ADMINISTRATION DEPARTMENT

The Department distributed identity card to BDRCS officials at National Headquarters (NHQ), Units, Maternal Care Hospital, Blood Donation Centre and others. The objective is to increase accessibility of BDRCS officials to other institutions whenever needed. A total of 365 staff against the target 478 was covered till the reporting month. Besides, visiting cards had also been prepared and distributed to 220 staff of the BDRCS.

As a regular activity, the Department prepared 10 day roster for guards and security persons in order to ensure office and asset security. Different official documents like office orders, circulars and notice had been distributed among the staff at NHQ BDRCS. the Department also undertook various works like, preparing an absent statement of the BDRCS staff, electricity and Robi Telecom bill and submitted to the Finance Department for taking necessary action regarding this issue.

COMMUNITY BASED DISASTER RISK REDUCTION (CBDRR) PROGRAMME

Disaster Response Emergency Fund (DREF) has been established in 6 communities of Jessore, Jamalpur and Charfession upazila of Bhola district. The key objective is to strengthen the capacity of the Community Disaster Management Committee (CDMC) in order to conduct small scale emergency relief operations before reaching any other support. Under this initiative, the CDMC members deposited BDT 95395 during July to December 2015. The achievement was 77.98% in respect to 6 months target and the reason of lower status of achievement is community people had bad experienced on such contribution. Each household under 4 communities contributed BDT 5 per month and BDT 10 was given by each household in the 2 communities in Jessore.

Figure: Collection of financial contribution from the community for Disaster Response Emergency Fund (DREF) against target.

Court yard sessions were conducted with the micro group members of the programme once in a month. The objective is to exchange their view on DRR and ongoing activities.
The CBDRR programme organized mobile health camp for the community people in the interventions areas during Jul-Dec, 2015. Besides, patient consultation was provided by a specialized doctor in each community. A total of 27 health camps were organized against the target of 30 in the communities under Jessore, Satkhira, Bhola and Jamalpur District. After the health check-up patients received necessary medicine from the programme. A total of 5068 community people received consultation and medicine for various health complications.

The CBDRR programme had a plan to conduct a consultancy meeting on agriculture in July 2015 however due to rough weather it was held. Besides, in August 2015, the programme was able to conduct 1 meeting on fishery support against the target of two.

School sessions were conducted with the presence of students and teachers of the schools in the respective communities. These sessions mostly focused on various aspects of disaster risk reduction, climate change related issues and predominant hazards in the community. The cumulative achievement in conducting school session (265 sessions) is more than the expectation (223 sessions). It happened because in August, 2015 the programme tried to cover additional 39 school sessions which were planned in July 2015. A total of 265 sessions were conducted with 13628 participants, including 5601 male and 8027 female in the intervention areas. Participants acquired knowledge on vulnerability, capacity, possible risk of hazard and its relation to climate change. Besides, three students in each session received awards (3 students in each session) based on merit after evaluating the knowledge of the students through a quiz competition.

CBDRR programme, to ensure livelihood support in the community, has planned to establish seed bank in the community. Women headed households were prioritized regarding beneficiary selection. Technical verification on the primary beneficiary selection completed by CDMC was conducted by the project staff of the respective Units in all 12 Communities. In November 2015, 8 women headed households received materials for seed bank in sheikpura and Kathaltola community of Jessore District. It has created a platform for the local farmers for getting seeds during crisis especially after any disaster. High quality seed will also ensure high yield which will ultimately contribute towards reduction of risk of the households.

Besides, women can increase their income and get benefit from the business in terms of exchanging the seeds which will also contribute towards empowerment of women.

![Figure: Number of school session against target as per plan.](image-url)
Moreover, to provide livelihood support in the community the programme conducted per-assessment for the beneficiary selection at Dasherhat, Dhalchar, Shekhpura, Puijala, Kulkandi community of Manpura in August 2015. As per community need, 5 communities were identified for this support and 3 beneficiaries from each community will receive assistance. In September 2015, 12 van were distributed to 12 beneficiaries of Dasherhat, Shekhpura, Puijala, Kulkandi community and rest 3 beneficiaries covered in November 2015.

