1. **Situation Overview:**

According to National Disaster Response Coordination Center (NDRCC), 21 districts of northern, north-eastern and south-eastern Bangladesh are most affected due to continuation of week-long monsoon rains in the upstream regions and throughout the country. A greater impact in the northern districts is predicted by 19th July 2019. The flood situation has been worsening in a number of districts resulting cut off road communications and stranded hundreds of thousands of people. It has also led to a shortage of food and drinking water and causing water-borne diseases.

The overall forecast on rainfall scenario by Flood Forecasting and Warning Center (FFWC) represents water level transformation alongside the greater Jamuna-Brahmaputra basin as represented below:

![Figure 1: Forecast on change of water level at Bahadurabad (source: FFWC)](image-url)
2. Red Cross Red Crescent Action:
All the activities carried out in Bangladesh under Red Cross Red Crescent umbrella, are executed by Bangladesh Red Crescent Society while IFRC, ICRC and different Partner National Societies (PNSs) support them with necessary finance, logistics and human resources.

Bangladesh Red Crescent Society’s (BDRCS) Action:
A meeting at BDRCS national headquarters took place on 17 July 2019 for better coordination among RCRC movement partners for ongoing flood response. The following updates come from the meeting:

- BDRCS Response Updates from units:
  a. **Khagrachari**: 9 teams consisting 15 RCY volunteers working at 9 upazila. 200 packets hygiene kits will be distributed at Khagrachari Sadar and Dighinala.
  b. **Netrokona**: A team of 92 RCY actively working for emergency response. 10 RCY members operating the control room. 25 UDRT and 35 RCY members distributed 400 food packages among the flood affected families.
  c. **Lalmonirhat**: 15 RCY volunteers actively working, 150 dry food packages distributed on 16 July 2019.
  d. **Sunamganj**: 5 EC members and 15 RCY volunteers distributed dry food packets among 200 flood affected families.
  e. **Bandarban**: BDT 1 lakh is allocated for Bandarban Unit for purchasing necessary raw materials to provide cooked food to the affected communities. 123 RCY volunteers actively working for flood response.
  f. **Cox’s Bazar**: 6 groups consisting a total number of approx. 50 RCY volunteers raising awareness in the areas that are most vulnerable to landslides.
  g. **Chattogram District**: 400 hygiene parcel distributed.
  h. **Chattogram city**: 200 hygiene parcel distributed. 72 RCY volunteers working there.
  i. **Sylhet**: 50 RCY volunteers are ready to execute the plan of providing dry food packages among 200 affected families.
  j. **Rangamati**: A total number of 75 RCY volunteers are supporting different unit activities such as distribution of 400 hygiene parcel packages.
  k. **Gaibandha**: 1500 litre drinking water and 60 polythene sheets to make temporary shelters distributed among flood affected families.
  l. **Kurigram**: 25 UDRT and 15 RCY volunteers are ready to support.

- Disaster Response department has formed three teams for Emergency needs assessment in the south eastern, north-eastern and northern flood affected districts.
- BDRCS is providing life-saving and awareness messages through its social media accounts.
- A total number of 605 RCY volunteers are actively engaged in this flood response activities.
- A joint monitoring team consisting representatives from BDRCS, IFRC and PNSs will carry out monitoring visits during DREF implementation.
International Federation of Red Cross & Red Crescent Societies (IFRC) Action:
- IFRC Bangladesh country office is monitoring the situation and coordinating closely with BDRCS and with its sub-office at Cox’s Bazar.
- To ensure internal coordination, it is participating all meetings organized by BDRCS together with other in-country partners.
- Following today’s coordination meeting IFRC sent DREF request to its Headquarter in Geneva to support through its Asia Pacific regional office. This DREF primarily targets to support 10,000 most affected families in 10 highly affected districts. The intervention will support in different modalities through dry food, multi-purpose cash grant, tarpaulin, shelter toolkits, hygiene parcels, and vegetable seeds etc.
- IFRC representative will participate at the humanitarian coordination task team (HCTT) meeting on 18 July 2019, organized by UNRC.

PNSs Actions:
- In-country partnering national societies (PNSs) i.e. American Red Cross, Danish Red Cross, German Red Cross, Swedish Red Cross, Swiss Red Cross, Turkish Red Crescent, British Red Cross, together with IFRC and ICRC are also closely coordinating with BDRCS.
- German RC identified 92 most vulnerable unions under Bogra, Gaibandha, Jamalpur, Kurigram, Rangpur, and Sirajganj district. Through their FbF programme, multi-purpose cash-grant to 500 families (BDT 4500 each) will be provided at Chilmari and Naycharhat upazila under Kurigram district.
- Swiss RC will support FbF/FbA identified most vulnerable Fazlupur union under Gaibandha district through their emergency support program.
- Qatar Red Crescent will support BDRCS in the flood response operations in Cox’s Bazar district.
- Turkish Red Crescent will support BDRCS in the flood response operations in Chattogram district.

ICRC Actions:
International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) Bangladesh Delegation is essentially supporting in Konarpara camp in Bandarban district. However they are carrying out a needs assessment survey in 3 districts of Chattogram Hill Tract (CHT) for providing further support.

3. Government of Bangladesh (GoB) Actions:
The Government of Bangladesh through BMD and FFWC is continuously monitoring the situation while MoDMR has taken all necessary measures to prepare for supporting flood affected people. The following are the major hotline numbers for information on ongoing flooding situation:
- The control number of Bangladesh Water Development Board for flood response is 1090.
- Bangladesh Television hotline 48312685, email: btvnewsroom@yahoo.com
- Bangladesh Sangbad Sangtha hotline 9555036, email: bssnews@bssnews.net
- Bangladesh Betar hotline 8181897, 8181896 and email: cnobetar@gmail.com
- Press Information department hotline 9512246, 9514988, 9540019 and email: piddhaka@gmail.com

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