b>119,220</b>		