GLOBAL COVID-19 SITUATION OVERVIEW

**CONFIRMED CASES**
- 6,384,205

**RECOVERED**
- 2,920,953

**DEATHS**
- 377,797

- **USA**: 106,927
- **SPAIN**: 27,127
- **ITALY**: 33,475
- **UK**: 39,045
- **FRANCE**: 28,833
- **TURKEY**: 4,563
- **IRAN**: 7,878
- **INDIA**: 5,610
- **RUSSIA**: 5,037
- **CHINA**: 4,638
- **PERU**: 4,634
- **BRAZIL**: 30,046
- **SOUTH AFRICA**: 705

**BANGLADESH**
- Total Affected: 52,445
- Total Recovered: 11,120
- Total Death: 709

*Figure 1: Global Mapping of COVID-19 Pandemic (source: Worldometer.com / covid19tracker.gov.bd).*
1. Actions Taken from Bangladesh Red Crescent Society (BDRCS):

- **Key Figures at a Glance:**
  
  - **267,000**
    Number of 500ml drinking water bottle distributed among selected COVID-19 dedicated hospitals, test and response centers, Police station at several districts.
  
  - **2,250,357**
    People received life-saving awareness messages on COVID-19 through social media. (as of 01 June 2020).
  
  - **27,000,000**
    Unconditional cash grant of BDT 27,000,000 provided to 6000 families who are directly or indirectly affected by the COVID-19 pandemic in the three districts (Khagrachari, Rangamati & Bandarban) of Chittagong Hill Tracts.
  
  - **100,000**
    Packets of cooked food being distributed by RCY volunteers through Joy of Giving program with support from HSBC bank.
  
  - **28,000**
    Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) being provided to the frontline healthcare professionals dealing with Covid-19 cases in Kurmitola hospital, Kuwait Maitree Hospital, Dhaka Medical College Hospital and Holy Family Red Crescent Medical College Hospital.
  
  - **84**
    2 Isolation & Treatment Center (ITCs) consisting 30 and 54 beds ready to use at camp-2E and camp-7 to support COVID-19 patients from both host and guest community through Population Movement Operation of BDRCS at Cox’s Bazar.
Key Actions Taken to Date:

⇒ Following the official instructions from the public authorities and subsequent decisions undertaken from the senior management, BDRCS staff and volunteers started working at office with necessary safety precautions, social distancing and duty rotations as required.

⇒ With support from Novartis (Bangladesh) Limited, BDRCS will distribute 28,000 pieces of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) among the frontline healthcare professionals dealing with COVID-19 cases in four hospitals of the capital namely Kurmitola hospital, Kuwait Maitree Hospital, Dhaka Medical College Hospital and Holy Family Red Crescent Medical College Hospital.

⇒ BDRCS in-collaboration with HSBC bank, commenced the initiative entitled “Joy of Giving” that includes distribution of 100,000 packets of cooked food among COVID-19 impacted responders and patients throughout the country. As part of this, special lunch packets were distributed on Eid day (25 May 2020) among duty doctors, nurses and medical staff at all the COVID hospitals in Dhaka.

⇒ With financial support from ICRC, BDRCS supported 6000 families with BDT 27,000,000 who are directly or indirectly affected by the COVID-19 pandemic in the three districts (Khagrachari, Rangamati & Bandarban) of Chittagong Hill Tracts (CHT). This unconditional cash grant of BDT4,500 was provided to each family to cover food and other essential households needs.

⇒ Disaster Risk Management

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

⇒ BDRCS provided orientation and support to more than 10 organizations including airport authority, government agencies, high commission on the Infection Prevention and Control (IPC) to help them to tackle COVID-19. 267,000 pieces 500ml drinking water bottle distributed among selected COVID-19 dedicated hospitals, test and response centers, Police station at several districts.

⇒ Cleaning Staff from 63 Deputy Commissioner Office in 63 district received orientation on IPC from Red RCY volunteers of BDRCS.

⇒ Government Hospitals in 60 districts received disinfectant spray machine, chemical solution and orientation to conduct their own disinfectant activities in the medical settings.

⇒ 3000 packets cook food distributed among the floating people on 26, 27 and 28 May 2020. 17 volunteers supported the distribution to the floating people.

⇒ 3000 packets cook food distributed in the COVID19 dedicated hospitals and government service providers in Dhaka district on Eid Day.
Restoring Family Links

- With support from ICRC, BDRCS carrying out final/third phase support to monitor safety practices and distribution of total **14945 packets IPC materials at 61 district prisons** throughout the country.
- In addition, ICRC is collaborating with **IG Prison directorate** where BDRCS National Headquarters provides necessary technical guidance to concern unit offices which are responsible for coordination with district level prison authorities.