The programme organized training on PASSA (Participatory Assessment for Safe Shelter Awareness) exercise in Jamalpur district in August 2015. The key objectives were to assess the existing housing condition of the beneficiaries considering the hazard vulnerability and also identify the appropriate techniques and resources needed for repairmen. A total of 13 participants (6 CDRT, 2 UDRT, project officials) received training on PASSA exercise and now they are able to facilitate the PASSA group. Later on, in September 2015, PASSA exercise was conducted in 3 communities under Jamalpur and Satkhira district.

As a part of awareness rising in the community, household level preparedness and early warning signals interpretation, CBDRR programme conducted a simulation in Char Motahar community in Bhola district in October 2015. About 1000 people received information on early warning signals and family level preparedness.

Moreover, the programme observed the International Day for Disaster Reduction through organizing rally with the community people and school students. Besides, essay competition was organized with school going students at the community and Unit in October 2015. About 3000 people observed the rally and 360 students took part in the essay competition in the community.

As a regular activity, the CBDRR programme arranged monthly meeting with Programme Implementation Committee (PIC) members, coordination meeting with Community Disaster Management Team (CDMC) members, bi-monthly coordination meeting with Community Disaster Response Team (CDRT) members, consultancy meeting on health service and bi-monthly coordination meeting with Unit Disaster Management Committee (UDMC) during the reporting period.

**ACHIEVEMENT**
- CDMC members deposited BDT 95395 as DREF during July to December 2015
- Organized 576 courtyard session on the programme communities
- Conducted 265 school sessions with 13628 participants in the intervention areas
- Organized 27 health camps against the target of 30 in the programme communities
- Conducted training on community based flood early warning system
- 8 females headed household received materials for seed bank
- Organized a training on ‘PASSA Exercise’ in Jamalpur district in August 2015
- Observed the ‘International Day for Disaster Reduction’

**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVE (CDI) PROGRAMME**

The EcoSec project under CD Department is being implemented since October 2014 in partnership with the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC). The aim is to support 1000 households (5000 individuals) living in the most vulnerable communities based on their socio economic needs. The project has covered eight communities under one Upazila in Bandarban and two Upazilas in Khagrachari district. The intervention started with a launching and distribution ceremony on 9 and 10 December, 2014 in Bandarban and Khagrachari Unit respectively. Secretary General of BDRCS attended as the chief guest and Sk. Roisul Alam Moina, Member of Managing Board, BDRCS was as special guest. Besides, the following activities as per the Plan of Action were accomplished during the time frame are as follows:

- Baseline survey was conducted in all nine communities of Bandarban and Khagrachari district;
- Social ranking was conducted in nine communities to select most vulnerable people for IGA (Income Generating Activity) grant. A total of 365 beneficiaries were selected for IGA support.
- Orientation on IGA project proposal preparation was conducted with EcoSec project staff and community volunteers; Family based individual IGA proposals prepared by 365 beneficiaries to run profitable income generation;
- 365 individual bank accounts were opened for transferring IGA grant
• IGA cash grant distributed among 365 families, a total of BDT 7,300,000 has been distributed to the beneficiaries where each family received BDT 20,000 as the first installment.

ACHIEVEMENT
✦ 365 individual bank accounts opened for transferring IGA grant
✦ Distributed BDT 7,300,000 to the IGA beneficiaries

DISASTER RESPONSE DEPARTMENT
The Department responded to Flood 2014 through distributing relief items to 21,945 affected beneficiaries in 18 severely affected districts out of 21 in Bangladesh. The response was carried out in three phases. In the first phase, dry food items like Chira, Muri, Gur, ORS and Candles were distributed among 4,500 families in 11 districts.

In the second phase, food packages were distributed among 1,427 families in 4 districts. The package consists of 20 kg of rice, 3 kg of pulse, 2 kg of sugar, 2 ltr oil, 1 kg of suji (baby food) and 1 kg of salt.

In the third phase, cash grant, tarpaulin, hygiene kits and NFIs (Non Food Items) were distributed among 5,000 families in 16 districts. Each family received BDT 3,000, 1 Tarpaulin, 500 gram Nylon Rope, 12 pcs Candle, 12 pcs Fire box, 1 pcs Bath soap, 1 pcs laundry soap, 500 gram washing powder, 250 gram tooth powder, 01 pcs Comb and 01 pcs Bag. Besides, safe drinking water with 7,000 Jerry cans and 1,000 buckets were distributed among 7,918 families in 4 districts. Medical services with medicines were provided among 3,100 patients in 4 districts.

