

Situation Report no. 138

Disaster Title: Cold Wave

Date and Time of onset: January 12, 2010

Location of the disaster: Bangladesh.

Event Details:

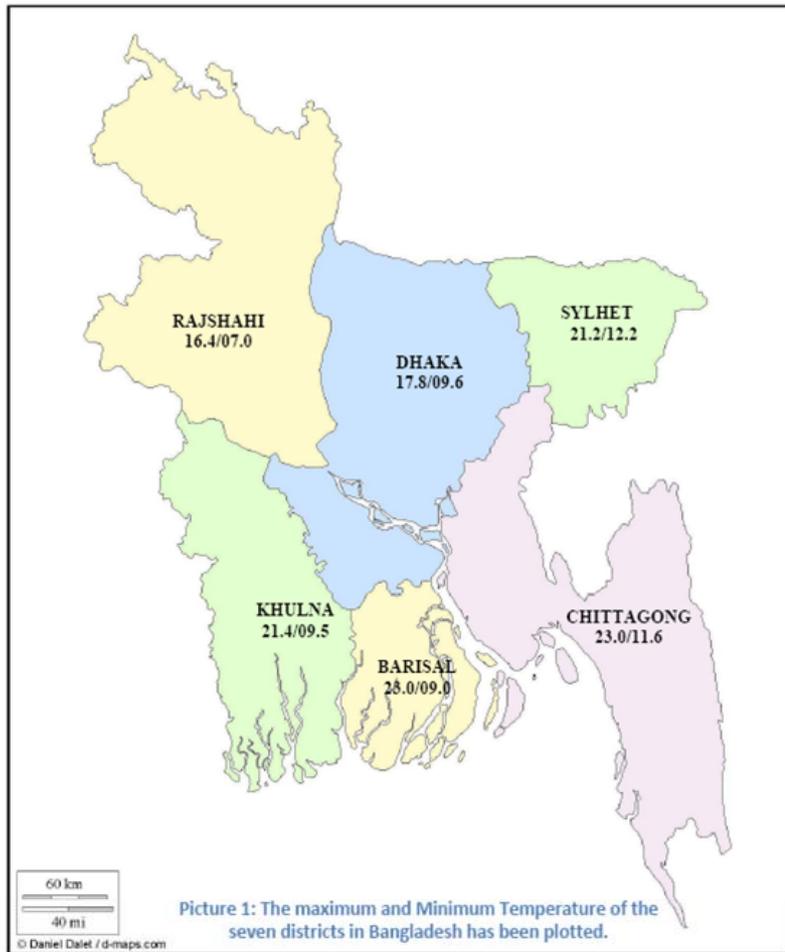
Another mid cold wave sweeping over western, northern and central parts of the country may continue for next few days. According to the Bangladesh Meteorological Department, the average temperature in the country more below average temperatures are expected before the end of winter. The lowest winter temperature in three years was recorded yesterday in Srimangal.

According to Bangladesh Meteorological Department (BMD) weather forecast, the Weather is likely to remain mainly dry with partly cloudy sky over the country.

Prevailing severe cold wave over Ishurdi, Jessore and Chudanga regions and moderate cold wave over srimangal, Rajshahi, Bogra regions and mild cold wave over Dhaka division & rest of the Khulna division & the regions of comilla, Chandpur, Feni, Hatiya, Sayedpur, Dinajpur, Barisal & Bhola may continue. Moderate to thick fog may occur over the country.

The weather condition for the last day is given bellow:

Date	Country's Temperature (degrees Celsius)	
	Lowest /District	Highest /District
05.01.2010	5.0 in Srimongal	27.3 in Teknaf



Impacts/damages:

Affected area	Damage	Action Taken
Dinajpur	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Thousands of homeless people are unprotected from the cold and they are trying to stay warm during nights by burning dry leaves and wooden sticks. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The district administration has distributed around 6,000 blankets and Tk. 80,000 for each of the 13 upazilas. The NGOs and individuals have also come forward to assist the vulnerable people.
Meherpur	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Four elderly persons died of cold related illnesses in the last two days. There are an estimated six lakh people in need of warm clothes. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The government has allotted 1,000 blankets.
Rajshahi	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Thousands of people are suffering due to a lack of warm clothes. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The district administration requested 10,000 blankets for the government to distribute amongst the homeless. The government had sent Tk 1 lakh for each upazila and had distributed a total of 2,300 blankets.
Moulvibazar	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The people of low income groups were suffering for the chilly weather. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The distribution of warm clothes among the stressed people will begin through local government representatives.
Thakurgaon	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> About 100 children were admitted to Thakurgaon General Hospital and four hundred more people, mostly children were sent to the health complexes with complaints of cold-related diseases. A number of schools in the district have remained closed for a couple of days because of the shivering cold. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none">
Northern Districts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Boro seedbeds in greater Rajshahi region are turning yellowish and withering away due to severe cold. 	

Source: *The Daily New Age* (P. 1, Col. 6) dated 13.01.2010.

The Daily Star (P.12, Col. 6) dated 13.01.2010.

www.bmd.gov.bd/document/weather_forecast.doc,

Reporting by:
NIRAPAD Secretariat
19/13 (Ground Floor), Babar Road, Block-B,
Mohammadpur, Dhaka
Bangladesh