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Emergency appeal preliminary final report

Bangladesh: Floods



Emergency appeal n° MDRBD014	GLIDE n° ° FL-2014-000117-BGD
Preliminary final report Date of issue: 20 November 2015	Timeframe covered by this update: 5 September 2014 – 5 August 2015
Operation start date: 5 September 2014	Operation timeframe: 12 months (5 August 2015)
Overall Operation budget: CHF 2,206,628 Current income: CHF 1,462,013 (66% coverage) Current expenditure: CHF 1,439,891	DREF amount initially allocated: CHF 280,160
N° of people assisted: 121,375 people	
Red Cross Red Crescent Movement partners currently actively involved in the operation: The International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC), American Red Cross, British Red Cross, Canadian Red Cross, German Red Cross, the Hong Kong Branch of the Red Cross Society of China, Japanese Red Cross Society, Monaco Red Cross, Swedish Red Cross.	
Other partner organizations actively involved in the operation: Government of Bangladesh, UN Agencies, INGOs	

This Preliminary Final Report informs a final reporting extension for two months – the Final Report will be available by 31 January 2016. The reporting extension is to accommodate the Lessons Learned Workshop (LLW) findings which is scheduled to be completed by end-December 2015. The LLW findings will be included in the Final Report. Upon clearing the expenses for LLW, the remaining unspent balance will be returned to DREF pot.

Summary

August 2014

Since the second week of August 2014, heavy rains in the main river basins and upstream catchments of India, along with continuous rainfall in northwest and north-eastern parts of Bangladesh have caused a continuously worsening flooding situation in low-lying districts.

On 19 August, the Humanitarian Coordination Task Team (HCTT) triggers a joint-needs assessment (JNA) for nine districts in the north-west. Based on the available information of a worsening flood situation, BDRCS deployed four members of the National Disaster Response Team (NDRT) on 22 August to take part in the JNA initiated by the HCTT. BDRCS, along with IFRC, led the assessment in three sub-districts; while taking part in the assessment with other agencies in 20 sub-districts. The overall situation was:

- 20 district affected
- 59 people confirmed dead
- 447 people injured
- 629,243 families affected
- 68,622 families displaced
- 33,893 houses destroyed

5 September
to
14 October 2014

The JNA draft report published on 1 September has identified are food, water, sanitation and shelter as the main needs. The IFRC [DREF](#) allocation of CHF 280,160 was approved on 6 September to assist 6,000 families. Following which IFRC, on behalf of the Bangladesh Red Crescent Society (BDRCS), launched an [Emergency Appeal](#) of CHF 2.2 million on 15 September to meet humanitarian needs of 19,470 families.

BDRCS initiated the first phase of the operation by distributing dry foods to the affected people in 11 districts, reaching 4,470 families in the first five days. 2,400 of 5,000 families have also received with unconditional cash grant (UCG), emergency shelter (tarpaulin and rope), hygiene parcels and non-food relief items (NFRIs).

BDRCS mobilized one Kit 5 water treatment plant to support Kurigram district with supply of safe drinking water, producing a total of 18,000 litres of water distributed to 5,000 people, together with WASH relief items (jerry cans, buckets, purification tablets). National Disaster Water and Sanitation Response Team (NDWRT) members and two NDRT members were deployed to set-up the water plants and to support the district branch. This has later been followed by six Aquasure mobile water treatment kits in three districts.

Four medical teams were deployed to four districts for ten days where 3,400 patients received treatment for water borne diseases.

[Operation Update no. 1](#) was issued on 23 October 2014.

15 October 2014
to
14 January 2015

BDRCS provided standard food packages to 1,500 families in 4 districts. The remaining 2,600 of 5,000 families have also received with UCG, emergency shelter, hygiene parcels and NFRIs.

Replenishment of relief items used during the emergency phase was also a prime focus during this time period. The following procurements were completed through: (i) *Regional Logistics Unit (RLU-KL)* – 5,000 tarpaulins, 1,000 shelter tool kits, 6,000 jerry cans and 10,000 blankets; (ii) *locally* – 4,000 water buckets and 25 buckets of water purification tablets

A Post Distribution Monitoring (PDM) was conducted to find out beneficiary satisfaction with the relief distributions. At the same time, as HCTT was unclear as to whether to take up a sector specific JNA for the recovery phase or not, IFRC, BDRCS and British Red Cross conducted a joint Early Recovery Assessment in five districts. Later, when Food Security Cluster decided to go for an early recovery assessment, IFRC also took part as the co-lead of Shelter Cluster providing technical input for the assessment tool, assistance with data analysis and cluster recommendations.

[Operation Update no. 2](#) was issued on 12 February 2015.

