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Emergency Plan of Action Operations Update

Bangladesh: Floods

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Emergency appeal n° MDRBD020 Operations update n° 2	GLIDE FL-2017-000108-BGD
Date of issue: 18 June 2018	Timeframe covered by this update: 11 November 2017 to 31 May 2018
Operation start date: 15 August 2017	Operation timeframe: 31 December 2018 (16 months)
Overall operation budget: CHF 4,813,498 Appeal coverage: 79.7% of total budget; see donor response	Disaster Relief Emergency Fund (DREF) allocated: CHF 439,670
N° of people to be assisted: 100,000 people	N° of people being assisted: 75,000 people
Red Cross Red Crescent Movement partners currently actively involved in the operation: Movement partners are supporting the BDRCS response through the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC) Emergency Appeal or through bilateral arrangements. Partners who have, so far, contributed to the IFRC Emergency Appeal are: American Red Cross, Australian Red Cross, British Red Cross, Hong Kong branch of Red Cross Society of China, Danish Red Cross, Italian Red Cross, Japanese Red Cross Society, Norwegian Red Cross, Pakistan Red Crescent Society, Spanish Red Cross, Swedish Red Cross, and the Canadian Red Cross. In addition, American Red Cross, British Red Cross, Canadian Red Cross, French Red Cross, Hong Kong branch of Red Cross Society of China, Philippines Red Cross and New Zealand Red Cross have provided personnel – as surge capacity – to support the operation.	
Other partner organizations actively involved in the operation: The Governments of Angola, Australia, Canada, Denmark, Estonia, Hong Kong, the Netherlands, New Zealand, the Republic of Korea, Switzerland and the United States have contributed financially to this operation. Contributions have also been received from the Guernsey Overseas Aid Commission, Société Internationale de Télécommunications Aéronautiques (SITA), ShelterBox, the Voluntary Emergency Relief Fund (VERF)/WHO and private donors in Malaysia.	

This update informs the extension of the operation by four months, until 31 December 2018. The extension is for the resumption of the Cash Transfer Programming (CTP) activities and to allow smooth implementation of the recovery phase as outlined in the plan of action. More detailed information for the extension is given in the “Highlights of the Operations” part below.

The next operations update will be issued in late August 2018 to reflect the activities and revision of plan of action. All activities will remain the same as in current plan of action with the difference in the numbers of the beneficiaries based on current funding and needs.

Description of the disaster

Since 12 August 2017, heavy monsoon rains above the seasonal average severely impacted the riverine region of India, Nepal, Bhutan and Bangladesh. This resulted in intense flooding in almost two-thirds of Bangladesh, affecting over 8 million people. Bangladesh experienced floods for the fourth time in 2017 and the latest flood had inundated the country. As of 12 September, the Government of Bangladesh reported that the floodwaters had receded in 28 of the 322 flood-affected districts.

Based on the recent FACT assessment and external reports, urgent needs for additional emergency shelter, non-food items (NFIs) and other assistance were identified in districts most heavily affected. Latrines and tube wells were washed away and despite Government efforts to rehabilitate these rapidly, many still needed repair. Due to the proactivity of the Government of Bangladesh, there was no substantial spike in waterborne diseases, but the risks remain. The affected areas are known for harvesting crops such as paddy (summer rice), jute (vegetable fibre), dhaincha (multipurpose legume), and vegetables. Most of the crops have been severely damaged.

According to the Government reports, over 650,000 hectares crops lands in 32 districts have suffered some scale of damage. Damaged roads and infrastructure affected many people including farmers, fishermen, and char (island) dwellers.

Livelihoods and livelihoods activities have been adversely affected. Many farmers, whose crops were destroyed by the flood, have replanted, incurring extra seed and planting costs as well as a likely smaller harvest yield before the commencement of winter. Those reliant on wage labour have been adversely affected by the high cost of repairing or replacing damaged houses. In some of the chars, there have been reports that small businesses were washed away entirely. These conditions have forced some affected communities to resort to negative coping strategies such as taking high interest loans, selling livestock, and contributing to long-term risks.

