









## CORONAVIRUS COVID-19

### Red Cross Red Crescent Movementwide Situation Report 1

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### BANGLADESH RED CRESCENT SOCIETY

#### 1. COVID-19 Situation Overview

Bangladesh	Global
 # of Confirmed COVID-19 Cases <b>218</b>	<b>1,431,900</b>
 # of Patients Recovered <b>33</b>	<b>301,543</b>
 # of Death <b>20</b>	<b>82,172</b>
 # Quarantine / # Released <b>69,111 / 58,267</b>	 # of Countries Affected <b>184</b>
 Source of Information	
<b>IEDCR, DGHS</b>	<b>CSSE at John H opkins University</b>

#### 2. Actions Taken from Bangladesh Red Crescent Society (BDRCS):

✚ Key figures at a glance:



**1000+**

On an average 1000 RCY volunteers mobilized on a daily basis throughout the country.



**1643**

Set of PPE provided to Holy Family Red Crescent Medical College Hospital, all branch offices and Population Movement Operation at Cox's Bazar.



**68**

Branch Offices working dedicatedly apart from National Headquarters, Holy Family Red Crescent Medical College Hospital.



**20000**

Hygiene packets being distributed by all 68 units throughout the country.



**620,000+**

People received life-saving awareness messages through social media (587,988 through facebook and 31956 by twitter).



**600,000**

Pieces of leaflets with life-saving awareness messages distributed across the country.



**1000+**

Staff and volunteers got training /orientation on COVID-19 at NHQ, MCH centers and PMO Cox's Bazar.



**75000**

Total food parcels (7-day plans for a family with 7.5 kg rice, 1 kg pulse, 1tr edible oil, 1kg sugar, 1kg salt, 0.5kg Semolina/Suji) planned to be distributed throughout the country, initially 41000 packets being purchased with available funds.



**500+**

Trained staff and volunteers working actively on field according to roaster and contingency plan.



*Photo 1: BDRCS Volunteers Disinfecting Hospitals at Bogura.*

#### **Key Actions Taken to Date:**

- COVID-19 emergency response operation has been implementing across the country through 68 Branches of BDRCS in coordination with local government of the specific Districts.
- All ULOs and selected RCY volunteers working as frontline responders throughout the country.
- A movement coordination teleconference took place on April 7, 2020. Secretary General, Deputy Secretary General and selected Directors of BDRCS along with all in-country partners, IFRC and ICRC representatives participated there. Next meetings scheduled on 16 April 2020.
- BDRCS is working to establish a 25-bed isolation unit in BDRCS' Holy Family Red Crescent Medical College Hospital in Dhaka.
- BDRCS established Psychosocial Support (PSS) call centre in its NHQ to provide mental support to the distress people who are suffering from anxiety. A MoU signed between BDRCS and Shastho Batayon regarding this cell.
- RCY volunteer teams have been working all over the country (59 units and NHQ) to spray disinfectants at selected hospitals and important public places.
- Revised BDRCS Emergency Plan of Action (EPoA) has been developed for next three months and six months. A letter was issued for WFP for getting food support for the distressed and poor people.
- This week, a Facebook live program was organized from BDRCS to provide basic knowledge on disinfection activities and disinfection solution. An expert from Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology (BUET) attended and shared necessary information about disinfection activities and solution as well as live question and answer.

