



Quarterly Project Report Narrative

FY 2025 Q4: [April 2025] – [June 2025]

A. Progress Narrative

1. Project Overview

Project Name:	Coastal Disaster Risk Reduction & Climate Action (CDRRnCA) Program - Phase 4		
Implementing Partner:	Bangladesh Red Crescent Society (BDRCS)		
Project Start Date:	1/4/2025	Project End Date:	31/12/2027
Budget Total:	\$1,727,825	Location/s:	Country: Bangladesh Locations: Dhaka/BDRCS NHQ (CPP HQ and Control Room/Zonal offices) Three coastal districts of Bagerhat, Khulna and Pirojpur.
Project Sector:	Disaster Preparedness	Project Sub-Sector/s:	Institutional response readiness, community disaster preparedness, organizational development, Branch Capacity Building
LOP Beneficiaries Reached:		LOP Beneficiaries Covered:	
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Project Summary

The purpose of this program is to reduce the impact of disasters and adverse climate change in at least 25 coastal wards across at least three hazard-prone districts in southwest Bangladesh, in the Bay of Bengal. This will be achieved by further enhancing and connecting capacities in preparedness, early warning, anticipatory action, and response components of the disaster management cycle at community, local, sub-district, district, and national levels. Additionally, the program will focus on National Society Development, as well as partnership and coordination with other stakeholders including Ministry of Disaster Management and Relief (MoDMR) and Cyclone Preparedness Programme (CPP) of the Bangladesh Red Crescent Society (BDRCS).

Building off the successes and learnings from Phase 1, Phase 2 and Phase 3, the proposed program in Phase 4 will continue to focus on the existing two key outcomes and also include a third outcome. Firstly, **ensuring individuals and communities build their knowledge of disasters and risks**; self-organize and take individual and collective actions to establish a culture of preparedness and reinforce their networks and connectedness. This will be accomplished through increasing integrated initiatives at the community level in terms of preparedness, early warning and early action, and response in the face of changing climate risks. Secondly, the program seeks to **strengthen BDRCS as an organization through different National Society Development (NSD) initiatives**. It seeks that the organization has established local and national mechanisms to deliver accountable, efficient, effective, and timely support to at-risk populations. This will involve further enhancing tools, systems, institutions, and governance structures to facilitate improved

localized and decentralized readiness, early warning systems, anticipatory action, and response operations. As the third and new outcome, the program plans to **ensure that BDRCS enhance its humanitarian service delivery in managing complex multi-dimensional risks through partnerships, coordination and strategic positioning**. This will be accomplished through partnering with other organizations which can amplify the impact of humanitarian efforts, ensuring a more comprehensive and effective response to complex emergencies; strategic partnerships allow for better resource sharing and optimization; effective coordination with other entities involved in climate change and disaster management ensuring that efforts are well-aligned and that there is a clear division of responsibilities.

The program has the following three overall outcomes;

Outcome 1: Individuals and communities build their knowledge of disaster and climate risk; self-organize and take individual and collective action to establish a culture of preparedness and reinforce their networks and connectedness.

Outcome 2: National Society Development initiatives are in place that enable BDRCS to engage in disaster preparedness and climate action with credibility and accountability.

Outcome 3: BDRCS humanitarian service delivery in managing complex multi-dimensional risks is enhanced through partnerships, coordination and strategic positioning.

2. Financial

Total Budget FY25	Quarter Forecast	Quarter Expenses	% Variance this quarter	Life of Project (LOP) Budget	LOP Expenses	% LOP spent
\$ 46,238	\$ 93,312	\$ 62,752	32.75%	\$ 1,727,825	\$ 62,752	3.63%

3. Project Staffing¹

Personnel Type	Personnel Requirements	Positions Currently Filled	Comments
Partner Staff	30	28	
Partner Volunteers	75	75	Unit/Branch Disaster Response Teams in 3 districts: Bagerhat, Khulna & Pirojpur.

4. Analysis²

4a. Project progress to date:

In FY25Q4, the first quarter of the current program phase, the agreement was signed between BDRCS and American Red Cross to implement this MACP-supported program. In the first calendar year of this phase, the program will continue in the existing 5 Phase II ward³ of Khulna and 8 Phase III wards of Bagerhat & Khulna districts to enhance the existing activities and introduce new components. Moreover, 12 new wards have been selected in 3 unions of Indurkani Upazila⁴ under Pirojpur district following ward selection assessments conducted by joint team of BDRCS-IFRC-AmRC. After conducting assessment, it was decided that CPP will be expanded in all the 5 unions of Indurkani.

Apart from these activities, regular activities such as the monthly meetings of UDMC, PIC as well as courtyard sessions on disaster preparedness and climate change adaptation were held successfully.

¹ Put all paid positions in full-time equivalent; Count as a volunteer any person recruited specifically for the tasks under the project who work greater than 4 hours per year.

² Indicator Tracking Table and updated Gantt chart need to be attached

³ Ward = the lowest tier of Bangladesh geographic administration of the government

⁴ Upazila = sub-district

4b. Summary of current quarter's progress/accomplishments:

Overall Outcome 1: Individuals and communities build their knowledge of disaster and climate risk; self-organize and take individual and collective action to establish a culture of preparedness and reinforce their networks and connectedness.

