Cyclone Bulbul updates:

Severe Cyclone Bulbul has weakened into a deep depression and the signal was lowered down from ten (10) to three (3) this morning (BMD). It hit Bangladesh last night making landfall in Sundarban of Khulna division around 12:00AM. At this time, wind speed was 74 kmph and the tide was low. The depression is forecasted to move in the north-west direction as it further weakens. A total of four (4) deaths have been reported.

BRAC staff standing by at the high risk districts have reported many uprooted trees and some damaged houses causing injury to people; especially at Satkhira, Barguna, Khulna and Bhola districts. At all districts, poultry farms, agricultural land, fish and shrimp farm enclosures were submerged by saline water. Apart from this, a BRAC office building at Shoronkhola, Bagerhat was partially damaged due to a fallen tree.

Cyclone Bulbul: At a glance

- Moved across 9 districts
- Maximum wind speed 74 KMPH &
- Tidal surge up to 7 feet height
- Great danger signal 10 hoisted at coastal districts
- Government allocated BDT 2,000 MT of rice, BDT 4.5mil for cash support, & BDT 900,000 for fodder
Reported impact of cyclone Bulbul

Sheltered people
- 2,106,918 people evacuated to 5,787 cyclone shelters.
- Most are returning to their homes, except those at Bagerhat and Satkhira.

Death, injured and missing persons
- 4 persons died.
- 30 persons injured.
- 15 fishermen with their boat are missing.

Damaged houses, livelihood and community infrastructure
- Reportedly above 17,000 houses were partially damaged at Satkhira district.
- One embankment was breached at Barguna district.
- Shrimp farm enclosures submerged.
- Fish farms were washed away.
- Saline water intruded into agricultural land.

Impact on nature
- Significant number of trees were uprooted; especially at Khulna (Dacope & Koyra) and Satkhira (Shyamnagar) districts.
- The trees are being cleared from the roads to prevent communication obstruction.

BRAC’s response:

Communication with the communities: BRAC staff are still closely monitoring the situation at the affected districts and is continuing to gather information and disseminate information to the communities. Community members themselves from union level are directly in touch with BRAC staff and have informed uprooted trees, submerged ponds and damaged houses in their area.

Food distribution: This morning, BRAC emergency team of Bagerhat district has served breakfast to 600 people who were at cyclone shelters; 500 people at Shoronkhola sub-district and 100 people at Mongla sub-district.

Information Need Assessment: A team has already been deployed in the affected region for a Rapid Need Assessment (RNA). The report is expected to be available by Monday, 11 Nov 2019.