- A donation agreement of 500,000 Swiss Francs (Approximately 42 million BDT) has already been signed between BDRCS and ICRC for COVID-19 emergency response.
- Update about stock position are as follows: i. PPE (189) / ii. Hand Gloves (66) / iii. Eye protector (27) / iv. Hygiene kit zip bag (455) / v. Disinfectant solution (2700 liters) / vi. Soap (18760) / vii. Hand sanitizer (31000 bottles).
- 60 thousand leaflets already distributed across the country through 68 branches.
- Out of planned 75000 food packages, 41000 packets are being procured which may be available by mid-April for distribution.
- Additional 10000 food parcels to be distributed at different project areas with support from concerned partners Swiss RC (3000), American RC(2000) and British RC (5000).
- **Population Movement Operation (PMO) in Cox's Bazar:** Army and security forces are tightening the movement in the camp areas – agencies are working on strengthening the Civil-military coordination. BDRCS and its Red Cross and Red Crescent partners are supporting 2 isolation establishments in camps areas (camp 2E – 30 bed and camp 7 – 50 bed) for COVID-19. BDRCS and its partners are also supporting a Government health facility in Ramu for establishing a 50-bed isolation unit by them.
- **Cyclone Preparedness Program (CPP)** working in 41 sub-districts, where on an average 50 CPP volunteers per sub-district, total 2,050 volunteers are working closely with the local government and security forces to disseminate awareness messages.



*Photo 2: Disinfectant spraying in Dhaka City at major Bus/Train/Ship terminals by BDRCS Volunteers.*

### 3. Actions Taken from International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC):

- IFRC Country Office (CO) Community Engagement and Accountability (CEA) and Communications teams are closely work with BDRCS to share awareness messages on COVID-19.



*Photo 3: RCY volunteers raising public awareness at Barisal unit.*

- IFRC closely coordinating with BDRCS and all the in-country partners to finalize the Emergency Plan of Action (EPoA). This EPoA covers many areas to focus at PMO-Cox's Bazar and rest of the country.



*Photo 4: Volunteers in Jessore packing food parcels.*

- IFRC along with BDRCS also representing at the national Need Assessment Working group (NAWG).

### 4. Actions Taken from International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC):

- Implementing infection prevention control measures to tackle the spread of coronavirus in the prisons. The first batch of those materials already handed over to Keraniganj prison on April 02, 2020.



*Photo 5: RCY volunteers spraying disinfectants at district level prison.*

- Establishing the public handwashing points for the BDRCS-ICRC medical teams and for camp settlements in Cox's Bazar. Four points already set up at Konarpara.
- Conducting Health education and awareness raising sessions on COVID-19 prevention at Domdomia and Konarpara camp.
- Implemented Cash for work program related to food production in Tumbur, involving 300 host community members.
- Donated CHF 500,000 to BDRCS to support its COVID-19 pandemic response.
- Delivered items (chlorine, soaps, hand sanitizer, sprayers) to the BDRCS Cox's-Bazar Unit to support their COVID-19 response.



*Photo 6: Health Post at camp settlements in Cox's Bazar.*

## 5. Actions Taken from In-country Partner National Societies (PNSs):

All in-country PNSs provide financial and technical support to BDRCS to implement concerned project or to respond in emergencies whenever needed. However, sometimes they represent the organization in different decision making committees within movement or with national and local government. So the following actions mostly stated in BDRCS response but making a little breakdown here according to donor support:

### + British Red Cross Updates:

- BRC has received commitment of 1 million GBP from DFID to support the IFRC EPoA - PMO Plan of Action.
- BRC will support food distribution activities up to approx. BDT 6,000,000 by repurposing funds from 2019 Flood Response.
- BRC is supporting various activities in BDRCS Units where ongoing programs available, including Barisal, Dhaka and Cox's Bazar.



*Photo 7: RCY volunteers provided food and drinking water among 25 mentally disabled people in Khagrachari Unit.*

### + Swiss Red Cross Updates:

- Outreach work realigned to COVID-19 messaging. Total 150 HH visited and informed Primary Healthcare Center-PHC (50HHs per day) about adequate hygiene and healthy practices.
- PHC Readiness: 3 PHCs in camps 11, 13 and 15 are sufficiently stocked with PPE. Infection, Prevention and Control (IPC) measures are incorporated adequately. Holding areas for suspected COVID-19 cases until transfer to an Isolation and Treatment Center have been opened.
- 3 BDRCS PHC Officers and 30 health service provider staff got trained on IPC.
- A 30 bedded Isolation and Treatment Center is being prepared for mild and moderate cases in camp 2E.