Objective 1: Communities have relevant skills, knowledge, systems, and resources to reduce disaster, climatic, socioeconomic, and health risks and can prepare, respond, and recover from multidimensional crises in complex contexts.

- **Output 1.1:** 5 existing wards (from Phase 2) are Disaster Ready through an enhanced CPP-led CBDRM model in coordination with WDMC.
 - **Activity 1.1.2:** Support was provided to organize periodic monthly WDMC meetings in all 5 wards of Deluti, Paikgachha, Khulna where a total of 88 (M: 52, F:36, including PwD:4) members of the WDMC participated in these meetings on a monthly average.
 - **Activity 1.1.4:** 152 Courtyard sessions on DRR, Climate Change measures (raising awareness on the issues, hazards, adaptation, mitigation, nature-based solutions etc.) were held in all 5 wards of Deluti, Paikgachha, Khulna where a total of 3,121 (M:161, F:2960, including PwD:7) community members participated.
- **Output 1.2:** 8 existing wards (from Phase 3) are Disaster Ready through an enhanced CPP-led CBDRM model in coordination with WDMC.
 - **Activity 1.2.2:** Support was provided to organize periodic monthly WDMC meetings in all 8 wards of Lata, Paikgachha, Khulna and Panchakaran, Morrelganj, Bagerhat where a total of 122 (M: 63, F:59, including PwD:4) members of the WDMC participated in these meetings on a monthly average.
 - **Activity 1.2.4:** 152 Courtyard sessions on DRR, Climate Change measures (raising awareness on the issues, hazards, adaptation, mitigation, nature-based solutions etc.) were held in all 5 wards of Deluti, Paikgachha Khulna and Panchakaran, Morrelganj, Bagerhat where a total of 2,470 (M:92, F:2378, including PwD:10) community members participated.
 - **Activity 1.2.10:** Complaints and Feedback Mechanism orientation to strengthen the CEA system in the community has been organized in 4 wards of Panchakaran, Morrelganj, Bagerhat where a total of 29 (M: 29, F: 10, including PwD: 1) participated.
- **Output 1.3:** 12 new wards are Disaster Ready through an enhanced CPP-led CBDRM model in coordination with WDMC.
 - **Activity 1.3.1:** Support was provided to form WDMC in all 12 new wards of Indurkani, Pirojpur where a total of 200 members were part of it.
 - **Activity 1.3.4:** Household data have been collected from 5981 (M: 5020, F: 961) members from all 12 new wards of Indurkani, Pirojpur with support from the community organizers and RC Youth volunteers.
- **Output 1.4:** At least 10 non-program wards within the program sub-district replicate the CPP-led CBDRM model in coordination with WDMC.

Objective 2: Youth are resourced to evolve as change agent for climate action in their ward.

- **Output 2.1:** RCY volunteers are trained, equipped, and engaged in climate action.
 - **Activity 2.1.2:** 49 (M: 22, F: 27) Youths have been engaged in the 12 new program wards of Pirojpur to support the community organizers to collect the household data.
- **Output 2.2:** Youth of the wards understand climate change better and develop action plan supported by trained RCY.
- **Output 2.3:** At least 10 schools implemented their school preparedness plan to reduce their vulnerability to climate and disaster risks.
- **Output 2.4:** Youth are engaged in climate action networks for learning, sharing and advocacy.

Objective 3: Youth are engaged in climate action networks for learning, sharing and advocacy.

- **Output 3.1:** Women have better understanding on climate change related issues.
- **Output 3.2:** Capacity of women are enhanced on health and climate issues through skill development.
- **Output 3.3:** Women are connected and learn about climate change through collaboration with local network and relevant government line department.

Objective 4: CPP units have increased capacities to support multi-hazard preparedness, anticipatory action, early warning, response and climate action.

- **Output 4.1:** Readiness capacity of new CPP units is enhanced through training & equipment provision.
- **Output 4.2:** Readiness capacity of existing CPP units is enhanced through training & equipment provision.
- **Output 4.3:** Coordination among CPP units is enhanced within sub-districts level.
 - **Activity 4.3.1:** 14 CPP unit bi-monthly meetings have been organized for quality implementation of the program activities and preparedness for response activities where a total of 194 (M: 91, F: 103) CPP volunteers participated.
 - **Activity 4.3.3:** Awareness campaign have been organized in all program districts in relation to Anticipatory Action and Response initiative of Heatwave through volunteers. As a part of the awareness, providing safe drinking water, miking and leaflet distribution.

Overall Outcome 2: National Society Development initiatives are in place that enable BDRCS to engage in disaster preparedness and climate action with credibility and accountability.

Objective 5: BDRCS has enhanced mechanisms which strengthen their credibility and accountability on climate action towards stakeholders.

- **Output 5.1:** BDRCS climate strategy is endorsed by the governing board and implemented.
- **Output 5.2:** BDRCS's Auxiliary role is reinforced and promoted through various forums and platforms.

