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Bangladesh: Landslides

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The International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent's (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 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.

Summary: CHF 125,874 (USD 113,575 or EUR 91,697) was allocated from the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent's (IFRC) Disaster Relief Emergency Fund (DREF) on 22 June 2010 to support the Bangladesh Red Crescent Society (BDRCS) in delivering immediate assistance to 1,300 families (approximately 6,500 people) affected by landslide in Cox's Bazaar and Bandarban districts.

BDRCS, with the support of IFRC under the DREF operation, responded to the landslide that occurred in Cox's Bazaar and Bandarban, two south-east districts of Bangladesh, on 15 June 2010 by providing emergency and supplementary food, non-food items and emergency shelter materials. The distribution of non-food item packages along with shelter materials among the 1,300 families of Teknaf and Ukhia *upazilas* (sub-districts) of the Cox's Bazaar district was completed by 29 June 2010 and the distribution of the food packages completed by 17 July 2010. The non-food items were distributed from IFRC and BDRCS joint disaster preparedness stock. The replenishment of these items has also been completed.



Bangladesh Red Crescent volunteers helping beneficiaries during the relief items distribution. Photo: IFRC.

A team from European commission humanitarian aid office in Dhaka visited two affected unions under Ukhia upazila along with IFRC representative to see the impact of DREF relief operation on 3 October 2010.

The DREF allocation has been fully replenished by the European Commission Humanitarian Aid Office (ECHO). Details of the donor can be found at the following URL:

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

The replenishment of this DREF was made possible due to the contribution of ECHO.

The remaining balance of CHF 16,196 (USD 17,010 or EUR 12,966) will be returned to the IFRC's DREF.

IFRC, on behalf of BDRCS, would like to thank all donors and partners for their generous support to this DREF operation.

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The situation

The powerful mudslides, triggered by heavy rainfall, struck the southern districts of Cox's Bazaar and the nearby area of Bandarban 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. Consequently, a series of devastating landslides and flash floods occurred. At least 55 people were killed and more than 100 people were injured due to the landslide whereas thousands of houses were collapsed. Roads and communication systems in Cox's Bazaar were disrupted as most of the roads were flooded. Heavy rain also damaged standing crops and shrimp cultivation farms. The excessive rainfall caused significant damage to houses and people were forced to move to safer places to seek shelter in temporary settlements.

In response to the landslide, the central government 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.

On 16 June, local administration representatives and the Bangladesh Red Crescent Society (BDRCS) branch in Cox's Bazaar conducted a situation assessment. BDRCS's local branch deployed their volunteers in the immediate aftermath of the disaster to evacuate people to safer places such as schools and other public buildings. With support from the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC) and staff members from the DIPECHO programme, BDRCS's headquarters sent a team to conduct a joint rapid assessment.

As per the assessment findings, BDRCS and IFRC decided to launch a DREF operation to support 1,300 families by providing food and non-food items. The distribution of all the non-food items and shelter material were completed in June. BDRCS Cox's Bazaar unit worked efficiently in distributing all the materials among the beneficiaries. All the items were dispatched from the BDRCS-IFRC joint disaster preparedness stocks which were later replenished. Following this distribution, supplementary food packages and kitchen sets were also distributed among the same beneficiaries during 14-17 July 2010.

Red Cross and Red Crescent action

A DREF operation was launched on 22 June 2010 to provide food items, non-food items and some emergency shelter material to 1,300 landslide affected people in Cox's Bazaar and Bandarban districts.

BDRCS local units maintained regular coordination with local authorities in order to facilitate the exchange of information on the damage and needs of the affected population and response by the government.

BDRCS, with the support from IFRC, deployed 30 Red Crescent youth (RCY) volunteers in the immediate aftermath of the disaster to evacuate affected people to safer places. Trained volunteers provided first aid, search and rescue services to the affected people. They also assisted in repatriating the bodies of five military personnel to their concerned command post in Cox's Bazaar. All the national newspapers and electronic media highly appreciated the activities of the RCY volunteers.

As an immediate response, BDRCS procured emergency relief items and distributed among 455 most affected families in Teknaf on 16 June 2010. Relief items included flattened rice, molasses and water. These families were identified through the initial assessment done by the BDRCS staff and volunteers from the disaster response team in close cooperation with Thana Nirbahi Office (TNO) in Teknaf. The distribution took place on 17 June at four distribution points. The TNO and the Member of Parliament (MP) in Teknaf took part in the relief distribution of BDRCS. BDRCS and IFRC then jointly conducted a rapid needs assessment in the affected areas. IFRC's Bangladesh country office released BDT 105,145 (CHF 1,695) for the purchasing of dry food items. The IFRC staff members from the DIPECHO programme provided support to the BDRCS local unit in Cox's Bazaar.