Highlights of the operations update:

1. The emergency phase was completed at the end of 2017 with some remaining activities such as the distribution of multipurpose cash grants to around 7,000 beneficiaries out of 20,000 selected. As of 15 January 2018, Bangladesh Red Crescent Society reached 13,329 families in seven districts with multipurpose cash grant (CHF 50 per family) and eight types of vegetable seeds. Corrugated iron sheets and shelter toolkits were distributed to around 1,900 families.
2. Multi-sectoral recovery assessment is planned to be conducted in June 2018. One of most affected districts, namely Lalmonirhat, is selected and recommended by BDRCS for recovery intervention activities. Detailed plan of action will be worked out after recovery assessment.
3. Cash transfer programming (CTP) activities have been on hold since February 2018, following concerns raised by a monitoring team relating to compliance with the Minimum Standard Commitments, among others. The routine monitoring had revealed that in three of the ten target districts, selection of people to receive assistance did not fully reflect participation of community members, and a thorough review of compliance aspects was commissioned. The review – which has since been completed – determined that several steps in the implementation cycle, including those relating to participation, needed reinforcement. Consequently, several measures are being enacted before implementation resumes. These include re-orientation of branch personnel (staff and volunteers) on aspects relating to community engagement and accountability (CEA), training on the Minimum Standard Commitments to Gender and Diversity in Emergency Programming, and orientation on the IFRC fraud and corruption prevention policy. Considering that CTP activities were on hold for almost five months, it is necessary to have the operation timeframe extended to allow full completion after compliance concerns have been fully addressed.
4. On the other hand, the rainy season in the country has already started and cyclone season is approaching as well. The big portion of the recovery activities are hardware like construction of the shelters, construction of the latrines, livelihood activities and planting which takes time and is logistically difficult to implement during the rainy and cyclone season. Moreover, statistically, the areas where the recovery activities are planning to be implemented are flooded almost every year thus, it may happen that the roads and areas will become impassable soon.

Summary of achievements as of now:

Table 1: Summary of achievement based on IFRC Appeal as to date

Sector	Interventions	Status	Target (as per IFRC appeal)	Achievement
Emergency Phase				
WASH	Distribution of safe drinking water	Completed	7,380 families	BDRCS began its response on 17 August with drinking water distribution in five districts (Jamalpur, Tangail, Bogra, Sirajonj and Gaibandha). The water was produced using BDRCS's own Water Purification Unit. A total of 50,335 litres were distributed to 7,380 families with the support of IFRC and Grameen Phone.
	Distribution of water purification tablets	Completed	7,000 families	14,000 WPT were distributed to 7,000 families (2 WPT each).
	Distribution of Jerry Cans	Completed	6,000 families	During 20-27 August, 6,000 jerry cans (1 each family) were distributed to the most affected families in 20 districts.

	Repair of Tube wells	Completed		5,000 tube wells were repaired in Gaibanda district.
Food security and livelihoods	Dry/ cooked Food Distribution	Completed	7,493 families	BDRCS NHQ mobilized CHF 25,000 on 20 August to distribute of dry/ cooked food. Total 7,493 families were reached with this emergency support.
	Food Package Distribution (Funded by Grameen Phone)	Completed	5,100 families	During 21-28 August 2017, food packages (15kg rice, 2 kg lentil, 1-liter oil, 1 kg sugar, 1 kg salt, 1 kg semolina) distribution among targeted 5,100 families in 10 districts was completed.
	Food Distribution by Swiss RC Fund	Completed	4,222 families	A total of 4,222 families of Gaibandha and Sunamganj districts (2,722 families in Gaibandha and 1,500 families in Sunamganj) received seven-day food packages.
	Response to local units	Completed	-	Bogra, Tangail, Dinajpur, Jamalpur, Nilphamary, Kurigram, Jessore, Naogaon, Rajshahi, Natore Red Crescent Units provided emergency dry food and cooked food using their own resources. In addition, the RCY NHQ volunteers distributed dry food in selected districts.
Shelter	Tarpaulin Distribution	Completed	2,000 families	During 20-27 August, 2,000 tarpaulin kits (consisting of 4m x 6m tarp, rope, candles and matches) were distributed to the most affected families of 20 districts.
Health	Oral Rehydration Salt (ORS) Distribution	Completed	13,000 families	130,000 pcs ORS distributed among 13,000 flood affected families
Early recovery Phase				
WASH	Distribute additional 5,000 hygiene items	Completed	5,000 families	BDRCS distributed hygiene parcels (consisting of (toothbrush, tooth powder, bathing soap, laundry soap and powder, sanitary napkin) to 5,000 families in 5 most affected districts (Tangail, Jamalpur, Sirajgonj, Kurigram and Dinajpur).
	Distribution of Jerry Cans	Completed	5,000 families	BDRCS distributed jerry-cans (2 each) to 5,000 families in 5 most affected districts (Tangail, Jamalpur, Sirajgonj, Kurigram and Dinajpur).
	PHAST training	Not started	20 Communities	-
	CHAST training	Not started	20 Schools	-
Food security and livelihoods	Multipurpose cash grants	Halted	20,000 families	13,329 flood affected families in most severely affected districts received a one-off cash grants of BDT4,000 (CHF 50) and eight types of vegetable seeds per family.
	Cash Grants	Completed	5,000 families	BDRCS distributed cash for food to 5,000 families in 5 most affected districts (Tangail, Jamalpur, Sirajgonj, Kurigram and Dinajpur). Each family received BDT 1,400 (CHF 16).
	Food Package Distribution	Completed	71,432 families	BDRCS reached 71,432 families in 30 flood affected districts with food packages.
Shelter	Tarpaulins Distribution	Completed	5,000 families	BDRCS distributed tarpaulin (one each) to 5,000 families in 5 most affected districts (Tangail, Jamalpur, Sirajgonj, Kurigram and Dinajpur)
	Shelter Materials Distributions	Completed	1,894 families	BDRCS distributed CGI sheets, shelter tools kits and blankets to 1,894 families in 5 districts (Dinajpur, Kurigram, Gaibandha, Tangail and Jamalpur)