Objective 6: BDRCS has enhanced systems and capacity for better service delivery in disaster management and climate action in complex multidimensional context.

- **Output 6.1:** BDRCS tools or systems related to AA and response are scaled up through IFRC to strengthen BDRCS' disaster and climate risk management.
 - **Activity 6.1.1:** 5-day Basic Training for 24 (F: 24) new Community Organizers have been organized for quality program implementation and communication. Moreover, a 2-day program induction meeting organized in Hotel Omni Residency, Baridhara, Dhaka where 32 (M-26, F-06) staff and representatives from BDRCS/AmRC/IFRC participated. The main objective of this induction meeting was to share the detailed implementation plan and the overall strategic vision of the Coastal Disaster Risk Reduction and Climate Action (Phase-4) Programme.
- **Output 6.2:** BDRCS's service delivery capacity for disaster management is improved through accessing and applying GoB disaster management related database.

Objective 7: System and Capacity of BDRCS unit offices are enhanced for effective climate action.

- **Output 7.1:** Branch Development Plan aligning climate action is formulated and endorsed.
- **Output 7.2:** Climate action forum/platform at district level is functional/strengthened.

Overall Outcome 3: BDRCS humanitarian service delivery in managing complex multi-dimensional risks is enhanced through partnerships, coordination and strategic positioning.

Objective 8: CPP has increased capacity through sustained cooperation from BDRCS and in collaboration with MoDMR.

- **Output 8.1:** CPP national level early warning system is expanded in coordination with MoDMR, BMD & local government institutions.
- **Output 8.2:** CPP learning is documented, shared and promoted to replicate other hazard EWEA under EW4all platforms.

Objective 9: Local actors including BDRCS branches are supported to enhance local disaster management committees' capacities in managing shocks and stressors through Area Based Coordination (ABC) and Comprehensive Risk Management (CRM).

- **Output 9.1:** At least 1 sub-district level RRAP is developed/updated using ABC-CRM approach.
- **Output 9.2:** Response readiness knowledge & skills of BDRCS branch, DMC and stakeholders are enhanced to deal with engaging in line with Standing Orders on Disaster (SOD) 2019.
 - **Activity 9.2.1:** Program inception meeting held in National Head Quarter and in the upazila level. The total number of participants were 184 (M-157, F-27). The main objective of the inception meeting was to share the detailed implementation plan and the overall strategic vision of the Coastal Disaster Risk Reduction and Climate Action (Phase-4) Programme.

Objective 10: Strategic partnership by BDRCS is developed to increase their capacities to deal with complex multidimensional threats, including climate change impacts such as water scarcity, salinity and displacement.

- **Output 10.1:** BDRCS established/strengthened formal partnership with at least 2 technical agencies/private companies/local actors to address complex issues faced by vulnerable communities.
- **Output 10.2:** 2 collaborative engagement is executed with new and existing partners.
- **Output 10.3:** Support BDRCS for humanitarian services and other interventions through IFRC's Unified Plan.

Objective 11: BDRCS reinforce their strategic positioning as a leading humanitarian agency through promoting innovation & learning in partnership with national, regional and academic institutions.

- **Output 11.1:** Learnings are developed, promoted and replicated within BDRCS, RCRC movement & external stakeholders programming.
- **Output 11.2:** Engagement of BDRCS is strengthened in national level thematic & technical forums/meetings and processes.
 - **Activity 11.2.1:** World RCRC Day 2025 and World Environmental Day 2025 have been observed in National, District, Sub-district, and Community level in collaboration with all respective stakeholders. A total of 1,265 (M: 958, F: 307) people participated in observing the event.

4c. Current Challenges:

None to report this quarter.

Issue/Risk Log

Name/Description	Plan of Action	Person Responsible	Month Started/ Status
Change in BDRCS Governance	Rapport building with new appointees	DCRM Director and Program Manager	June 2025

4d. American Red Cross Action Needed:

5. Accountability to Beneficiaries Feedback Data:

Feedback			
Feedback/question received	Responses/Action	Number	Status
None to report this quarter.			

6. Cross-Cutting Themes

7. Transition Strategy

8. Reflections, Anecdotes, Stories and Photos

Photos



Staff induction Meeting



CEA orientation in Bagerhat



Community Organizer Basic Training



Heat Action awareness



Art competition in school to celebrate heat action day and world environment day 2025



Monthly coordination meeting

9. Annexes

1. Indicator Tracking Table⁵
2. Gantt Chart⁶

B. Feedback on the QPR

⁵ Use the complete Indicator Tracking Table (ITT).

⁶ This should reflect the updated work plan for the entire project. It should be the updated version of the Gantt chart that was initially approved as part of the Logframe/Gantt annex of the signed agreement with the American Red Cross.

Part B serves as a template to provide comments to the quarterly progress report and provide organized feedback to national society. The feedback helps the project receive timely and appropriate technical advice, if any.

Feedback Prepared by:	
Review Date:	

Feedback:

Programmatic including monitoring and evaluation:

Financial:

Administrative:

Partnership: