

# Floods in northeastern Bangladesh

## Situation update 2

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Disaster Risk Management Programme

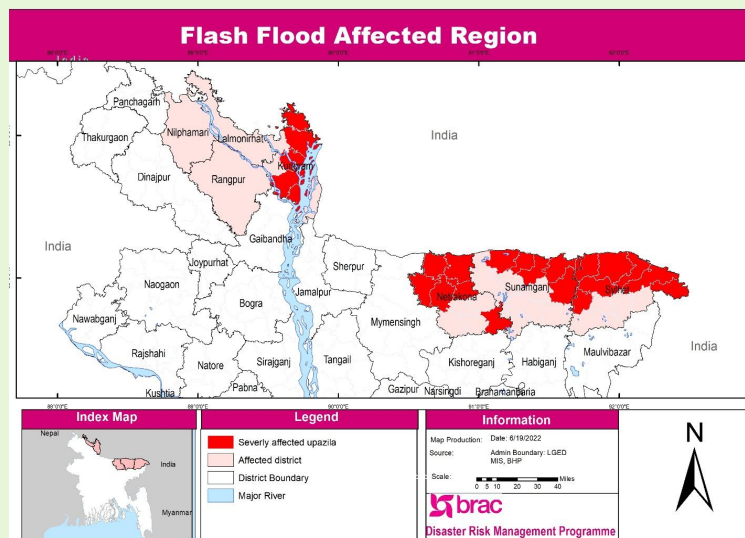
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## Situation overview

Ongoing flooding in the northeastern districts of Bangladesh has aggravated as a result of continuous heavy downpour. This has triggered a humanitarian crisis in Sylhet, Sunamganj and Netrokona. Rain and onrush of upstream water has inundated Kurigram, Lalmonirhat, Nilphamari, Rangpur, Gaibandha, Sirajganj and Jamalpur.

- **4 million+ people marooned in Sylhet and Sunamganj districts**
- Railway communication with Sylhet and Netrokona cut off since 18 June
- **Flights suspended for three days** at Osmani International Airport, in Sylhet
- **Electricity supply halted**, and mobile networks and internet services disrupted
- Markets and shops under water, **disrupting supply chain** of essential commodities
- Secondary school certificate and equivalent **exams across Bangladesh postponed**
- **Over 90,000 people** took shelter in 650 collective shelters in Sylhet and Sunamganj
- **Five people in Sunamganj died** from drowning



## Flood forecast

According to the Flood Forecasting and Warning Centre, the water level of all major rivers in north and northeastern regions are flowing above danger levels, which may increase further in the next 48 hours.

Bangladesh Meteorological Department forecasts a chance of medium to heavy rainfall at some places of the northern and northeastern regions of the country in the next 72 hours.

Overall flood situation in all affected districts may further deteriorate in the next 24 hours.

## Response: BRAC

- BRAC has been working alongside the local government since the flooding began
- BDT 30 million (USD 322,210) has been allocated from BRAC's own funds to support with relief packages containing dry food, safe drinking water, oral saline, matches, candles, essential medicines and water purification tablets for approximately 52,500 families in Sylhet, Sunamganj and Netrokona
- As of 19 June 2022 4,600 relief packages have been mobilised in the hardest hit upazilas and 1,600 packages have been distributed to families most in need (using boats to directly reach the families)



- BRAC is closely working with district and upazila administrations to distribute relief packages
- BRAC's upazila disaster management teams are assessing the situation to determine the number of people affected and their needs
- Emergency Operation Centre activated at the head office and disaster risk management teams are closely liaising with relevant government departments and field staff in the affected districts

## Response: Government of Bangladesh

- Army, navy and coast guard deployed to conduct search and rescue operations and distribution of relief. 31 rescue boats and 30 rescue swimmers mobilised
- District and upazila administrations undertaking emergency relief efforts including distributing dry food package, rice and cash
- 258 shelter centres, 43,000 packages of dry food, 905 metric tonnes rice and BDT 12,775,000 (USD 137,208) cash allocated as relief support

## Immediate needs

- Transportation for evacuation
- Food stock
- Dry food
- Access to safe drinking water
- Livestock fodder
- Medical supplies
- Safe sanitation

**USD 2.2 million is needed to support 80,000 worst affected families, with food, water and other essential needs. Stand beside us, as we stand beside Bangladesh.**

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