



Flooding in northeastern Bangladesh

Situation Report 06: 23 June 2022

Disaster Risk Management Programme

USD 2.2 million is needed to support 80,000 worst-affected families, with food, water and other essential needs.

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SITUATION UPDATE

- Flooding is easing in Sylhet and Sunamganj, but **low-lying areas still remain inundated**
- **People have begun returning homes** as water is receding, but many houses **fully damaged or swept away**
- Most **drinking water sources and sanitation facilities** completely unusable
- **Food, safe drinking water and sanitation facilities** urgently needed
- **Dietary diversity for under 2 children** is a biggest challenge
- **Livestock feed and shelter** is a critical need
- **Prevalence of communicable disease**, particularly waterborne diseases increasing
- **Need for relief support outweigh supply in hard-to-reach** areas in Sylhet and Sunamganj

FLOOD FORECAST

As of 23 June 2022,

- Water level in all major rivers are falling trend
 - Flooding in Sylhet, Sunamganj, Netrokona, Kurigram, Gaibandha, Bogura, Sirajganj, Tangail and Jamalpur expected to decrease
 - Flooding in Kishoreganj and Brahmanbaria expected to remain unchanged
 - Rajbari, Shariatpur and Madaripur to face short-duration flood in the low-lying areas
- (Source: Flood Forecasting and Warning Centre)



BRAC'S ONGOING EMERGENCY RESPONSE

- **55,400 families** being supported with emergency relief packages in Sunamganj, Sylhet, Netrokona, and Kurigram
- **Awareness messages on flood safety and health disseminated** through community radios in flood-hit northern districts

I had no other options but to leave my cows in flood water

The water rose up to 4.5 feet in height from the plinth when our house flooded. I along with my wife and two children took shelter at my in-laws' house, which was also flooded up to three feet. My two cows were my main assets, but I couldn't take them with me. While leaving home I put my cows in a comparatively elevated place. But the water kept increasing. As the water started receding, I came back home but didn't find them.

This was the longest week in our lives. We starved for days. Drinking flood water is the only option. All my assets are gone. I never imagined that our lives would be so miserable.

Ataur Rahman, Comaniganj, Sylhet



Coordination with the local administration is the key of BRAC's response

Director, BRAC Disaster Risk Management Programme along with other BRAC officials, met the Deputy Commissioner and Additional Deputy Commissioner of Sylhet district on June 23, 2022, and briefed on BRAC's ongoing response, and upcoming plan and learned about further needs and governments plan

Key Decisions (June 23, 2022): BRAC Disaster Management Steering Committee

- **In addition to the ongoing response, 50,000 families living in the most vulnerable situations will receive multi-purpose cash, with a special focus on pregnant and lactating women, people living with disabilities**





COMING UP THIS WEEK

- **85 metric tonnes high energy biscuits** to be distributed to **34,000 families**, through donation from World Food Programme. Each family will get 2.5kg biscuits.
- **Over 8,000 families** living in ultra-poverty to be supported with immediate **livestock fodder**.
- **6,80,000 water purification tablets** to be distributed
- **50,000 families** to be supported with cash

RESPONSE: GOVERNMENT OF BANGLADESH

- **4,020 metric tons of rice, 85,000 packets of dry food and BDT 53.6 million (USD 576,619) in cash allocated**

EMERGING NEEDS



Food security



Emergency health
care facilities



Personal hygiene
and dignity kits



Livestock feed



Family shelter



Safe drinking water



Sanitation facilities



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