## COVID-19 Situation Overview

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<td><strong># of Confirmed COVID-19 Cases</strong></td>
<td><strong>3,020,117</strong></td>
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<td><strong># of Patients Recovered</strong></td>
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### Age Distribution in Percent

- **<10**: 3%
- **11 to 20**: 8%
- **21 to 30**: 26%
- **31 to 40**: 24%
- **41 to 50**: 18%
- **51 to 60**: 13%
- **Above 50**: 8%

*Fig 1: Age distribution of COVID-19 Identified Cases in Bangladesh (source: IEDCR).*

### Sex Distribution in Percent

- **Male**: 32%
- **Female**: 68%

*Fig 2: Sex distribution of COVID-19 Identified Cases in Bangladesh (source: IEDCR).*

### COVID-19 Scenario in Bangladesh

- **# of Confirmed COVID-19 Cases**: 6462
- **# of Patients Recovered**: 139
- **# of Death**: 155
- **# of Districts Infected**: 93.75% (60 out of 64)
- **# of Countries Affected**: 210

*Source of Information: IEDCR, DGHS, World Health Organization*
2. **Actions Taken from Bangladesh Red Crescent Society (BDRCS):**

   **Key figures at a glance (as of reporting date):**

   - **13,531**
     Number of staff and Red Crescent Youth/ Cyclone Preparedness Program/ Camp/ Community volunteers being mobilized throughout the country.

   - **127,153**
     Number of Total People Reached (average/day)

   - **1,200,000+**
     People received life-saving awareness messages on COVID-19 through social media. (as of 26 April 2020)

   - **90,918**
     Pre-monsoon Kit Distribution at Cox’s Bazar.

   - **12,804**
     Set of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) provided to individuals working on COVID-19 response.

   - **256,017**
     Hygiene and Protecting gears distributed i.e Soap, Hand sanitizer, Mask, Hand Gloves, Eye Protector and hygiene kit.

   - **1,264,142**
     People reached through Information, Education and Communication (IEC) materials across the country.

   - **10,240**
     Hand-washing station established throughout the country including camp settlements in Cox’s Bazar.

   - **2,285**
     262 Hospitals being sprayed disinfectants for 2285 times throughout the country.

   - **29,083**
     Women reached through Dignity Kit Distribution at Cox’s Bazar.

**Key Actions Taken to Date:**

- Two **Emergency Coordination Meeting** of BDRCS governance and senior management took place on 15 April 2020 and 26 April 2020 at BDRCS National Headquarters while a **Red Cross Red Crescent Movement Coordination Meeting** (teleconference) on COVID-19 response took place on 22 April 2020.

- As of 26 April 2020, BDRCS volunteers visited **262 Hospitals** to carry out disinfectant spraying a total **2285 times**.

- Chairman of BDRCS sent a **letter** to all unit offices appreciating the invaluable contributions they are making to serve humanity despite health and life risks under COVID-19 pandemic.

- The **psychosocial support call center** at BDRCS National Headquarters receiving several calls everyday. As of 28 April 2020, 61 calls has been received from COVID-19 affected patients, and 13 call from Red Cross Red Crescent staff & volunteers. All these calls were mostly concerning medical and fear/worry related. Meanwhile a stress management session was organized for 26 staff at National Headquarters. Two RCY volunteers and a medical doctor works in the call centre 5days a week.
- BDRCS also strongly taking the ongoing cyclone season into consideration and making necessary arrangements for financial and human resource mobilization if something happens while the COVID-19 pandemic yet not controlled.

- Unilever and Water Resource Group of World Bank is supporting BDRCS to set up handwashing stations at all 64 districts and provide 64 Deputy Commissioner (DC) offices with the disinfection activities. In addition, Unilever agreed to BDRCS’s plan to provide drinking water, soap items and hygiene kits at DC Offices. BDRCS is making necessary communication for approval with concerned authority.

- Based on the MoU between BDRCS and Coca-Cola, 114,600pcs bottles containing 500ml water have already been distributed to the 11 COVID-19 dedicated hospitals and three COVID-19 research/response authorities including major operational points of Dhaka Metropolitan and Dhaka District Police.