15 January
to
14 March 2015

Key achievements during this recovery phase:

- Provided conditional cash grant for livelihoods and trainings to 800 households in Bogra district.
- Provided conditional cash grant for shelter repair to 400 households in Bogra district.
- Finalized tender for ring slab construction, CGI sheet and superstructure materials for latrine construction in Bogra and Sirajganj districts.

[Operation Update no. 3](#) (6 months consolidated) was issued on 20 May 2015.

15 March
to
August 2015

Apart from the 2014 flooding, a nor'wester lashed several districts across the country on 4 April 2015, killing 42 people, injuring 266 and affecting 96,777 households (621,664 people). 21 districts were affected by the spell of nor'wester. The same communities in Bogra district were affected by flood and nor'wester event causing delay in community recovery effort.

BDRCS units at Bogra and Sirajganj districts conducted a reassessment of the flood beneficiaries between 16 and 20 April 2015 in order to find out to what extent the nor'wester has affected the beneficiaries. The assessment shows that the recovery efforts of 45.6% of the flood beneficiaries have been seriously hampered by the nor'wester. The results vary greatly in the two districts with Bogra having as high as 88.58% of the beneficiaries being affected, while the percentage in Sirajganj is low with 3.33%.

A [Mid-Term Evaluation](#) was conducted between 4 and 25 April 2015.

Key achievements during this recovery phase:

- Provided cash-for-work support to 1,600 households in Sirajganj and Bogra districts.
- Nor'wester support to 1,103 households in Bogra districts:
 - For beneficiaries targeted with livelihoods assistance: UCG of BDT 3,000 and tarpaulin as emergency shelter support
 - For beneficiaries targeted with shelter assistance: UCG of BDT 3,000
- Participatory Hygiene and Sanitation Transformation (PHAST) sessions were facilitated in target communities by trained volunteers.
- Organized an orientation for RAMP survey to identify the beneficiaries for repairing the hand pump and platform elevation.
- 40 hand pump were repaired.
- Construction of elevated platform for 40 tubewells.

- 20 new tubewell were installed.
- Set community user group of tubewell and provided tool box for further repairing.

Challenges:

- The political situation in the country caused major delays in effective starting up of the recovery activities. Hence, the identification of proper beneficiary communication channels was also being delayed.
- For any in-country medicine procurement, IFRC is required to invite the WHO and UNICEF listed manufacturers. It has proven to be quite time consuming creating a dialogue with the respective agencies to get a list of their suppliers, resulting in the delay of ORS procurement.
- Transporting and installing Kit-5 water treatment plants in remote areas was a challenge.
- Finding an appropriate location for the suppliers for the construction of ring slabs for latrines.
- Due to nor'wester in April 2015 and river water increase in June 2015 had impacted the ongoing recovery works as well as did not allow people to give time for LLW.
- Because of the flood in July 2015 the installation of ring-slab and fixing of the superstructure were heavily affected, as it was not possible to excavate the latrine pits due to the stagnant floodwater.
- As the recovery phase for shelter assistance did not commence in December 2014 as expected and the political situation did not allow for the cash to be distributed before March 2015, the timeframe for the activities was limited considering that construction activities need to complete before the rainy season (start from May). As a result, there was insufficient time to implement PASSA tools in the communities.
- For some of the district branches, cash grant distribution during the relief phase was a challenge as the practice is a first for the staff and volunteers involved. Sensitization of the cash transfer programme (CTP) procedures and dissemination of the SOP is needed for those branches.
- Due to the ongoing political situation in the country and the resulting movement restrictions, the customs clearance of the blankets at Chittagong port and their transportation to BDRCS national headquarter took longer than expected.

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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 the **Humanitarian Charter and Minimum Standards in Humanitarian 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:



Save lives.
protect livelihoods,
and strengthen recovery
from disaster and crises.



Enable **healthy**
and **safe** living.



Promote **social inclusion**
and a culture of
non-violence and **peace**.

Disaster Response Financial Report

MDRBD014 - Bangladesh - Floods

Timeframe: 05 Sep 14 to 06 Aug 15

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Selected Parameters

Reporting Timeframe	2014/9-2015/10	Programme	MDRBD014
Budget Timeframe	2014/9-2015/8	Budget	APPROVED
Split by funding source	Y	Project	*
Subsector:	*		

All figures are in Swiss Francs (CHF)