On the occasion of Eid-ul-Fitr, the Response Department with the financial support of Tarkish Red Crescent Society distributed food package to 375 landslides & downpour affected families in Chittagong and Feni district. Besides, 125 NHQ BDRCS staff received similar food package on the same occasion. A total of 500 food packages including 20 kg of rice, 5 kg of pulse, 2 kg of sugar, 2 ltr oil and 1 kg of salt were distributed among the recipients.

Cash grant had been distributed among the victims of a road accident (a crash between bus and train) where 11 people died and 40 seriously injured at Kaliganj under Jhenidah districts. A total of BDT 1,13,000 distributed among the victims’ families where each families with death case received BDT 3000 and families with injured member received BDT 2000 each.

The department distributed relief items among 245 ‘Flood and River Erosion’ affected families in Kushtia District. Each of the 55 families received 10 kg of rice and 10 kg of pulse and the rest of the 190 families received 10 kg of chick pea and 10 kg of pulse.

The Emergency response team members supported to the victims’ of capsized Pinak -6 launch in the Padma River. Emergency services like Search and Rescue (SAR), First Aid (FA), Dead body management and psychosocial support were provided to the victims. Different national daily newspapers and electronic media covered the initiatives of BDRCS.

Figure: Cash grant distribution to the affected people.
The Society has planned to distribute of 50,000 pcs of blankets in 2015 for easing cold sufferings of the vulnerable people. In this connection, the Department communicated and submitted project proposal to the Partner National Societies (PNSs), Banks and other organizations for seeking financial support. The tender process for blanket procurement has been completed during the reporting time frame. Respective Units under North Bengal districts of Bangladesh have already been prepared to distribute blankets to the vulnerable people.

Under the OSV (Other Situation of Violence) initiative, the response department provided support to 74 person with First Aid and Ambulance services in Dhaka and Chittagong district of Bangladesh.

**ESTATE DEPARTMENT**

The Estate Department undertook various real estate related issues of BDRCS including collection of rents from different buildings in Motijheel, Midfort, Eskaton Road, Mirpur-1, Mohakhali, Chittagong Base Depot, NHQ Ponds, Trees, Pubali Bank, payment of holding taxes, payment of electricity and WASA bills etc. During the reporting period, the Department collected an amount of BDT 52,564,972 as rent against the target of BDT 211,261,729 which is about 24.88% of the target.

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More details on monthly rent collection is given in the below table:

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<th>Months in 2014</th>
<th>Monthly Target</th>
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<td>39300859</td>
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<td>November</td>
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However, collecting agreed rent on a regular basis from the politically influenced tenants was one of the major challenges that restricted the Department from achieving its forecasted rent collection.

**FUND RAISING DEPARTMENT**

The department issued work order for collecting 800 show piece plates from Shinepukur, 200 First Aid (FA) bags, 100 red jackets and 200 office bags from Mousomi Enterprise, 1000 coat pins and 1000 Key rings from Nabil metallic and 300 bags from TipTop travels. In return, the department received 150 FA bags from Mousomi Enterprise and 300 bags from TipTop Enterprise in November and December 2014 respectively.

The Department communicated with the telecom operators like Banglalink, Grameenphone, Robi and Airtel for selling 20th Red Crescent Lottery ticket through SMS/M-Ticketing during July to October, 2014. In November 2014, the 20th Red Crescent Lottery has been drawn (on 12th November 2014) at Holy Family Red Crescent Medical College auditorium with the representatives of the Ministry of Finance of Bangladesh Government. The Lottery program conducted under the direction of Bangladesh Bank. A total of 2360279 tickets sold through government, non-government organizations, Banks, mobile companies, sold-agent, Red Crescent Units, programme, project and department. The prize money of Red Crescent lottery will be distributed on 9th February 2015.

