The North-Eastern part of Bangladesh has been devastated by torrential rains and flash floods during the second half of last June due to heavy rainfall upstream of India. Flash floods in the same region took place in May this year. Many households are isolated due to floods, while some have taken shelter in open areas or higher ground or in flood shelters. The subsequent floods also washed away infrastructure, land, farmlands, homes, and livelihoods. The flood displaced hundreds of thousands of people and damaged or destroyed more than 150,000 homes, roads, and essential infrastructure. On the other hand, the health impact in terms of deaths, injuries, and infections has been more acute in the flood-affected districts.

According to recent assessment of BDRCS, the market is now functioning. BDRCS continuously in touch with the affected people and along with different agencies assessing the need of the people.
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235,000 water purification tablets, 12,000 sleeping mats and 5,000 tarpaulins, 2,500 jerrycans and 3,500 hygiene parcels allocated.

SCALING UP RESPONSE

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In response to the impacts of recent floods in Bangladesh, BDRCS has developed a comprehensive floods response plan to provide effective integrated assistance among 350,000 floods affected populations. This plan is comprised of both relief and recovery activities. Total funding ask is BDT 950 million (CHF 10 million) and BDRCS has received BDT 82 million (CHF 900,000) commitment and support from PNSs, ICRC, corporate, private office and individual donors. IFRC has also allocated BDT 36 million (CHF 404,334) from its DREF pot. Through IFRC Emergency Appeal more than CHF 500,000 has been raised. BDRCS is receiving donations for this flood affected people, please visit bdrcs.org/donation for any cash and in-kind donations.

Multi-Purpose Cash Grant: Total BDT 14,850,000 distributed among 3,300 households as unconditional multi-purpose cash grants (BDT 4,500/household) out of 40,000 households. Another 5,000 households will be reached in coming weeks.

35,000 food package allocated for distribution

BDRCS assists vulnerable populations identified throughout the planning process, which include pregnant women, lactating mothers, and children under the age of five, as well as female-headed households with the support of the IFRC, ICRC, Partner National Societies, Corporate Partners and personal contributions. On the other hand, women and girls, children, the elderly, people with disabilities, and other marginalized groups or individuals included in the response operation as most vulnerable.

Amena lost her husband in this flood and struggling with her four kids. She thanked BDRCS as the volunteers reached at her home with the unconditional cash support. Photo: BDRCS

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BDRCS will support the affected people in early recovery initiatives, specially in terms of livelihoods, shelter, water and sanitation facilities and disaster risk reduction in line with building back better approach.