



## Flash Flood 2022

### Situation Report #1, Date:18 May 2022

#### Bangladesh Red Crescent Society

#### Situation:

Due to continuous rains in India's Meghalaya district over the last few days and the onrush of upstream hilly waters, rivers in Sylhet and Sunamganj have breached the danger mark and inundated the low-lying areas including the cities.

According to the news<sup>1</sup>, residents of ten villages including Ibrahimpur, Sadargarh, Syedpur of Sadar upazila, Barkatnagar, Sharippur, Gozaira, Mohabbatpur Mamdpur, Marfati villages in Doarabazar upazila of the district have been marooned by the flash flood. The low-lying areas of Tahirpur and Bishwambharpur upazilas and roads were also inundated, causing immense suffering to the residents, reports UNB. Residents of low-lying areas in Sunamganj city have been forced to leave their houses, with the flood situation worsening in the wake of the Surma river breaching the danger mark.



*Flash flood inundation situation in Sylhet, Photo: BDRCS*

According to district commissioner of Sunamganj district, around 7,200 households marooned in Dowarabazar and Chhatak upazila. According to news<sup>2</sup>, around 200,000 people marooned in Sylhet district.

Road communications in different upazilas of Sylhet and Sunamganj snapped due to flash floods. According to the Department of Agriculture department, Boro crops land are underwater in Sunamganj Sadar, Tahirpur, Chhatak and Doarabazar upazilas.

According to flood forecasting and warning center (FFWC) of Bangladesh water development board<sup>3</sup> (dated 18 May 2022), the flood situation at some low laying areas of Sylhet and Sunamganj districts in the northeastern region may deteriorate in next 24 hours.

<sup>1</sup> [Sylhet city under knee-deep water as flood situation worsens in region \(dhakatribune.com\)](http://www.dhakatribune.com)

<sup>2</sup> <https://www.tbsnews.net/bangladesh/sylhet-goes-under-water-2-lakh-people-marooned-421774>

<sup>3</sup> <http://www.ffwc.gov.bd/index.php/map/inundation-map/bangladesh-today>



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#### Action taken by BDRCS

BDRCS has been closely monitoring the situation since beginning of flash flood and coordinating with concern units and government for responding the flash flood. BDRCS is updating IFRC and in-country participating national societies about the flash flood situation. More than 250 volunteers along with staff are ready to respond in Sylhet and Sunamganj districts. BDRCS volunteers and staff have been regularly sharing updated information with central Emergency Operation Center (EOC). BDRCS already updated its contingency stock. In addition to that BDRCS alerted its Nation Disaster Response Team (NDRT) and Nation Disaster WASH Response Team (NDWRT) members.

Based on available information through central EOC, BDRCS allocated BDT 200,000 for Sylhet unit and BDT 100,000 for Sunamganj Unit to provide dry-food assistance among the flash flood affected households. In addition to that BDRCS also allocated total 35,000 water purification tablets; 1,125 jerrycans and 500 hygiene parcels for Sylhet and Sunamganj unit to meet the emergency need of affected people.



Picture: BDRCS, shared by NDRT member, Sylhet

#### Action taken by Government

FFWC of Bangladesh Water Development Board, has been closely monitoring the flood situation and based on forecast alerting concern government ministries and department to respond. Government has opened flood shelters both in Sylhet and Sunamganj districts and allocated resource to provide relief assistance.

In Sylhet, government has allocated GR Rice 149 MT and Dry food – 1,000 bags. In addition to that 78 flood shelters have been opened where 6,475 people have taken shelter and another 274 shelters have been prepared for affected people.

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