![Plan and achievement of rent collection by the Estate Department during the period of July~December, 2014](image)

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An amount of BDT 563498/- (CHF 7043.725) collected through selling souvenir items of BDRCS and from donation boxes during July to December, 2014. The majority (85%) amount has come from selling souvenir items and two months namely July and December were found the most effective month in terms of collecting money. On the contrary, 15% came through donation boxes and there was no collection in July, November and December 2014. All the collected money has been deposited in the Sonali Bank.

Moreover, the department communicated with various banks for blankets/winter clothing/cash collection in favor of Bangladesh Red Crescent Society for supporting cold wave affected people across the country. During December 2014, the department was able to collect 4900 blankets (specifically 2000 blankets from Islami Bank Ltd., 400 from NCC Bank Ltd., 2000 from EXIM Bank Ltd., and 500 from City Bank Ltd. in favor of BDRCS.

### HUMAN RESOURCE DEPARTMENT

Human Resource (HR) Department performed various routine works related to staff recruitment, transfer, retirement, payment of increment, service regularization, promotion, provident fund, extension of contacts etc. During this period the Department altogether processed transfer of 68, recruitment of 5, retirement of 9, annual increment of 259, promotion of 1, provident fund for 15 and contact extension for 18 officials and staff which has been reflected in the below column graph.

The below table shows the details of monthly accomplishment of HR activities during July~December, 2014 in BDRCS by the HR Department.

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<th>Recruitment</th>
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<th>Provident Fund</th>
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### ACHIEVEMENT

- Drawn Red Crescent Lottery on 12th November 2014 at Holy Family Red Crescent Medical College auditorium.
- Collected BDT 563498 (CHF 7043.725) by selling souvenir items of BDRCS and from donation boxes
- Collected 4900 blankets from various banks for cold wave response
- HR department processed for 68 transfer, 5 recruitment, 9 retirement, 259 annual increment, 1 promotion, 15 provident fund and 18 contact extension for BDRCS officials.
The Department organized OCAC findings sharing and OD sensitization workshop on 28th August, 2014 at BRAC Inn, Dhaka with a total of 55 participants. The meeting was chaired by the Honourable Chairman of BDRCS Prof. Dr. MS Akbar, MP, Board Members, Secretary General, Head of Delegations of IFRC and ICRC, Head of Delegation of others in country PNSs, Director of all Departments and other relevant officials from BDRCS, IFRC and ICRC were also attended. The objective of the sharing session was to provide a glimpse of the overall findings of OCAC self-assessment exercise and key recommendation made by the facilitators in accordance with the findings. Apart from these, departmental status and future planning were also presented by the specific department of BDRCS.

Bangladesh is in the process of formulating rules for effective implementation of its relatively new Disaster Management Act, prompting a plethora of activities including institutional reformation within the Government. In this connection, P&D dept. of BDRCS organized external and internal consultation session on Bangladesh’s legal framework and its provisions for disaster risk reduction respectively on 08 and 24 December 2014 at BDRCS training room and BRAC Centre INN. All the directors and In-Charge of different departments of BDRCS and the representatives of IFRC, BRC, GRC were participated in the internal session and the representative from the Department of Disaster management, Comprehensive Disaster Management Program (CDMP), NIRAPAD, Disaster Forum, Bangladesh Disaster Preparedness Centre (BDPC), Bangladesh Centre for Advanced Studies (BCAS) and relevant experts from the Partner National Societies (PNSs) and IFRC were participated in the external session. Participants of the consultation session were undertaken through a rigorous exercise to provide their input on various aspects of the legal framework.

A high profile delegation team comprising the delegates from Geneva of IFRC and ICRC visited Bangladesh in order to discuss about proposed BDRCS Law with the Honorable President & Prime Minister of the People’s Republic of Bangladesh. The team was also met with the Health and Family welfare Minister, Speaker and Chief WHIP to discuss the law related issues.

Renovation was completed in 09 Units of BDRCS with the support of Tsunami Residual Fund (TRF) through Planning and Development Department. Besides that Estate Dept., Human Resource Dept., Unit Affairs, PMER & ICT section’s renovation were also completed during this reporting period with the financial support of TRF project.

As a part of HR reform activities, 08 interested staffs of BDRCS participated on Human Resource Development training organized by an external training institute named BD Jobs during 03-31 December 2014 under the supervision of Planning and Development Department.

