Highlights

- More than six million people are affected by the flooding in northern and central Bangladesh that claimed over 100 lives.
- On 30 August, the Humanitarian country team met with the Government and launched a Humanitarian Response Plan targeting 330,000 people in six most affected districts.
- With UNICEF support, the government is responding to approximately 1.5 million flood-affected population by raising, repairing and disinfecting 40,000 tube-wells; as well as providing 1 million water purification tablets, 837 hygiene kits, 6,400 jerry cans and 5,080 kg of bleaching powder.
- With district education authorities, UNICEF is preparing to provide emergency education services in a protective environment to an initial 6,000 children immediately after water level goes down.

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2,553,000
# of children in need of humanitarian assistance

6,900,000
# of people in need
(HCTT Response Plan)

UNICEF Appeal 2017
US$ 4.8 million
Situation Overview & Humanitarian Needs

Since 12 August 2017, heavy monsoon rains have caused intense flooding across more than one-third of Bangladesh. The Ministry of Disaster Management and Relief (MoDMR) reported that the floods are the worst in the last four decades. The Bangladesh Meteorological Department’s latest bulletin warns that further heavy rainfall is expected to continue.

As of 27 August 2017, the Government of Bangladesh reports that the floods have affected 31 districts in the northern, north eastern, and central parts of the country due to the overflowing of the Brahmaputra-Jamuna River, affecting more than six million people. It is feared that the central region of the country will be increasingly affected as waters move towards the Bay of Bengal. Nearly 100 metres of a dam in Manikganj has already been washed away, and the lower part of the capital city, Dhaka, is predicted to be flooded in the coming days.

An estimated 524,375 houses are reported to have been partially damaged and 77,272 are believed to have been destroyed by the floods. Some 703 shelters in flood-affected areas are sheltering more than 197,000 people. According to the Directorate General of Health Services (DGHS), a total of 13,035 cases of water-borne diseases have been linked to the extensive flooding, including Acute Watery Diarrhoea (AWD), skin diseases, acute respiratory infections, and eye infections. 703 schools have been turned into temporary shelters by the local administration. Moreover, a total of 2,292 primary and community schools have been affected by the floods. Primary data from 19 districts shows that 54,345 tube wells have been partially or fully damaged, and 184,791 household latrines have been inundated or damaged or flashed away. An estimated 4,680,000 hectares of cultivated land has been damaged. Access to affected areas is challenging, as around 1,214 km of roads, 100 bridges and culverts, and 15 km of rail tracks between Dinajpur and Dhaka are damaged.

Affected children and their families are in urgent need of shelter, food, safe drinking water and sanitation as well as protection. Children are at risk of injury, exploitation and abuse as there is no safe place in the temporary shelters or roads, and parents are occupied with flood response. In addition, 50 per cent of females, in particular, in government shelters indicated that they were not feeling safe; particularly while using latrines and places for bathing. Children are out of school and it is not clear at this stage when they will resume schooling.

Humanitarian Leadership and Coordination

- The government has allocated 87.43 million BDT (USD$ 1.1 million), 26,726 MT of rice and 65,260 dry food packages to flood-affected districts. It has also allocated 31,980 bundle of Corrugated Iron (CI) sheet and 95.9 million BDT

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1 HCTT Response Plan – Monsoon Floods, September 2017
2 Directorate of Primary Education information and primary filed assessment reported by education partners
3 Department of Public Health Engineering (DPHE)
4 Department of Agriculture (DAE)
5 Roads and Highway Department and Local Government Engineering Department (LGED)
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USD $1.2 million for house reconstruction. Furthermore, 1,945 local medical teams have been deployed to respond to emerging communicable diseases.

- UNICEF participates in the Humanitarian Coordination Task Team (HCTT) which includes government and humanitarian actors. On 19 August, an ad-hoc HCTT was held to ensure clusters work closely with national counterparts to learn about their on-going and planned response, and to jointly identify gaps that could be supported by the humanitarian community. A second HCTT took place on 30 August to share situation updates and gap analysis by clusters, and to develop a HCTT flood response plan. The response plan will target 330,000 people in Gaibandha, Dinajpur, Kurigram, Jalmapur, Nilphamari and Sirajganj. The plan was launched this week.