I. Funding

	Raise humanitarian standards	Grow RC/RC services for vulnerable people	Strengthen RC/RC contribution to development	Heighten influence and support for RC/RC work	Joint working and accountability	TOTAL	Deferred Income
A. Budget		2,206,628				2,206,628	
B. Opening Balance							
Income							
Cash contributions							
<i>American Red Cross</i>		236,794				236,794	
<i>British Red Cross</i>		151,858				151,858	
<i>Canadian Red Cross</i>		14,963				14,963	
<i>Canadian Red Cross (from Canadian Government*)</i>		71,247				71,247	
<i>China Red Cross, Hong Kong branch</i>		59,963				59,963	
<i>German Red Cross</i>		34,587				34,587	
<i>German Red Cross (from German Government*)</i>		168,867				168,867	
<i>Japanese Red Cross Society</i>		72,800				72,800	
<i>Other</i>		2,525				2,525	
<i>Red Cross of Monaco</i>		10,068				10,068	
<i>Swedish Red Cross</i>		358,181				358,181	
C1. Cash contributions		1,181,853				1,181,853	
Other Income							
<i>DREF Allocations</i>		280,160				280,160	
C4. Other Income		280,160				280,160	
C. Total Income = SUM(C1..C4)		1,462,013				1,462,013	
D. Total Funding = B + C		1,462,013				1,462,013	

* Funding source data based on information provided by the donor

II. Movement of Funds

	Raise humanitarian standards	Grow RC/RC services for vulnerable people	Strengthen RC/RC contribution to development	Heighten influence and support for RC/RC work	Joint working and accountability	TOTAL	Deferred Income
B. Opening Balance							
C. Income		1,462,013				1,462,013	
E. Expenditure		-1,439,891				-1,439,891	
F. Closing Balance = (B + C + E)		22,122				22,122	

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III. Expenditure

Account Groups	Budget	Expenditure					TOTAL	Variance
		Raise humanitarian standards	Grow RC/RC services for vulnerable people	Strengthen RC/RC contribution to development	Heighten influence and support for RC/RC work	Joint working and accountability		
A						B	A - B	
BUDGET (C)			2,206,628			2,206,628		
Relief items, Construction, Supplies								
Shelter - Relief	113,875		158,702			158,702	-44,827	
Shelter - Transitional	468,750						468,750	
Clothing & Textiles	35,000		80,234			80,234	-45,234	
Food	41,875		3,751			3,751	38,124	
Water, Sanitation & Hygiene	132,963		60,886			60,886	72,077	
Medical & First Aid	11,500		7,640			7,640	3,860	
Utensils & Tools	32,750		15,489			15,489	17,261	
Other Supplies & Services	625						625	
Cash Disbursement	650,000		648,538			648,538	1,462	
Total Relief items, Construction, Sup	1,487,338		975,239			975,239	512,098	
Logistics, Transport & Storage								
Storage	13,250		3,853			3,853	9,397	
Distribution & Monitoring	7,500		87,725			87,725	-80,225	
Transport & Vehicles Costs	14,375		15,308			15,308	-933	
Logistics Services			22,022			22,022	-22,022	
Total Logistics, Transport & Storage	35,125		128,908			128,908	-93,783	
Personnel								
International Staff	36,000		23,741			23,741	12,259	
National Staff	65,975		80,759			80,759	-14,784	
National Society Staff	99,400		42,379			42,379	57,021	
Volunteers	64,150						64,150	
Total Personnel	265,525		146,879			146,879	118,646	
Consultants & Professional Fees								
Consultants	31,250		14,161			14,161	17,089	
Professional Fees	14,000						14,000	
Total Consultants & Professional Fees	45,250		14,161			14,161	31,089	
Workshops & Training								
Workshops & Training	90,400		9,598			9,598	80,802	
Total Workshops & Training	90,400		9,598			9,598	80,802	
General Expenditure								
Travel	31,000		11,524			11,524	19,476	
Information & Public Relations	41,250		3,893			3,893	37,357	
Office Costs	25,250		2,132			2,132	23,118	
Communications	8,500		738			738	7,762	
Financial Charges	5,000		14,978			14,978	-9,978	
Other General Expenses	2,400		2,429			2,429	-29	
Shared Office and Services Costs	34,914		29,648			29,648	5,267	
Total General Expenditure	148,314		65,342			65,342	82,972	
Indirect Costs								
Programme & Services Support Recover	134,677		87,108			87,108	47,569	
Total Indirect Costs	134,677		87,108			87,108	47,569	
Pledge Specific Costs								
Pledge Earmarking Fee			9,456			9,456	-9,456	
Pledge Reporting Fees			3,200			3,200	-3,200	
Total Pledge Specific Costs			12,656			12,656	-12,656	
TOTAL EXPENDITURE (D)	2,206,628		1,439,891			1,439,891	766,738	

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	A					B	A - B	
BUDGET (C)			2,206,628			2,206,628		
VARIANCE (C - D)			766,738			766,738		