



# COVID-19 Situation Report #05

(07 May - 20 May 2021)

## Bangladesh Red Crescent Society (BDRCS)



### COVID-19 Situation Overview (till 20 May 2021)

#### Bangladesh



- ⇒ **785,194** cases confirmed
- ⇒ **12,284** deaths from COVID-19
- ⇒ **727,510** patients recovered from the diseases

#### Global

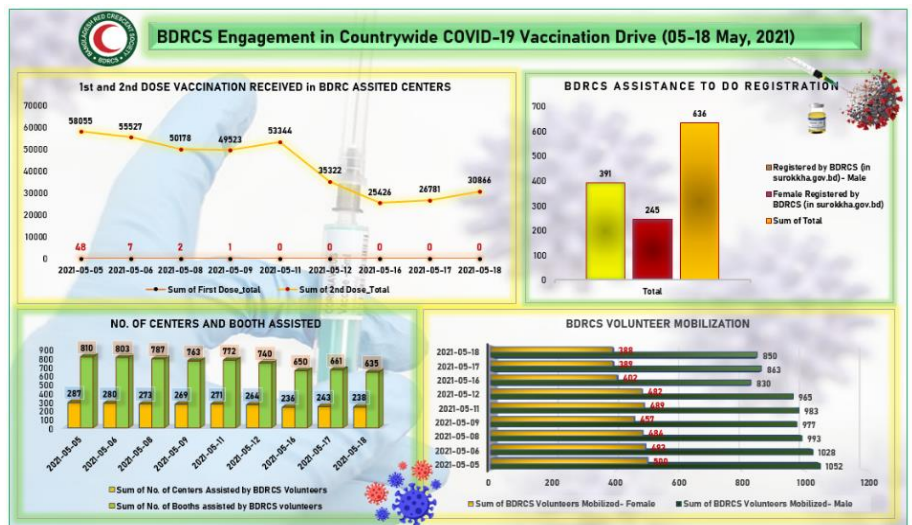


- ⇒ **165,940,647** cases confirmed
- ⇒ **3,438,479** deaths from COVID-19
- ⇒ **145,106,651** patients recovered from the diseases

According to the scientist and public health experts, Bangladesh is currently experiencing the worst period of second wave of COVID-19 which started from March 2021. The second wave reached its peak in the first week of April. The number of the newly affected people and deaths is higher than the last year. However, the country is reporting steep decline in new daily COVID-19 cases over the couple of weeks.

### BDRCS COVID-19 Response

- ⇒ The poor people of Dhaka, Chattogram, Habiganj, Barguna, Munshiganj, Sunamganj, Khagrachari, Bogura, Cumilla and Jaypurhat districts affected by the ongoing lockdown received a total of **49,368 packets of cooked food**.
- ⇒ BDRCS completed distribution of **22,000 food packages** out of total allocated 27,200 food packages through its all 68 district branches and City Red Crescent Branches (400 each) containing rice (7.5kg), lentil (1kg), soyabean oil (1kg), sugar (1kg), salt (1kg), and semolina (0.5kg) in each package.
- ⇒ **1450 Red Crescent volunteers** engaged/day on an average in government vaccination campaign. A glimpse of BDRCS support to **government's vaccination campaign** is presented in the charts.



\*\* Source of info: IEDCR/DGHS/CSSE at Johns Hopkins University/worldometer



⇒ **1000 gift pack** distributed among the health-workers serving in COVID-19 Units of Dhaka Medical College Hospital, National Institute of Ear-Nose-Throat (ENT), Holy Family Red Crescent Medical College & Hospital and Shaheed Suhrawardi Hospital by the own initiative of National Headquarters Red Crescent Youth.

⇒ Red Crescent Youth (RCY) volunteers of Barguna, Khagrachari, and Rangamati are assisting the District Commissioner Office in **distributing essential food products from the Trading Corporation of Bangladesh (TCB)** to insolvent citizens at less than market price.

⇒ Up until the date, **227 COVID-19 positive patients admitted** to the Holy Family Red Crescent

Medical College and Hospital (HFRMCH) and 223 patients have already been released from the hospital.

⇒ On the occasion of World Red Cross Red Crescent Day, **350 on-duty RCY volunteers got appreciation** with flowers and greetings card who are supporting the Government in COVID-19 vaccination program in Dhaka. The program arranged by own initiatives of National Headquarters Red Crescent Youth.

⇒ Habiganj branch distributed **Eid Food package** to support underprivileged people impacted by the current lockdown containing 1kg sugar, 1 litre oil, 2 packet vermicelli, 1 packet milk, 1 packet salt among **300 people** by its own initiatives.