- 21 districts in Bangladesh are completely locked down as decided from district administration. Nine branch offices among those districts had to suspend all their planned activities being carried out. However, the rest Twelve are supporting local administration and continuing disinfectant spraying.

- BDRCS continues social media meseging on COVID-19 awareness.

- Apart from the technical and logistic support being provided by BDRCS NHQ, Several units have been providing many other types of supports to the most vulnerable and most marginalized people based on local need. This includes but not limited to (a) dry and cooked food packages, (b) drinking water, (c) leaflet distribution, (d) hygiene materials, (e) establishing thermal check points intending to restrict unsafe mobility of people, (f) supporting food distribution and other activities of district administration.

- Two BDRCS volunteers from each unit office are engaged in monitoring and coordination of different activities at 61 prisons in 2 shifts everyday (9:00 am - 2.30 pm and 12.30-6:00pm). These activities include temperature checking & chlorine spray during entry of any person, social distancing and mandatory foot-bath & hand wash.

Photo 1: Handwashing station at a district level prison.  
Photo 2: BDRCS volunteers distributing drinking water at ICDDR,B.
Population Movement Operation (PMO) in Cox's Bazar:
- Amidst the rising impacts of Coronavirus, BDRCS started the process of recruiting necessary personnel for the field hospital and isolation facility being established in order to make it fully functional. Construction works for these infrastructures has already been commenced.
- Community Engagement and Accountability (CEA) staffs are participating CwC working group meeting and collaborating in sharing information and awareness materials with other actors working for Risk Communication and Community Engagement (RCCE).
- COVID-19 prevention strategies instructed by Health/WaSH sectors and Refugee Relief & Repatriation Commission (RRRC) office maintained firmly.
- Hygiene promotion messages being disseminated at all 34 camps and adjacent host community areas through CPP/ Host/ Camp/ Community volunteers with proper maintenance of personal protection and social distancing.

Myanmar Refugee Relief Operation (MRRO) at Cox’s Bazar:
- 90,918 Pre-monsoon kit distributed at camp settlements in Cox’s Bazar.

3. Actions Taken from International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC):
4. IFRC CO is in process to transfer an additional CHF 650,000 to BDRCS for smooth running of the operation except PMO.
5. BDRCS and IFRC CO has an operational meeting together on 26 April. BDRCS’ priority areas to utilize IFRC's support:
   a. Jointly working to develop an one window plan of action for overall COVID-19 response.
   b. Isolation and ICU unit in Holy Family Red Crescent Medical College Hospital in Dhaka.
   c. Procurement and distribution of food parcels.
   d. Continuation of disinfection activities.
   e. Staff and volunteer insurance.
   IFRC CO is keeping close contact with its Regional Office and discussing with BDRCS in terms of potential international procurement of PPE and medical equipment.
   BDRCS is planning to handover 2000 body bags from IFRC supported stock to various hospitals in Dhaka.

Photo 3: BDRCS volunteers packaging cooked foods to distribute among homeless and distressed people at Habiganj unit.

Photo 4: Rajshahi Unit of BDRCS distributed food parcels maintaining social distancing among poor people.
6. **Actions Taken from International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC):**

- The ICRC and BDRCS have circulated key recommendations to NGOs running isolation centers in the Displaced People from Rakhine (DPR) camps to help ensure the **maintaining of family links** between the families back in the settlements and the isolated patients.

- The ICRC gave financial support to the Prison Directorate for the purchase of **135 non-touch thermometers** to cover all 68 prisons in the country.

- The ICRC has finalized the **medical waste incinerator** at Ramu Health Complex. The first session of training has been implemented for cleaners and operators in charge of incineration.

- The ICRC is providing technical support to GIZ and Dhaka Ahsania mission on the designing of **COVID-19 preparedness training module** for prison health and non-health staff through virtual platforms.

- The ICRC is partially supporting BDRCS’s operational plan to provide food parcels to all 68 units, for distribution to COVID-19 affected people.

- In Cox’s-Bazar, the ICRC has delivered to the BDRCS Unit additional COVID-19 material support (bleaching powder, soap, water tanks).

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7. **Responses 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:


- For COVID-19 situation update from Institute of Epidemiology, Disease Control and Research (IEDCR): [https://www.iedcr.gov.bd/](https://www.iedcr.gov.bd/)

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