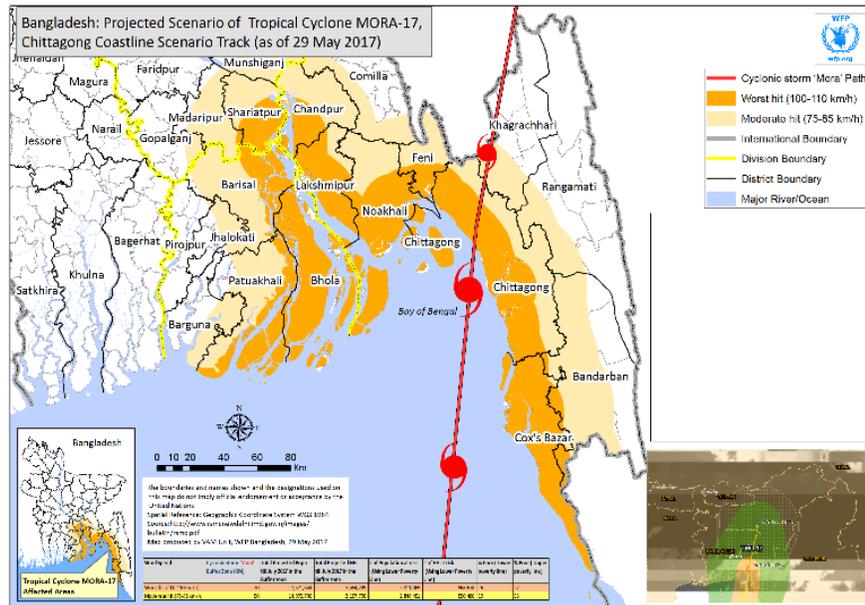




## Office of the UN Resident Coordinator Flash Update No. 1

### Bangladesh | 2017 Severe Cyclonic Storm Mora

30 May 2017 (3:00 PM, GMT+6:00): Cyclonic storm Mora has made landfall in Bangladesh's coastal region at 06.00 this morning, with heavy rains and winds estimated at 117 km/h (73mph). Approximately 2,811,465 people are affected across 12 high-risk coastal districts in Bangladesh. According to government sources, nearly 300,000 people were evacuated yesterday from affected areas on the southern coast and houses and property have been damaged in Cox's Bazaar. Continued rain is expected which will exacerbate the situation for those whose homes have been destroyed. Two villages in the Cox's Bazaar area, and three villages in Chittagong have been flooded. Initial reports suggest damage to shelter in camps sheltering Rohingya refugees, is severe in makeshift settlements, particularly in Balukhali and Shamlapur in Cox's Bazaar. The government has opened 24-hour crisis centers to monitor the situation from Dhaka and in vulnerable districts. According to the National Health Crisis Management Centre and Control Room of the Directorate General of Health Services (DGHS), there have been reports of 2 casualties so far. As of 15:00 the Meteorological Department announced a diminished danger signal from 10 to 3.



The Ministry of Disaster Management and Relief has allocated BDT 2,200,000 (USD 26,800) and 1050 MT of rice to seven vulnerable districts including Chittagong, Cox's Bazaar, Noakhali, Laxmipur, Feni, Bhola, and Patuakhali. Smaller amounts of rice and emergency funding have been provided to an additional five districts including Khulna, Bagerhat, Satkhira, Barisal, and Barguna. The Bangladesh Red Cross and Red Crescent Society (BDRCS) has allocated BDT 600,000 (USD 7,300) to six districts to procure dry food for displaced people. WFP has 112 metric tons of fortified biscuits available on the ground and more on the way (procured and produced locally). The initial deployment of food support will target the most vulnerable areas, especially Cox's Bazaar district. The WHO, DGHS and other partners are closely monitoring the situation at the national and local levels. A total of 1,169 medical teams have been formed to manage the health situation as the cyclone passes. Emergency medical buffer supplies are already in place, and there are no shortages of emergency drugs in all affected areas for the moment.

Government officials called a meeting with humanitarian responders, including members of the Humanitarian Coordination Technical Team (HCTT) co-chaired by the UN, on May 29, 2016, and requested all partners to stand by and be ready to support the government effort. Information management has been identified as a critical area where the humanitarian community can play a particularly critical role, especially in providing needs assessments. An assessment report will be produced after 72 hours based on conditions in the field. Based on the assessment of the findings, the HCTT may engage with the Government to develop a Humanitarian Response Plan (HRP) to complement the government's effort.

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