**ACHIEVEMENT**

- Disseminated new BDRCS organogram to the stakeholders
- Supported Human Resources Development for organizing a training for its staff
- Organized workshop on OCAC findings sharing and OD sensitization

Figure: A high profile team visited Honorable President & Prime Minister of the People’s Republic of Bangladesh.
PLANNING, MONITORING, EVALUATION AND REPORTING SECTION

PMER Section of P&D Department initiated and accomplished several planned activities during July to December 2014. To begin with the midterm progress review of SP 2011-15 BDRCS, PMER officials conducted field visits for qualitative data collection in Cox’s Bazaar, Rangpur, Kurigram, Lalmonirhat, Khulna and Jessore District Unit. A total of 6 Key Informant Interviews (KIs), 6 Focus Group Discussions (FGDs) and Observation were employed with ULO (Unit Level Officer), volunteers and project beneficiaries in the above mentioned areas. After collecting the planned qualitative and quantitative data and information, PMER staff compiled and analysed those in a systematic manner to produce interactive graphs and narrative report. However the challenge was to get quantitative data from the department, section, programme and project as the reporting focal person took longer period of time to organize themselves.

Later on 9th October 2014, the Section organized a day long workshop for conducting SWOT (Strength, Weakness, Opportunity and Threat) analysis for BDRCS. Participants from BDRCS top, mid level management and IFRC representatives from health, disaster management (DM) and organizational development (OD) division discussed together and formulated separate SWOT on health, OD and DM. After that, PMER Officials compiled all those 4 SWOTs into one SWOT which is now being treated as ‘Organizational SWOT’. At the end of October 2014, the draft report on Midterm Progress Review of Implementation of strategic Development Plans 2011-15 was shared with relevant stakeholders for feedback.

In November 2014, the Section contributed towards increasing the capacity of the reporting focal persons on PMER.

In this regards, a ‘Basic PMER’ training organized with the targeted participants. A total of 22 reporting focal and one volunteer attended the two-days long training at the BDRCS conference room on 13-14 November 2014. PMER Section along with PMER delegate and Sr. PMER staff from the Asia Pacific Zone (APZ) facilitated various training sessions.

In December 2014, a follow-up meeting with reporting focal person organized in the BDRCS conference room on 17 December 2014. The key objective was to know what extent they have utilized the acquired training knowledge in real field. Besides, 4 newly developed templates namely monthly activity report, event summary sheet, field visit and quarterly reporting were shared with the meeting participants to get their feedback. Later on, the feedbacks were incorporated in the templates and shared with them.

Apart from these, PMER Section supported to Cox’s Bazar and Khagrachori Unit for conducting needs assessment and Cox’s Bazar Unit for formulating Plan of Action (PoA) under the ICRC OD project. Moreover, the Section is supporting the baseline on ‘Gender Mainstreaming in Bangladesh Red Crescent Society (BDRCS)’.

ACHIEVEMENT

- Conducted FGD and KII for qualitative data collection in the planned districts
- Conducted Organizational SWOT analysis
- Completed and circulated the first draft report on Midterm
- Progress Review of Strategic Development Plan 2011-15
- Organized Basic PMER training for the reporting focal person of BDRCS
HEALTH DEPARTMENT

During July to December, 2014, Primary Health Care (PHC) Program, which is focused on Mother and Child Health, provided services in Ante Natal Care (ANC), normal delivery, Post Natal Care (PNC), health education, general patient care, Expanded Program of Immunization (EPI) and pathological facilities to the community people through 56 MCH (Maternal and Child Health) centres. Environment Friendly and smoke reduce stove program are implemented throughout the MCH Centres in collaboration with GIZ (German International Cooperation). During the same reporting period, 16 Community Midwives received training on Family Planning which is supported by the Social Marketing Committee (SMC), USAID. Disaster Nursing Education and Research Project of 12 MCH Centres are also implemented in collaboration with Japan Red Cross. And in September 2014, repair and renovation was completed at MCH Centres (Sarabari, jangali, Horinagar and Labansara) with the support of Tsunami Residual Fund (TRF) project. Another two centres of costal belt were also renovated with the financial support of German Red Cross (GRC). Honourable Chairman and member of managing board inaugurated the opening ceremony of newly constructed Horinagor and Tentulia MCH centres on 26-27 November 2014. As a part of strengthening capacity of the staffs, a total of 30 Community Midwives (CMW) received training on Integrated Management of Childhood Illness (IMCI).