Under the DREF operation, BDRCS and IFRC completed the distribution of non-food items and shelter materials among the 1,300 families of Ukhia, Bandarban (adjoining to Ukhia) and Teknaf upazilas of Cox's Bazaar district by 29 June. The items were dispatched from disaster preparedness stock. The second round of distribution of food items and kitchen sets to the same 1,300 families was completed 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 as and when needed.

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 Cox's Bazaar district receive a package of emergency and supplementary food, non-food items and emergency shelter materials.

Achievements:

Distribution of non-food items and shelter materials:

BDRCS and IFRC successfully completed the first round of distribution of non-food items package among the 1,300 families of Ukhia (including adjoining areas of Bandarban district) and Teknaf upazila of Cox's Bazaar district by 29 June 2010.

The non-food items package included: one piece of sari, one lungi, one jerry can for water, one hygiene parcel, ten water purification tablets, five oral rehydration salt sachets, and a tarpaulin for emergency shelter.

These items were dispatched from BDRCS and IFRC joint disaster preparedness stock on 24 June to Cox's Bazaar unit. The trained unit level volunteers selected the beneficiaries through door-to-door visits. The beneficiary cards were distributed from 24-26 June 2010. The volunteers informed the beneficiaries about the date and place of the distribution while distributing the cards. They also briefed them about the items and quantity of the relief package. The distribution started from 26 June and was completed on 29 June 2010. BDRCS Cox's Bazaar unit secretary and vice chairman as well as the local government representatives were present in the distribution. Unit executive committee and the volunteers actively took part in the distribution. As per the office order issued by the BDRCS national headquarter, the DIPECHO associate coordinator led the relief operation as the field coordinator. From the IFRC side, the project manager and programme officer provided support to the local unit in distribution of goods and monitoring of the distribution process as well. Upazila wise distribution table is shown as Annexe 1.

Distribution of supplementary food packages and kitchen sets:

The second round distribution of supplementary food packages and kitchen sets to the same 1,300 families was completed by 17 July 2010. Each food package contained 20 kg of rice, five kg of dahl (lentils), two litres oil, and one kg of iodized salt.

All items were procured following IFRC procurement procedures. A meeting of local committee on contracts was held on 29 June and the work order was placed to qualified suppliers on 30 June. Suppliers delivered food items to the Cox's Bazaar unit by 8 July. Prior to the distribution, the quality of food items was inspected by an authorized inspection company. The kitchen sets were dispatched from the existing BDRCS and IFRC joint disaster preparedness stock on 13 July.

Kitchen sets included the following items:

ITEMS	QUANTITY
Aluminium cooking saucepans (paatil) with lids	2
Steel bowl	1
Plastic mug	1
Steel glasses	2
Aluminium plates	2
Spoons (steel)	3

Seamless aluminium bucket	1
Soap bars	4
Candles	12
Match boxes	12

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 during the distribution. The vice chairman of the unit executive committee, volunteers, BDRCS unit level officers and IFRC officers were present at those meetings.

The actual distribution began on 14 July and was completed on 17 July 2010. BDRCS' Cox's Bazaar unit secretary and vice chairman as well as the local government representative were present at the distribution site. Unit executive committee and the volunteers actively took part in the distribution process. The distribution table is shown in Annexe 2.

Post-distribution monitoring visit by the ECHO team:

A team from the European Commission Humanitarian Aid Office (ECHO) in Dhaka visited Thyingkhali and Plongkhali unions under Ukhia *upazila* along with the IFRC representative on 3 October 2010. They went there to see the impact of the emergency item distribution. During their visit to the unions the beneficiaries expressed their satisfaction on the quality and content of the package. They also appreciated the quick and well-organized distribution of relief items. The beneficiaries mentioned that all the items provided were useful, especially the food package and the kitchen set since most of their household items were washed away by the mudslide. The beneficiaries also mentioned that the emergency relief items the Red Cross Red Crescent provided have helped them return to their normal lives.

Replenishment of disaster preparedness stock:

All the non-food items and kitchen sets were dispatched from the BDRCS and IFRC joint disaster preparedness stock and these stocks have now been replenished as well. As there are still enough jerry cans left in the disaster preparedness stock, it has not been replenished. Proper procedure was followed for replenishing the disaster preparedness stock, and proper tendering process and comparative bid analysis system were followed. A total of 1,300 tarpaulins were received from the Kuala Lumpur Regional Logistics Unit and stored in the BDRCS warehouse. The replenishment process was completed by August 2010.