- UNICEF is leading WASH and Nutrition clusters, and co-leading the Education cluster with Save the Children and Child Protection sub-cluster with Plan International. All clusters and sub-clusters under UNICEF lead and co-lead are in close contact with their members to assess the situation and discuss response plan.

- UNICEF, WFP, UNFPA and UNDP are submitting a CERF Rapid Response request for approximately US$2 million, for which UNICEF will seek US$548,800 for WASH, and US$150,200 for Child Protection and Education.

Summary Analysis of Programme Response

Water, Sanitation and Hygiene

The Department of Public Health Engineering (DPHE) with the support from UNICEF is responding to approximately 1.5 million flood-affected people in 25 districts by raising 2,298 tube-wells, repairing 10,322 tube-wells, disinfecting 28,352 tube-wells, installing 379 tube-wells, constructing 828 latrines in flood shelters, and distributing 1,045,625 water purification tablets, 5,080 kg of bleaching powder, 6,400 jerry cans and 837 hygiene kits. UNICEF is conducting a sectoral assessment with local government and forecasting that improved Water, Sanitation and Hygiene services to 278,000 people (equivalent to 5,560 households) in Jamalpur, Netrokona Dinajpur, Kurigram, Gaibandha, Netrokona and Sirajganj District, will be needed over the next six months.

Child Protection and Communication for development

UNICEF in close coordination with divisional government is supporting broadcasting of key messages on drowning and snake bites through national and regional radio as well as mobile teams with loud speaker to prevent death. In addition, child protection surge team is arriving on the ground next week. UNICEF’s objective is to support 40,620 boys and girls (aged 6-10), and adolescents (aged 11-18), in Jamalpur, Netrokona Dinajpur, Kurigram, Gaibandha, Netrokona and Sirajganj District with access to child protection and development services through Child Friendly Spaces (CFS) and adolescents clubs.

Health

UNICEF is supporting government medical mobile teams to provide emergency medical support to flood-affected families. Under this sector, UNICEF’s objective is to improve the status of Maternal, Neonatal and Child Health services for 20,000 children, 25,000 women and 25,000 men in Dinajpur, Kurigram, Gaibandha, Netrokona and Sirajganj District.

Education

With district education authorities, UNICEF has identified government primary schools to be repaired immediately after water level goes down in order to restore basic education services in a protective environment that will benefit
approximately 5,600 children. UNICEF is also in the process of establishing temporary learning spaces and transitional schools with provision of education in emergencies kits to 800 children and is organising boats for transportation of children and teachers for their commute to schools.

UNICEF is conducting sectoral assessment with local government and forecasting to restore education services in the worst affected schools for 110,050 children in Jamalpur, Netrokona Dinajpur, Kurigram, Gaibandha, Netrokona and Sirajganj District, over the next six months.

Nutrition

Under this sector, UNICEF’s objective is to improve the nutritional status of 60,000 children under age five and 30,000 pregnant and lactating women in Jamalpur, Netrokona Dinajpur, Kurigram, Gaibandha, Netrokona and Sirajganj District. UNICEF is forecasting that this is needed for the next six months, which will be updated as soon as sectoral assessment is finalised.

Supply and Logistics

UNICEF is in close coordination with the DPHE to transfer WASH supplies to the affected areas. In addition, UNICEF is transferring its education in emergencies kits prepositioned in its Kulna warehouse to the affected areas. Nationally, UNICEF prepositioned emergency WASH, Nutrition, Child Protection and Education stocks to cover humanitarian needs of 100,000 people. However, considering the scale of the current flood and renewed influx of Undocumented Myanmar Nationals to Bangladesh to Cox’s Bazar, it is challenging to provide adequate stocks to the people in needs.

Media and External Communication

As an immediate action during the flood, social media messages were posted on the UNICEF Facebook along with short video clips, photographs and interviews of field staff and the local communities covering the flood situation updates. A videographer was deployed in the field and a short video documentary on flood situation and UNICEF response has been developed and uploaded in the UNICEF Facebook page. A press release on the UNICEF flood response was also issued to the national media.

Funding

UNICEF is requesting US$4.8 million to reach 102,860 children and their families affected by the flood. To accelerate immediate response, UNICEF has reprogrammed US$90,000 for an immediate response in the education sector.

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*To accelerate the immediate response, internal funds in the amount of US$90,000 were reprogrammed to the education sector.

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