During these 6 months, a total of 172311 mothers and children covering 27 districts had been served through different services of MCH centres. 10702, 2923, 3573, 6665 and 48525 people covered respectively through the MCH Centre on Ante Natal Care, Normal Delivery, Post Natal Care, Pathology and General Patient against the target of 10800, 2940, 3850, 7200 and 63000 respectively. However, the challenge was to reach the remote rural areas for proper monitoring and supervision throughout the country. Another challenge was to arrange training for Community Midwives (CMW).

The following table represents the status of the target and achievement of the Health Services during July 2014 to December 2014:

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<th>Target (July-December 2014)</th>
<th>Achievement</th>
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<td>7200</td>
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<td>General Patients</td>
<td>63000</td>
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Networking of 25 MCH Centres was established with an international organization working for club food children named “Walk for Life”. 07 MCH Centres got blue star signboard from Social Marketing Company (SMC).
INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATION TECHNOLOGY (ICT) SECTION

The highlight of the accomplishment of ICR section are:

1. Increased Internet Bandwidth: The internet bandwidth in the National Headquarters of Bangladesh Red Crescent Society (BDRCS) has been upgraded to 10 Mbps.

2. Online Data Entry Camp for RMS: An online Data Entry Camp initiative has been taken and successfully accomplished to update the data of Staff and Executive Committee of volunteers and Life members.

3. NHQ ICT Capacity Development: A number of computers and other hardware have been purchased to develop the ICT capacity of staff in the NHQ.

4. Unit ICT Capacity Development: 10 units have been selected for distribution of ICT equipment and implementation of Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP).

5. ERP system: The ERP system, Microsoft Dynamics Nav has been successfully implemented and fully functional now.

TRAINING DEPARTMENT

In July to December 2014, the department organized 24 training courses on Basic First Aid against the plan of 32 training courses for the different type of participants like student leader, Red Crescent Youth, individuals, teachers, employees and volunteers in collaboration with BBC Media Action, ICRC, Islamic Relief, Master Mind School, Halliburton International, GIZ Bangladesh, Canadian International School, Petredec Elpiji Limited (PEL), Uttaran and different department of BDRCS. Through the training a total of 330 males and 126 females received practical knowledge on First Aid and as well as they are able to deliver first aid services in time of needs. 06 Introductory training on First Aid was organized during the reporting period against the plan of 08 training. The aforementioned training was conducted commercially for Lafarge Surma Cement, Canadian International School, Aggreko International Power HSBC and Total Gas in order to increase revenue income. Apart from these trainings, 02 training courses on Training of Trainers (TOT), 06 on Search and Rescue, 01 Refresher Training on Search and Rescue, 01 on Emergency Response and 04 Refresher training on First Aid were conducted by the department. A total of 148 participants attended the training from the Save the Children International, Bangladesh Police, and Rapid Action Battalion, Ansar members, Holcim Cement BD Limited, volunteers, staff and Red Crescent Youth where 254 were male and 38 were female.

Figure: Training on Search and Rescue conducted by the Training Department

Figure: The bar graph presents the target and achievement of training during July-December, 2014