Health	Medical team deployment	Completed	18,000 people	BDRCS mobilized more 18 mobile medical teams in flood affected districts and assisted more than 18,000 people with medical assistance in Sirajganj, Jamalpur, Dinajpur, Tangail, Gaibandha, Lalmonirhat, Sunamganj, Nilphamari and Kurigram districts from mid-August to mid-September 2017
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Activities to be implemented during recovery phase:

Table 2: List of upcoming activities

Sector	Recovery Phase
Food security and livelihoods	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Distribution of multipurpose cash grant and seeds for planting to around 7,000 families in remaining 3 districts out of 10, namely Dinajpur, Kurigram and Sirajganj • Distribution of conditional cash grant through bank to 700 families for restoring their livelihood. Depending on the proposal submitted by the beneficiaries the cash grant will be up to 30,000 BDT (CHF350) • Vocational, livestock and agriculture training will be provided based on their proposal.
Shelter/	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 700 families Lalmonirhat district, whose houses were totally damaged during disaster will receive conditional cash grant up to 40,000 BDT (CHF 470) through Bank for construction materials to rebuild their houses. Carpenters will be hired who will receive cash for work assistance. • 700 beneficiaries will receive the PASSA training • PASSA YOUTH training will be conducted in 10 schools
WASH	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 700 shelter beneficiaries will receive conditional cash grant, 20,000 BDT (CHF230) for construction of latrines. To help and guide beneficiaries in construction of latrines the masons will be hired who will receive cash for work assistance. • PHAST training will be conducted in 10 communities • CHAST training will be conducted in 10 schools • 8,300 beneficiaries will receive the hygiene kits
DRR	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10,000 people to be reached with tree planting campaign and environmental awareness

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Reference documents



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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 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.**

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Split by funding source	Y	Project	*
Subsector:	*		

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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		152,082	4,661,416			4,813,498	
B. Opening Balance							
Income							
Cash contributions							
American Red Cross			293,476			293,476	
Angola Government			439			439	
Australian Red Cross		22,692				22,692	
Australian Red Cross (from Australian Government*)		11,176				11,176	
British Red Cross		23,624	166,847			190,471	
British Red Cross (from Guernsey Overseas Aid Commission*)		2,625	18,539			21,163	
China Red Cross, Hong Kong branch			6,939			6,939	
China Red Cross, Hong Kong branch (from Government of Hong Kong*)			339,997			339,997	
Danish Red Cross (from Danish Government*)			47,500			47,500	
Estonia Government			46,120			46,120	
Italian Red Cross			35,081			35,081	
Japanese Red Cross Society			91,348			91,348	
Malaysia - Private Donors			4,724			4,724	
New Zealand Government			208,710			208,710	
New Zealand Red Cross			19,084			19,084	
Norwegian Red Cross			121,306			121,306	
Pakistan Red Crescent Society			10,660			10,660	
Republic of Korea Government			195,341			195,341	
ShelterBox			11,493			11,493	
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Spanish Red Cross			5,746			5,746	
Swedish Red Cross			341,516			341,516	
Swiss Government			200,000			200,000	
The Canadian Red Cross Society (from Canadian Government*)			157,124			157,124	
The Netherlands Red Cross		57,397	689,938			747,335	
The Netherlands Red Cross (from Netherlands Government*)			459,176			459,176	
The Republic of Korea National Red Cross			50,000			50,000	
The Republic of Korea National Red Cross (from Republic of Korea - Private Donors*)			472			472	
VERF/WHO Voluntary Emergency Relief			1,000			1,000	
C1. Cash contributions		117,514	3,571,129			3,688,644	
Inkind Goods & Transport							
Japanese Red Cross Society			53,365			53,365	
Spanish Red Cross			93,841			93,841	
C2. Inkind Goods & Transport			147,206			147,206	
C. Total Income = SUM(C1..C4)		117,514	3,718,335			3,835,850	
D. Total Funding = B + C		117,514	3,718,335			3,835,850	

