



Flash Flood 2022

Situation Report #2, Date:22 May 2022
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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. Mainly several places of the 5 districts in that region are inundated by excessive rainfall but Sylhet and Sunamganj district affected the most severally.

According to Flood Forecasting and Warning Center (FFWC) of Bangladesh Water Development Board¹ (dated 21 May 2022), flood situation may improve in the several areas of Sylhet whereas situation may be worsened in the low-lying area of Netrokona District. Many people in these areas are living in a very miserable life as they need emergency food and water support immediately.



Some Highlighted point from Need Assessment Working Group (NAWG):

- Around 2 million people have been impacted due to the flood. They are reeling from a food and drinking water crisis. Around 1.5 lakh families in Sylhet and Sunamganj have been without power since 17 May 2022 due to submergence of Power Stations. More than 873 educational

¹ <http://www.ffwc.gov.bd/index.php/map/inundation-map/bangladesh-today>



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institutions, mostly government primary schools, have been closed due to severe flooding in the two districts, causing loss of learning to the students.

- Department of Agricultural Extension's district office confirmed that the flood had already destroyed Aus seedbed in 1,421 hectares, Boro in 1,704 hectares and summer vegetables in 13,340 hectares.
- According to Deputy Director of Sunamganj Agricultural Department, 500 hectares of Boro land have gone under water in Sunamganj Sadar, Tahirpur, Chhatak and Doarabazar upazilas estimating a damage worth BDT 50 million.
- Seven people have been died where Three children aged under 12 years have been died due to lightening
- 96 people have been affected due to waterborne disease reportedly from the Sylhet Civil Surgeon's Office.
- As per the Department of Public Health Engineering (DPHE), 370 tubewell and 3,659 toilets were affected (as of 19 May 2022)

Action taken by Government:

- ❖ 12,313 people along with 571 livestock have taken shelter in 121 shelters in Sylhet District. In Sylhet, Government has provided BDT 15,00,000 (Fifteen Laks only), GR Rice 325 MT and Dry food – 5,605 bags. In addition, another 274 shelters kept prepared for affected people.
- ❖ DPHE of Sylhet raised 35 tubewell and disinfected another 31 damaged tubewells.
- ❖ In Sunamganj, there are around 580 HHs taken shelter in 36 nearby respective shelters whereas another 110 shelters are kept well prepared. District Administration have allocated GR Cash BDT 12,00,000/- along with GR Rice 165 MT and 4,000 bags of dry-food.

Action taken by BDRCS:

- 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.
- 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.
- IFRC, ICRC and in-country PNSs are closely monitoring the situation and providing support to BDRCS as per need.





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Distribution Update from Sylhet Unit:

- Dry-food distribution completed among 4,000 people (Consisting Chira – 1 kg, Gur – .5 kg, ORS – 2pcs) in Sylhet whereas target is 10,000.
- Distribution of purified drinking water around 10,000-liter per-day is ongoing. Till date 20,000-liter purified drinking water have already distributed among 2,000 HHs. Distribution of 20,000 pcs Water Purification Tablets (WPT) are also ongoing. This program has been highlighted in print and electronics media.
- 300 box Hygiene Parcel have also been distributed.



Distribution Updated from Sunamganj Unit:

- 222 food packages (each family received, Rice – 5kg, dal - .5 kg, oil - .5 lit, Potato – 1kg) distribution is ongoing among 220 HHs and the distribution will be completed by 24 May. The same family is receiving Hygiene Parcels and Jerrycan.

Planned activities of BDRCS:

- Considering the need in communities, BDRCS is also preparing launching a DREF an amount of CHF 350,00 where 8,000 HHs (40,000 people) will be assisted through Multi-Purpose Cash Grant, Health, Wash and Shelter support.
- NAWG is preparing for need assessment where BDRCS will be part of the assessment team.

Highlighted BDRCS activities in Media:

1. <https://sylnewsbd.com/%e0%a6%b0%e0%a7%87%e0%a6%a1-%e0%a6%95%e0%a7%8d%e0%a6%b0%e0%a6%bf%e0%a6%b8%e0%a7%87%e0%a6%a8%e0%a7%8d%e0%a6%9f-%e0%a6%b8%e0%a6%bf%e0%a6%b2%e0%a7%87%e0%a6%9f-%e0%a6%87%e0%a6%89%e0%a6%a8%e0%a6%bf-3/>
2. <https://fb.watch/d8TsIQ9C5/> - Mohona TV
3. <https://fb.watch/d8UOENiku-/> - MRT TV
4. <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1FEEwTTVjIRXtFHQjXQ0VTz3-oE-Mw5Oh/view?usp=sharing> – Desh TV.
5. <https://dbcnews.tv/articles/81468> - ABC news.
6. <https://youtu.be/liqNFn1dwoA> - RTV news.

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