ACHIEVEMENT

- 24 Basic First Aid Training organized during July-December, 2014
- 2 TOT, 06 Search and Rescue training, 04 Refresher training on First Aid and 01 Emergency Response training conducted by the Department during July to December, 2014
During the 06 month reporting period (July to December 2014), the Tracing/RFL Department was performed various tracing related activities. A total of 146 Red Crescent Message was exchanged in collaboration with ICRC, which was received from Pakistan, India, Myanmar, Thailand and Bangladesh Red Crescent Unit. The messages were exchanged with some of foreign countries viz. South Africa, India, Pakistan, Malaysia, Myanmar and as well as in country like Tecknaf, Cox’s Bazar, Chittagong, Bandarban, Bogra, Paban, Shariathpur, Mymensing, Faridpur, Rajshahi and Sunamganj. These initiatives reduced anguish of receivers by re-establishing contact. The department received 54 family notifications from Thailand, India and other National Societies and accordingly notified to ICRC Office and respective Unit of BDRCS. 36 people repatriated in Bangladesh from different foreign location like Thailand, Malaysia and India. In this connection the department requested the Foreign Ministry for arranging repatriation of Bangladeshi from the foreign jail. In July and December 2014, Hygiene kits were distributed among 1309 foreign prisoners in different district of Bangladesh in collaboration with the ICRC, Unit Tracing team and Bangladesh Jail Authority. The Department also distributed cash grant among 58 missing people of Rana Plaza incidence and continued follow up missing cases of Rana Plaza all over the cases.

In August 2014, 02 tracing posts were installed at Mawa Ghat in Munshiganj and Kawrakandi in Madaripur an emergency basis after a launch (Pinak-6) capsized in the Padma River. The objective was to provide RFL services, i.e-phone call service, prepare missing list, dead list, dead body management etc to affected people. Tracing team was fully occupied to collect tracing requests from the missing peoples’ families, deduction of duplications and irrelevant cases, cross check with rescued persons and dead list in collaboration with local government authorities, Munshiganj Unit, Madaripur Unit, Youth Department, Response Department and Tracing Department.

A session was conducted jointly with BKTT authority on Migration at Bangladesh Korean Technical Training Centre (BKTTC), Mirpur, Dhaka. Main objective of organizing the session was to raise awareness about BDRCS Restoring Family Linkage service to economical migrant. Apart from these, a day long training session was conducted separately in 08 different Units by the department to strengthen the capacity of the Unit’s RFL Team and also sensitize the authorities, e.g. DC, SP, Jail, DIO and Unit Executive members.

The Department organized a half day detention workshop in BDRCS training room on 2 September, 2014. Participants covering in the workshop from Foreign & Home ministry, IG prison office and Sr. Jail Super/Jail Super/Jailer different Jails of Bangladesh and also from other concern stakeholders. The key objectives of the workshop were to explore the way of active coordination and cooperation with concern Ministries/Bureaus/Organizations/Media and also to discuss taking necessary initiatives on BDRCS detention services.

### ACHIEVEMENT
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URBAN DISASTER RISK REDUCTION (UDRR) PROGRAMME
During the reporting period (July 2014 to December 2014), 18 Slum Disaster Preparedness Committee meeting (SDPC) was organized by the UDRR program with the support of Tsunami Residual Fund (TRF). A total of 500 participants were attending the meeting and shared their opinion regarding different types of disaster and disaster related training. 12 Bi Monthly Session and 02 Unit Disaster Response Team (UDRT) meeting were held in Dhaka and Rangpur slum where 525 and 50 community people were participated respectively. Health related issues were discussed in the Bi-monthly community session. Apart from these a total of 1110 beneficiaries were selected in Dhaka (#606) and Rangpur (#504) for distributing beneficiary card. The main objective of this selection is to distribute hygiene parcel among the selected beneficiaries.

ACHIEVEMENT
- 1110 beneficiaries selected in Dhaka and Rangpur for distributing hygiene parcel
- 18 Slum Disaster Preparedness Committee meeting organized with 500 community people
- 12 Bi-monthly sessions organized in the community where 525 community people attended

UNIT AFFAIRS DEPARTMENT
During July to December 2014, the Department collected monthly updates from 67 Units out of 68 Units of BDRCS in each month. Although most of the ULOs (Unit Level Officers) are not well trained in reporting, but the information which they are currently providing through a prescribed template is effective for describing what the Unit has done during the reporting month. After receiving the updates from 67 Units, the Department compiled those into one MAR. The Department needs two ULOs for Jessore and Rajshahi City Unit.

A total of 11025 new Life and Annual members have been enrolled in different Units and NHQ of BDRCS. Therefore, the RCRC membership drive has been enriched and their shared financial contribution will surely support to strengthening Unit and NHQ BDRCS capacity further. The Unit Affairs Department also issued life membership certificates to 805 members during the reporting period.

