GLOBAL COVID-19 SITUATION OVERVIEW

- **Confirmed Cases**: 4,910,710
- **Deaths**: 320,448

**Confirmed Cases**
- **US**: 91985
- **Spain**: 27709
- **Italy**: 32007
- **Brazil**: 16853
- **UK**: 34796
- **France**: 28242
- **Iran**: 7057
- **China**: 4638
- **Russia**: 2837
- **India**: 3164

**Deaths**
- **Bangladesh**
  - Total Affected: 25121
  - Total Recovered: 4993
  - Total Death: 370

*Figure 1: Global Mapping of COVID-19 Pandemic (source: Worldometer.com / covid19tracker.gov.bd).*
Since the number of COVID-19 confirmed cases are steadily increasing in Bangladesh, experts expecting that the country may reach its peak in infections within the next two weeks. The country identified 1,602 confirmed COVID-19 patients only on Monday, with 21 deaths, breaking any single day record since March 8, 2020. Meanwhile, the World Health Organization has warned that the COVID-19 may never go away and people may have to live in a world with the virus.

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

   **Key Figures at a Glance:**

   **191,160**
   
   Number of 500ml drinking water bottle distributed among selected COVID-19 dedicated hospitals, test and response centers, Police station at several districts.

   **1,947,128**
   
   People received life-saving awareness messages on COVID-19 through social media. (as of 18 May 2020)

   **63**
   
   Countrywide 63 DC offices has been provided with water purification kit, disinfectants spraying materials and handwashing station throughout the country.

   **34,785**
   
   Packets of Iftar / cooked food provided by RCY volunteers from 31 branch offices of BDRCS including National Headquarters during Ramadan.

   **14,945**
   
   Packets of Infection Prevention and Control (IPC) materials being distributed as part of third phase weekly activity at 61 prisons throughout the country.

   **30**
   
   Bed Isolation center for COVID-19 patients is ready to use at camp-2E through Population Movement Operation of BDRCS at Cox’s Bazar.

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**COVID-19 SCENARIO IN BANGLADESH**

- Under Treatment: 19,758 (79%)
- Total Death: 370 (1%)
- Total Cured: 4,993 (20%)

Figure 2: Date-wise COVID-19 Confirmed Cases in Bangladesh (source: IEDCR).

Figure 3: COVID-19 Infected and Success Scenerion in Bangladesh.
**Key Actions Taken to Date:**

- A **Red Cross Red Crescent Movement Coordination Meeting** (teleconference) on COVID-19 response took place on 12 May 2020.

- In addition to COVID-19 response, **long-term programs and disaster risk management projects** working to raise awareness among the inhabitants of concern locations while some projects are preparing to distribute multipurpose cash grant and some projects have been distributing Ramadan food package and disinfection/safety materials through community organizers, volunteers and project staff.

- BDRCS with support from Unilever Bangladesh and 2030 Water Resources Group has been providing **disinfection spraying kits, water purification kit, capacity building training for staffs and establishing handwashing station** at all 64 district, mostly in DC offices and some other areas advised by concerned DC office. This service has already been provided to 63 districts. 252 RCY volunteers (4 volunteers each unit) along with concern Unit Level Officer (ULO) facilitated the process.

- As of 17 May 2020, BDRCS with support from Coca-Cola, distributed **191,160pcs bottles** containing 500ml drinking water to selected 84 COVID-19 dedicated hospitals, test/response centers, police station in several districts throughout Bangladesh.

- **RCY volunteers from 30 Red Crescent units and National Headquarters provided Iftar/cooked food to 34785 person so far.** Moreover, Barisal unit RCYs provided financial support to 12 person BDT500 each.

- **BDRCS already distributed 40000 packets of food** parcel procured during the first phase and preparing for additional 35000 packets distribution in second phase.

- **Restoring Family Links**
  
  - With support from ICRC, BDRCS started week long third phase support to monitor safety practices and distribution of total **14945 packets Infection Prevention and Control (IPC) materials at 61 district prisons** throughout the country.

- **Community Engagement and Accountability (CEA)**
  
  - The COVID-19 hotline of BDRCS addressed **146 calls** since March 2020 where 42 were COVID-19 related. Mostly these calls were concerning food support/relief, disinfection, test related support, and donation/partnership to respond.
In addition, a facebook live show was organized on 16 May 2020 to disseminate *Cyclone Early Warning Messages And Instructions* among the wider audience amidst COVID-19 pandemic which reached 11700 people. Mr. Rafiqul Islam, DSG, BDRCS; Mr. Ahmadul Haque, Director (Admin), CPP and Mr. Harun Al Rashid, DRR Specialist, IFRC joined the event as key speaker.

BDRCS CEA team is working with the Government, Risk Communication and Community Engagement platform and Shongjog platform.

Published bulletin with cyclone early warning messages in the midst of Coronavirus on Coronakotha.

**Protection, Gender and Inclusion (PGI)**

The first webinar from BDRCS PGI team along with collaboration from ICRC and IFRC representatives on understanding of *Sexual and Gender Based Violence (SGBV)* related challenges in Bangladesh during the COVID-19 emergency and suggestions on how to address them for staff and volunteers took place on 12 May 2020.

