



Red Crescent Youth (RCY) volunteers from the BDRCS Chattogram City Branch supported BDRCS Feni Branch. One of their involvements includes rescue operations conducted during 22-25 August. Here, they were rescuing people stranded by floodwaters in Lalpole, Feni. Photo: BDRCS

Bangladesh Red Crescent Society (BDRCS)

Operation Update 4: Southeastern Flood Response 2024

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Overall Situation:

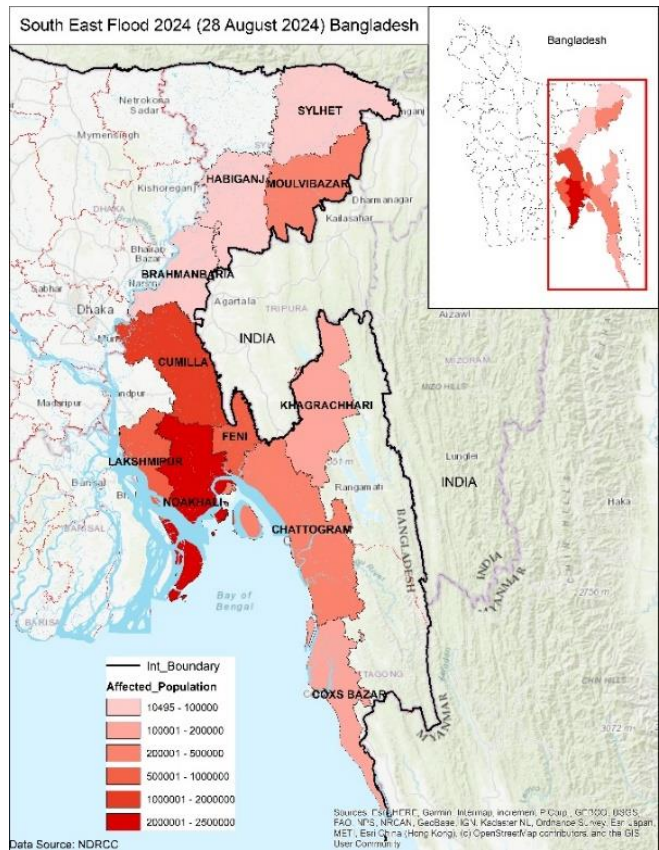
The recent floods in southeastern Bangladesh have left a significant impact on people across 11 districts¹. The sudden onset, scale and intensity **affected more than 5.8 million people**. According to the National Disaster Response Coordination Centre (NDRCC) report dated 3 September 2024, 71 fatalities (male-45, female-07, children-19) were recorded. Still, 582,155 families are stranded with the flood water. 4,003 shelters have been set up, accommodating 540,510 people and 39,531 livestock.

¹ Feni, Cumilla, Chattogram, Khagrachari, Noakhali, Moulvibazar, Habiganj, Brahmanbaria, Sylhet, Lakshimpur, and Cox's Bazar








The flooding has caused extensive damage, submerged 311,419 hectares of land and destroyed 6,542 kilometres of roads and 1,066 bridges and culverts, disrupted key transportation links, including road and rail connections between Dhaka and Chattogram. Also, as per the Needs Assessment Working Group (NAWG) report USD 34 million losses in livestock, USD 121.6 million in fisheries and 162,823 water points, 295,689 latrines were damaged. On top of that, over 7,000 schools have been forced to close, impacting approximately 175,000 primary students.

BDRCS Actions:

Since the first day of the flood response (21 August 2024), the **Bangladesh Red Crescent Society (BDRCS)** has mobilised its volunteers in the impacted areas. They have been constantly helping the afflicted families on the ground. Over 1,600 Red Crescent Youths (RCY) and 100 BDRCS staff participated in the flood relief effort.