### + German Red Cross Updates:

- Continuing Essential WASH activities under the Humanitarian Assistance in Cox's Bazar camps.
- Through ongoing Skala project in Teknaf, providing hygiene kits to host communities including COVID19 awareness messages.
- Urban Risk Reduction Project (DEEPER), organizing a dialogue with partners and stakeholders about possibilities of supporting Dhaka South City areas for Covid19 Response.
- Forecast based Finance (FbF) team regularly monitoring the cyclone forecast and working with BDRCS and IFRC to plan for the upcoming cyclone season.

### + Canadian Red Cross Updates:

- CRC continues to support PMO primary health and outreach services with adaptations for COVID-19.
- CRC is engaged with the Government of Canada for potential support to IFRC EPoA for Bangladesh.

### + Danish Red Cross Updates:

- Support to the establishment of isolation ward at the Holy Family Hospital.
- Technical support to BDRCS on the PSS Call Centre. Additional funds to support PS activities and set-up information hubs at community safe spaces.
- Capacity building/training of BDRCS Volunteers on Psychological First Aid.
- New funds allocated to support the scaling up and intensifying BDRCS WaSH activities at camp level.



*Photo 8: PSS call center Establishment at National Headquarters.*

#### ✚ American Red Cross Updates:

- Out of targeted 3400 volunteers, total 2191 CPP volunteers (camp & host working in camps) are oriented on handwashing and COVID 19 key messages.
- Leaflet support to PMO, MRRO and WASH sector in Cox's Bazar.
- Total 98,129 people are reached with handwashing and COVID 19 key messages through CPP host and guest volunteers in the camp settlements.
- 45,500 IEC material were distributed among the people at host community through CPP volunteers and other agencies/partners. 2000 IEC materials were handed over to BDRCS Cox's Bazar unit for community level distribution.
- Coastal Disaster Risk reduction programme in Bagerhat and Patuakhali is repurposed with USD 150K programme fund for 3 months to support Covid preparedness and response efforts in line with BDRCS nationwide operational plan and in-coordination with government through provision of PPE to local hospital and local government administration, CPP in local areas.

#### ✚ Swedish Red Cross Updates:

- Swedish RC will be contributing USD 500,000 to IFRC's Emergency Appeal for Bangladesh COVID-19 response to help BDRCS. They are in contact with Swedish Embassy for more possible funding.
- In Cox's Bazar, Swedish RC is supporting BDRCS to focus on more Water, Sanitation and Hygiene activities in line with the COVID-19 response.

#### ✚ Qatar Red Crescent Updates:

- Qatar RC is supporting BDRCS health staff and volunteers in Cox's Bazar concentrating on COVID-19 response activities, mainly awareness campaign and other related activities.
- USD 35,000 is being readjusted for COVID-19 response in Cox's Bazar.
- BDT 4,000,000 (4 mil) contributed to BDRCS nationwide food parcels support under COVID-19 response plan of action.
- USD 70,000 allocated for food parcels in Rajshahi district.



*Photo 9: RCY disinfection team from Chattogram.*

#### 6. Actions Taken from the Government of Bangladesh (GoB):

- ❖ Hotline Numbers for COVID-19 Services: **16263 / 333 / 10655.**
- ❖ For DGHS provided latest information on COVID-19 situation in Bangladesh, please visit database weblink: <http://103.247.238.81/webportal/pages/covid19.php>
- ❖ For latest decisions and campaign on COVID-19 from Ministry of Health, Government of Bangladesh: <http://corona.gov.bd/>
- ❖ For COVID-19 situation update from Institute of Epidemiology, Disease Control and Research (IEDCR): <https://www.iedcr.gov.bd/>

#### 7. Actions Taken from Non-government Organizations:

Major activities from UN agencies, NGOs and INGOs mainly covering the following activities so far (source: Needs Assessment Working Group SitRep of 25 March 2020):

- ✚ Raising awareness through miking, leaflet distribution and awareness session at communities, door to door campaign;
- ✚ Providing Personal Protective Equipments;
- ✚ Providing food supplies and increasing WASH facilities.

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