An orientation session was conducted through facebook live on 13 May 2020 during BST 2:00-3:00pm for BDRCS Volunteers from all 68 units on preventing and responding to SGBV during COVID-19.

**Cyclone Preparedness Programme (CPP):**

CPP volunteers have been extensively working on awareness raising as part of preparedness for the upcoming *“Cyclone AMPHAN”* that already formed in the Bay of Bengal and gradually turning into a Super Cyclone. The primary tracking projection says, South-western and Southern coastal belts of Bangladesh are the exclusive zone for cyclone landfall. According to Bangladesh Meteorological Organization, this Super Cyclone AMPHAN landfall is expected on Wednesday between early morning and evening.

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Photo 3: RCY volunteers at Rangamati supporting food distribution by the government at distant sub-districts.

Photo 4: CPP volunteers raising awareness flags for cyclone AMPHAN.
Population Movement Operation (PMO) in Cox’s Bazar:

- 30 bed isolation center for integrated COVID-19 treatment at PHC center in camp-2E is ready to use.
- 1710 people at camp 13 and 19 received awareness session on parenting and child maintenance during this pandemic as well as key messages of SGBV and Protection from Sexual Exploitation and Abuse (PSEA) in response to covid-19.
- **889 Households** trained on hygiene practices and Covid-19 awareness sessions at camp 13, 14 and 19.
- **26 Health Community Volunteers** received orientation on GBV and PSEA.
- **206 HHs in Camp 11, 12, 13, 14, 17, 18 and 19** were reached on COVID-19 awareness as part of Risk Communication and Community Engagement (RCCE). In addition, 33 volunteers got orientation on RCCE.
- **7329 People** reached on Covid-19 hygiene promotion and handwashing sessions.
- **173 Individuals** reached with integrated Community Based Psychosocial Support and risk communication messages at camp 13, 14, 19 to manage fear, worry, rumors, panic and misconceptions on COVID-19. 158 volunteers mobilized for this purpose.

Myanmar Refugee Relief Operation (MRRO) at Cox’s Bazar:

- MRRO-BDRCS responded quickly to a fire incident through providing CRI assistance at **camp-1 on 12 May 2020** where 674 houses got affected. Among those 312 houses were fully damaged and 6 people injured including a children.
- At the transition center, 15 households (HHs) with 23 individuals arrived newly, 15HHs with 28 individuals returned to shelter after 14 days quarantine and still 28HHs with 60 individuals are being observed.
- MRRO successfully disinfected and distributed **LPG cylinders to 15,728 guest community and 429 host community beneficiaries**.
- **Continuous disinfection of 11 Distribution Points is being carried out everyday.** In addition, all beneficiaries entering inside the distribution points are checked temperature through Infrared Thermometers.

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

- IFRC Bangladesh Country Office (CO) transferred approximate BDT 8,144,730 (CHF 95,000) to BDRCS for the insurance coverage of around 2000 Red Crescent Youth (RCY) volunteers engaged in COVID-19 operation.
- IFRC and American Red Cross are closely working with BDRCS and Cyclone Preparedness Programme (CPP) and the Government of Bangladesh on customizing cyclone preparedness measures in the COVID-19 pandemic situation. Updated evacuation protocols are established.
- IFRC CO team is working closely with BDRCS and its Red Cross Red Crescent Partners, especially with American Red Cross, German Red Cross and Swiss Red Cross on forecast based early action as the severe cyclonic storm Amphan is approaching and may cross Bangladesh coast, between Khulna-Chattogram, between Tuesday late night and Wednesday evening. Following a meeting this afternoon, BDRCS decided to activate the Forecast based Action (FbA) Disaster Relief Emergency Fund (DREF).

Photo 5: BDRCS volunteers at Jashore unit orienting DC office employees about disinfectant spraying.
3. Actions Taken from International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC):

- Forensic technical advice was shared with the safe and dignified burial working group in CXB which seeks to strengthen the management of burial and death registration in the DPR camps.

- A virtual dissemination session took place with 35 UNHCR Field Officers in CXB to sensitize them on ICRC’S RFL/FOR work in situations such as when fatalities occur during Law Enforcement Agencies operations and the families don’t know where/how to retrieve the body.

- ICRC donated 82 COVID-19 emergency kits to the BDRCS RFL team for RFL activities to ensure that volunteers could accomplish their job with safety. Those 82 COVID-19 emergency kits are the first batch of a total of 164 COVID-19 emergency kits planned for the BDRCS RFL Network.

- The ICRC has donated emergency kits to the Prison Directorate and 180 guards accompanying detainees to the hospital.

- Communities in northern Kurigram district were sensitized on flooding and lightning as well as COVID-19 amid cyclone and monsoon season, facilitated by the BDRCS and community radio Chilmari with the support of ICRC.

4. Responses from the Government of Bangladesh (GoB):

- Hotline Numbers for COVID-19 Services:
  - 333 (National Helpline) | 16263 (Sasthyo Batayon) | 10655 (IEDCR) | 096-116-77777 (Emergency Doctor Teleservice).

- For DGHS provided latest information on COVID-19 situation in Bangladesh, please visit: [http://covid19tracker.gov.bd/] | [https://corona.gov.bd/]

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

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