The new members need to be oriented on the RCRC Movement, so that they can be able to adjust to the system quickly. Its mentionable that in the Organizational Capacity Assessment and Certification (OCAC) process, the increase of life membership has given priority rather than seasonal annual membership in the Unit's election year. However, timely receiving the life membership list and shared money from all the Units is still a challenge for the Unit Affairs Department. During these 6 months, the department collected BDT 7,23,876 form Units & NHQ BDRCS as shared money and audit report money.

Besides, Unit Executive Committee (UEC) election was organized in 34 Units and these committees will be functional for 2015-17.

ACHIEVEMENT
- Collected BDT 7,23,876 as shared money
- Enrolled 264 Life Members
- Completed election of UEC in 34 Units

YOUTH AND VOLUNTEERS DEPARTMENT
In July 2014, the government revised the order on ‘RCY (Red Crescent Youth) Co-curriculum’ activities and circulated the modified order on 23 July 2014. According to new order, 60% of the school /college fund will be preserved in the concerned educational institution in an individual account. This decision has taken in a coordination meeting where representative of BDRCS, education ministry and education board of Bangladesh were present.

Dhaka City Red Crescent Unit, with the cooperation of Youth & Volunteers (Y&V) Department of BDRCS, organized ‘Youth Assembly’ on implementation RCY Co-curriculum activities in Dhaka on 17 August 2014. A total of 200 participants including RCY, Teacher In-Charge, School Red Crescent Youth Leader and Youth Volunteers attended the assembly. The occasion chaired by the Chairman of BDRCS as chief guest. Besides, Mymensingh Red Crescent Unit organized Youth Assembly on implementation of RCY Co-curriculum activities on 20 July 2014. A total of 100 participants covering 61 schools including RCY, Teacher In-Charge, and School Red Crescent Youth Leader and Youth volunteers attended the Youth Assembly.
Besides, the project organized a workshop with market actors (input supplier, buyer, service providers and representatives from each producer group) to connect the producers with actors. Through a workshop with government line departments (i.e. Agriculture, Fisheries, Livestock) a link has been established between the line departments and producer groups so that the producers can have access to technical support.

The project established Community Disaster Response Teams (CDRT) in each V2R community. These teams also equipped and trained on Search & Rescue and First Aid. All the project beneficiaries, more than 12,180 HHs received fruit bearing and timber tree saplings. The timber trees support small scale disaster mitigation as they counteract river and coast erosion and support communities’ natural resources. Besides, considering the severity of risk of the fishermen community, the project provided sea safety training with safety gears i.e. life jackets, radio, first aid kits and compass.

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The V2R project provided cash grant and cash for work support for strengthening livelihood of the beneficiaries during the reporting period. A total of 3007 (25% of the total households) vulnerable households (HHs) with a focus on women received BDT 3,000 each and a complementary livelihood skills training on homestead gardening. Out of 3007 HHs, 1002 HHs received conditional cash grant of BDT 12,000 each for agriculture/fish/poultry/cattle/small business/handicraft producers as per business plan with complementary skill enhancement training. Apart from the beneficiaries receiving a cash grant, 2004 HHs were identified for 60 days cash for work (CFW) at the rate of BDT 200 per day.

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**Vision**
To become an effective and efficient humanitarian organization in Bangladesh by ‘doing more’ ‘doing better’ and ‘reaching further’.

**Mission**
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**Why A Six Months Narrative Instead of Monthly Report?**

PMER Section usually compiles and publishes monthly basis report covering major accomplishments of Bangladesh Red Crescent Society (BDRCS) since 2011. However, this time they have produce a six months narrative report covering accomplishment of July-December, 2014. This exception happens due to over engagement of all PMER staff in conducting Midterm Progress Review on Implementation of Strategic Development Plan 2011-15, BDRCS. Besides, reporting focal person in all relevant departments, sections, programmes and projects were also very busy in providing required data and information to PMER Section during this time. Therefore, PMER staff couldn’t ask them to provide monthly updates simultaneously. Moreover, this issue was also discussed with the reporting focal person in a meeting and they proposed to produce one report covering backlog months rather than preparing monthly basis.

I hope this backlog will be resolved soon and the Section will keep continue publishing monthly basis report.

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