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1,662 youth volunteers and 100 staff are actively working in the flood-affected districts to support ongoing relief operations. Since the beginning of the Flood, BDRCS volunteers disseminated early warning messages through public service announcements (PSAs), coordinated evacuations, and distributed cooked food in collaboration with the government. • 20 National Disaster Response Team (NDRT)/NDRT WASH members have been deployed across five districts — Feni, Noakhali, Lakshimpur, Chattogram and Cumilla, to coordinate with local units and RCY in the response operation. Additionally, 4 BDRCS staff have been deployed to respective flood-affected units to strengthen coordination and ensure the timely delivery of humanitarian assistance.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The BDRCS Fundraising department at NHQ is actively running a campaign through the society's website, online platforms, and accepting physical donations at both NHQ and unit offices. To date, BDRCS has raised a total of BDT 23.4 million (approx. USD 195,000) from corporates, individuals and others. Notable corporate donors include Grameenphone Ltd, City Bank PLC, Mutual Trust Bank PLC, SF Fashion Ltd, Shakura Power Limited, Shoo-Koo-Kai, Japanese Association Dhaka, Purple Patch, CMA CG, and One Plus Mobile. • Different units (branches) of BDRCS, namely Mymensingh, Barguna, and Bogura, conducted local fundraising campaigns, securing a total cash donation of BDT 310,410.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • During the initial stage of the response, BDRCS mobilized BDT 8.1 million (approx. USD 67,000) from the NHQ to purchase and distribute essential food items (dry and cooked food and seven-day food packages) to the flood-affected districts. • To date, BDRCS has distributed 30,375 dry food packages. Each package includes flattened rice, sugar/molasses, biscuits, a firebox, and candles. • Local RCY volunteers have prepared cooked food and distributed 12,480 meals. • Out of the allocated 30,000 packs of 7-day food packages, 10,180 have been transported to affected districts for distribution. Each package contains 7.5 kg of rice, 1 kg of lentils, 1 kg of sugar, 1 kg of salt, 1 liter of soybean oil, and 0.5 kg of semolina.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 7 mobile water treatment plants (4 in Feni, 2 in Noakhali, and 1 in Cumilla) were dispatched from the NHQ. Around 390,700 liters of water have been supplied. Moreover, 4,100 water jerrycan and 19,104 pcs of ORS distributed.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4,500 pcs of tarpaulins; 2,500 sets of hygiene parcels, 2,500 sets of dignity kits; 3,000 sets of shelter tool kits, and 2,000 kitchen sets allocated.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 248,700 water purification tablets (WPT) distributed to the flood-affected districts. RCY is also providing user guidelines explaining the use of those tablets. An additional 550,000 pcs of WPT are in stock to be allocated based on need. • A total of 292 tube wells have been disinfected across Feni, Noakhali, and Cumilla.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Three generators have been deployed to the Feni district to provide electricity support
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BDRCS engaged 19 boats (speed boats, country boats, inflatable boats, makeshift raft) both Rented and owned in rescue operations in Noakhali, Feni, and Khagrachari, Chattogram districts and rescued 20,854 individuals. Out of that 4,500 families (18,000 individuals) have been relocated to safe shelter centers in Khagrachari with the support from Army and Navy.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 6 mobile medical teams have already been deployed to Feni, Noakhali, Lakshmipur and Cumilla. Units also mobilized local doctors to provide medical support. Till 4 September, 3,921 patients received free treatments and medicine and 547 people received psychosocial support (PSS). Another 01 MMT will be deployed in Moulvibazar in next week. • As diarrhoeal diseases are increasing in flood-affected areas, and also, they are at high risk for mosquito-borne disease outbreaks. BDRCS with the support of IFRC, under the ASEF stockpile project, has committed to providing the following supplies for the flood response in close coordination with DGHS, 10,000 bottles of Cholera Saline, 22,000 bottles of normal saline, 12,000 pcs dengue kit and 12,000 bottles of Dextrose Normal Saline have already delivered. An additional 50,000 bottles cholera saline is under procurement process to be delivered soon.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • With the current available funding BDRCS is planning to provide financial assistance of BDT 6,000 to 3,000 families through mobile banking to meet emergency multi-purpose needs. • BDRCS and IFRC are working together to launch an Emergency Appeal for this flood operation.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Through the USAID-IFRC supported GRIP project, USD 250,000 funding is allocated for the flood response. Moreover, a request has been submitted to IFRC to support BDRCS in scaling up the ongoing relief operations. In-country participating national societies (PNSs) - Swedish Red Cross BDT 01 million and American Red Cross BDT 03 million already allocated to BDRCS. • The Red Cross Society of China has already funded USD 1,00,000 through Chinese Embassy to BDRCS to support in this flood response operation. • Grameenphone Ltd funded BDRCS with BDT 15 million and City Bank PLC mobilized BDT 2 million • Mutual Trust Bank contributed BDT 500,000.

Government Actions:

- Government of Bangladesh has allocated BDT 4,62,00,000.00 (USD 385,000), 20,650 MT of rice, 15,000 Packets of dry food, BDT 13,500,000.00 (USD 112,500) for baby food and BDT 13,500,000.00 (USD 112,500) for cattle food in Chattogram, Cumilla, Feni, Noakhali, Sylhet, Moulvibazar, Habiganj , Brahmanbaria, Lakshmipur , Khagrachari and Cox's Bazar for the flood affected HHS/individuals.
- A total of 1,94,300 packets of dry food, clothing, and water have been collected by the Anti-Discrimination Students Movement and the Directorate of Disaster Management (DDM) and dispatched to affected areas. Round-the-clock communication between student movement coordinators continues.
- The order has been given that The District Commissioners of flood-affected districts to work in coordinating with the Anti-Discrimination Students Movement, Bangladesh Army, Navy, Air Force, RAB, Police, BGB, Fire Service and Civil Defence, Medical Teams, and other volunteers. They have been instructed to work together to ensure effective relief efforts.

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- Field hospitals and district civil surgeons, in cooperation with the Army, are providing health services in flood-affected districts. Local clinics, hospitals, and healthcare institutions have been instructed by the District Administrators to ensure necessary health services for flood victims.
- The Armed Forces have distributed 3,91,186 relief packets and 22,410 cooked food packets in the flood-affected areas. They have rescued 42,957 people and provided medical treatment to 50,257 individuals. Additionally, 153 people have been rescued by helicopter. A total of 24 camps run by the Armed Forces and 18 medical teams are providing medical care, along with distributing drinking water, water purification tablets, clothing, heating supplies, baby food, and sanitary items.
- As the flood situation improves, people are returning to their homes from shelters, and communication in flood-affected districts is returning to normal.
- All concerned have been instructed to take necessary measures to prevent the outbreak of waterborne diseases following the floods.
- The MoDMR management and relief control room is operational around the clock. For cooperation, the cell number **0255101115** is available.

Photos of BDRCS in Actions:







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