⇒ National Headquarters Red Crescent Youth distributed **Eid Food** package containing 5 kg Rice, 1 kg Lentil, 1 liter Oil, 1 kg Sugar, 1 Kg, 2kg Onion, 2kg Potato, 2 packet Vermicelli among **70 families** by its own initiative.

⇒ **140 people received Oxygen Cylinder service** at free of cost by Bagura, NHQ, Chattogram branch.

⇒ A 3-day long **Road Safety and COVID-19 awareness program** arranged in **6 crowded areas of Dhaka** during 7-9 May by National Headquarters Red Crescent Youth volunteers.

⇒ A total of **167 people received psychosocial support and medical services** through the Psychosocial Support (PSS) call center.

⇒ **133 patients received treatment** (including 10 positive cases) from Integrated Isolation and Treatment Center (IITC) under Population Movement Operation (PMO) in Cox's Bazar.



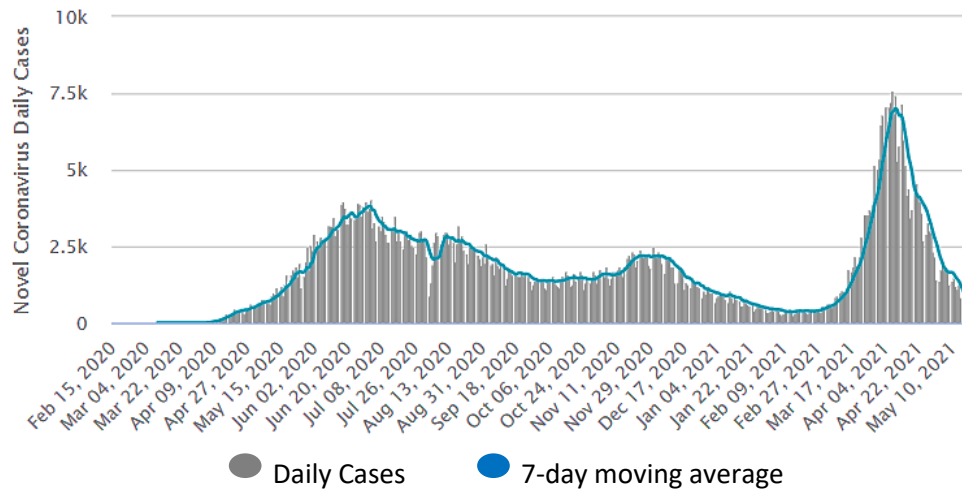
⇒ **396 households** reached with lifesaving awareness messages through outreach activities of the PMO in Cox's Bazar during this reporting period.

⇒ **15,725 sets of female hygiene kits, 320,740 pcs of bath soaps and 160,370 pcs of laundry soaps** distributed to Forcibly Displaced Myanmar Nations (FDMN) under Myanmar Refugee Relief Operation (MRRO) in Cox's Bazar during this reporting period.

⇒ BDRCS received a **formal request from Directorate General of Health Services (DGHS)** to explore **COVID-19 vaccine through Red Cross Red Crescent (RCRC)** channel. In response to this, BDRCS with support from the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC) and its partner will explore possibility of bringing the vaccine to Bangladesh to support the Government's vaccine rollout.

⇒ BDRCS is also **monitoring the situation** in neighbouring countries and **taking necessary preparations** to address any potential impact of surge of the Indian variant in Bangladesh.

### **Daily New COVID-19 Cases in Bangladesh** (source: worldometers.info)



⇒ BDRCS continues providing **awareness raising and life-saving messages on COVID-19** through **social media** (Facebook, Twitter, Linked-in).

### **Response from the Government of Bangladesh**

- ⇒ From 8 April 2021, the government of Bangladesh has been providing second shot of COVID-19 vaccine among the people who got the first jab during the piloting.
- ⇒ The government has extended the ongoing countywide restrictions on movement and inter-district public transport until May 23 to contain the spread of COVID-19.
- ⇒ The government received five lakh doses of the Chinese Sinopharm vaccine on May 12 as a gift will be administered among medical students and nurses. Apart from this, the government started looking for vaccine sources and contacted different countries to secure supplies of their vaccine.
- ⇒ The government has decided that passengers arriving from abroad on special flights will have to stay under institutional quarantine in government-designated hotels for five days.
- ⇒ For DGHS provided latest information on COVID-19 situation in Bangladesh, please visit following database link: <http://103.247.238.81/webportal/pages/covid19.php> and <http://covid19tracker.gov.bd/>
- ⇒ For latest decisions and campaign on COVID-19 from Ministry of Health, Government of Bangladesh: <http://corona.gov.bd>

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