Challenges:

- In some distribution points, the rain caused some delay as both the distributions took place during the monsoon.
- The size and the volume of the distribution package were bigger than usual. The women faced difficulties in carrying those packages.
- Replenishment of disaster preparedness stock took more time than anticipated as the first delivery of saree and lungi failed the quality inspection.

Lessons learned:

Despite challenges, BDRCS and IFRC were able to distribute the non-food items including shelter materials, supplementary food packages and kitchen sets to 1,300 badly affected families in two *upazilas* under Cox's Bazaar district. Some observations or lessons learned from this operation are given below.

- Cox's Bazaar unit level volunteers extended their excellent support to complete the beneficiary selection from remotest locations. Proactiveness and positive attitude of the members of the executive committees made possible to achieve the target in time.
- The regular coordination with different agencies helps to prevent duplication and overlapping of resources. Due to better coordination, local government officials and the *upazila* administration personnel provided their cooperation and in some cases they were themselves present at the distribution sites.
- The relief package helped minimise the longer-term negative impact on people's asset, health and livelihood. People were very happy to receive the assistance from the Red Crescent, and they have expressed their full satisfaction about the food and non-food items distributed.

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 the [Humanitarian Charter and Minimum Standards in Disaster Response \(Sphere\)](#) in delivering 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 nonviolence and peace.

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Final Financial Report

Selected Parameters	
Reporting Timeframe	2010/6-2010/11
Budget Timeframe	2010/6-2010/11
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
A. Budget	125,874					125,874
B. Opening Balance	0					0
Income						
<u>Other Income</u>						
<i>Voluntary Income</i>	125,874					125,874
C6. Other Income	125,874					125,874
C. Total Income = SUM(C1..C6)	125,874					125,874
D. Total Funding = B + C	125,874					125,874
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	125,874					125,874
E. Expenditure	-109,678					-109,678
F. Closing Balance = (B + C + E)	16,196					16,196

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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)		125,874					125,874	
Supplies								
Shelter - Relief	21,667	16,162					16,162	5,504
Clothing & textiles	10,617	9,189					9,189	1,428
Food	31,108	27,352					27,352	3,756
Water & Sanitation	13,433	12,197					12,197	1,236
Utensils & Tools	26,000	18,749					18,749	7,251
Other Supplies & Services		1,124					1,124	-1,124
Total Supplies	102,825	84,773					84,773	18,052
Transport & Storage								
Storage	500							500
Distribution & Monitoring	4,167	4,323					4,323	-157
Transport & Vehicle Costs	3,000	5,059					5,059	-2,059
Total Transport & Storage	7,667	9,382					9,382	-1,715
General Expenditure								
Travel	2,000	604					604	1,396
Information & Public Relation		494					494	-494
Office Costs	2,500	3,352					3,352	-852
Communications	2,667	1,565					1,565	1,102
Financial Charges	533	1,592					1,592	-1,058
Total General Expenditure	7,700	7,605					7,605	95
Programme & Service Support								
Programme & Service Support	7,682	6,694					6,694	989
Total Programme & Service Support	7,682	6,694					6,694	989
Services								
Services & Recoveries		1,223					1,223	-1,223
Total Services		1,223					1,223	-1,223
TOTAL EXPENDITURE (D)	125,874	109,678					109,678	16,196
VARIANCE (C - D)		16,196					16,196	

Annexe 1: Distribution of non-food items and shelter materials

Distribution Date	Number of families	Upazila	Distribution Point
26 June 2010	376	Ukhia	Thyingkhali government primary school Plongkhali government primary school
28 June 2010	341	Ukhia	Muktijuddha smrity girls school, ukhia, Sonaicjari gvt primary school
28 June 2010	150	Teknaf	Rangikhali Madrash Math, Nila, Teknaf upazila complex
28 June 2010	75	Naykhonsori (Bandarban)	Goomdhum bethbonia bazaar
29 June 2010	250	Teknaf	Upazia complex
29 June 2010	108	Ukhia	Holudia palong

Annexe 2: distribution of food items and kitchen sets

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	UKhiy(Marichapalong, Haldiapalang, Raja palong, Ratnapalong)	Rangikhali Madrash Math, Nila, Teknaf upazila complex
16 July 2010	20	Teknaf	Upazila complex
17 July 2010	380	Teknaf	Upazila complex