* Funding source data based on information provided by the donor

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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		117,514	3,718,335			3,835,850	
E. Expenditure		-85,699	-2,009,217			-2,094,916	
F. Closing Balance = (B + C + E)		31,815	1,709,119			1,740,933	

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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)			152,082	4,661,416		4,813,498		
Relief items, Construction, Supplies								
Shelter - Relief	486,000			494,589		494,589	-8,589	
Construction - Housing	465,000						465,000	
Clothing & Textiles	24,000			18,480		18,480	5,520	
Food	31,150			99,822		99,822	-68,672	
Seeds & Plants	125,000			16,546		16,546	108,454	
Water, Sanitation & Hygiene	373,525			89,619		89,619	283,906	
Medical & First Aid	55,000			7,369		7,369	47,631	
Utensils & Tools				15,474		15,474	-15,474	
Other Supplies & Services	54,000						54,000	
Cash Disbursement	1,755,000			411,175		411,175	1,343,825	
Total Relief items, Construction, Sup	3,368,675		57	1,153,075		1,153,075	2,215,600	
Land, vehicles & equipment								
Computers & Telecom	20,500			11,927		11,927	8,573	
Total Land, vehicles & equipment	20,500			11,927		11,927	8,573	
Logistics, Transport & Storage								
Storage				9,017		9,017	-9,017	
Distribution & Monitoring				50,052		50,052	-50,052	
Transport & Vehicles Costs	23,260		57	26,558		26,615	-3,355	
Logistics Services	11,000			20,767		20,767	-9,767	
Total Logistics, Transport & Storage	34,260		57	106,394		106,451	-72,191	
Personnel								
International Staff	312,979		15,767	65,519		81,286	231,693	
National Staff	154,700			49,130		49,130	105,570	
National Society Staff	194,800			39,714		39,714	155,086	
Volunteers	32,600						32,600	
Total Personnel	695,079		15,767	154,363		170,130	524,949	
Consultants & Professional Fees								
Consultants	63,650		46,369			46,369	17,281	
Professional Fees	6,550			647		647	5,903	
Total Consultants & Professional Fees	70,200		46,369	647		47,016	23,184	
Workshops & Training								
Workshops & Training	70,000			5,409		5,409	64,591	
Total Workshops & Training	70,000			5,409		5,409	64,591	
General Expenditure								
Travel	96,200		16,233	66,726		82,959	13,241	
Information & Public Relations	53,200			4,507		4,507	48,693	
Office Costs	34,225			7,843		7,843	26,382	
Communications	7,200		62	1,663		1,725	5,475	
Financial Charges	5,000		2	11,324		11,326	-6,326	
Other General Expenses	6,000			1,071		1,071	4,929	
Shared Office and Services Costs	59,177		1,750	14,708		16,458	42,719	
Total General Expenditure	261,002		18,046	107,843		125,890	135,112	
Operational Provisions								
Operational Provisions				338,589		338,589	-338,589	
Total Operational Provisions				338,589		338,589	-338,589	
Indirect Costs								

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		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)			152,082	4,661,416		4,813,498		
Programme & Services Support Recovr	293,782		5,216	121,644		126,859	166,922	
Total Indirect Costs	293,782		5,216	121,644		126,859	166,922	
Pledge Specific Costs								
Pledge Earmarking Fee			244	7,726		7,970	-7,970	
Pledge Reporting Fees				1,600		1,600	-1,600	
Total Pledge Specific Costs			244	9,326		9,570	-9,570	
TOTAL EXPENDITURE (D)	4,813,498		85,699	2,009,217		2,094,916	2,718,581	
VARIANCE (C - D)			66,383	2,652,199		2,718,581		

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IV. Breakdown by subsector

Business Line / Sub-sector	Budget	Opening Balance	Income	Funding	Expenditure	Closing Balance	Deferred Income
BL2 - Grow RC/RC services for vulnerable people							
Disaster management	152,082		117,514	117,514	85,699	31,815	
Subtotal BL2	152,082		117,514	117,514	85,699	31,815	
BL3 - Strengthen RC/RC contribution to development							
Disaster risk reduction	4,661,416		3,718,335	3,718,335	2,009,217	1,709,119	
Subtotal BL3	4,661,416		3,718,335	3,718,335	2,009,217	1,709,119	
GRAND TOTAL	4,813,498		3,835,850	3,835,850	2,094,916	1,740,933	