Community Engagement and Accountability (CEA)

- The COVID-19 hotline of BDRCS addressed **146 calls** in May 2020. Mostly these calls were concerning disinfection support, relief and cash support, blood plasma, volunteerism and complaining irregularities in financial aid distribution.
- BDRCS provided **verbal awareness messages on COVID-19 to all 6000 families** who received financial support in Khagrachari, Rangamati and Bandarban district.
- Community radios namely **Lokobetar in Barguna district and Nalta in Satkhira district** disseminated recorded PSA on disaster preparedness during COVID 19. This show continued during **20-25 May 2020** where focus areas were main steps of preparedness in pre, during and post Cyclone situation, hygiene management system in a shelter, latrine use and disinfection process of cloths and essential staffs.
- BDRCS CEA team is working with the **Government, Risk Communication and Community Engagement platform and Shongjog platform**.

Psychosocial Support Call Center:

In-total **826 people** reached through Psychosocial Support (PSS) activities in the last two weeks. Details of the Psychosocial Support activities are:

- 69 callers (43 Male, 26 Female) have been provided with Psychological First Aid (PFA) through PSS Call Center;
- 3 BDRCS staff/vol. reached with caring for volunteers activities;
- 5 people referred to specialized **Mental Health and Psychosocial Support (MHPSS) services**;
- 754 community people (215 male, 181 female and 358 children) reached through Community Safe Spaces (CFSs) in Camp;
- Scaled-up MHPSS services into the Holy Family Red Crescent Medical College and Hospital.

Photo 3: Awareness raising banners at Deputy Commissioners Office in Munshiganj district.
Population Movement Operation (PMO) in Cox’s Bazar:
⇒ PMO, BDRCS is going to launch 02 Severe Acute Respiratory Illness (SARI) Isolation & Treatment Center (ITCs) for COVID-19 patients of both host and guest communities:
  ▪ The 30-bedded ITC of camp 2E is ready to be launched by 1st week June 2020 with complete and well-equipped setup including necessary medical instruments.
  ▪ 54-bedded ITC of camp 7 completed construction and necessary procurements which will be ready to operate by 2nd week of June 2020. The location of this ITC has easy access to the patients from both host and guest communities.
⇒ 31 Health Community Volunteers received orientation on Gender Based violence (GBV) and Protection from Sexual Exploitation and Abuse (PSEA) to respond in covid-19.
⇒ 23,113 People (5441 HHs) reached on Covid-19 hygiene promotion and handwashing sessions.
⇒ 266 Individuals reached with integrated Community Based Psychosocial Support and risk communication messages at different camps.

2. Actions Taken from International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC):
⇒ IFRC Bangladesh Country Office (CO) Management is closely working with their BDRCS counter part on organisational resource optimization for the nationwide and Cox’s Bazar COVID-19 operation.
⇒ Following the request from BDRCS, the IFRC CO Logistics and Procurement unit has conducted the tendering process together with BDRCS for the insurance of BDRCS staff and volunteers. The insurance agreement is in place now. IFRC is supporting for the insurance coverage of the 1,935 volunteers and 325 staff of BDRCS who are engaged in the COVID-19 response.
⇒ A No Objection Certificate (NOC)/approval obtained from Directorate General of Drug Administration (DGDA) for import shipment of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) for the Isolation centres prepared under Population Movement Operation (PMO) in Cox’s Bazar. The centres are expected to be operationalize from this first week of June.
⇒ BDRCS with the support from IFRC and its Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement Partners (Partner National Societies), has started 4 days long orientation training for the new staff hired for Severe Acute Respiratory Infection (SARI) isolation and treatment centres in Cox’s Bazar. Representatives from Refugee Relief & Repatriation Commissioner (RRRC) office, Civil Surgeon, World Health Organization & other partners were present during the inauguration.
⇒ IFRC CO signed an agreement of CHF 1.9 million (BDT 164,607,000) with BDRCS for COVID-19 response operation in Cox’s Bazar. Another agreement of CHF 1.4 million (BDT 121,290,000) for the nationwide activities is approved and to be signed with BDRCS soon.
⇒ IFRC CO with its Regional Office and Fleet Base Office is supporting possible procurement of ambulances for BDRCS to strengthen its COVID-19 response operation in the country.
⇒ IFRC is closely working with BDRCS in Cox’s Bazar camps to mobilize religious leaders, particularly to convey messaging through mosque loudspeakers in changing the mindsets of targeted communities regarding COVID-19. Audio messaging in the local language is also being disseminated by mobilising local volunteers who themselves are from such communities has been effective in building trust.
3. Actions Taken from International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC):

⇒ Further to the COVID-19 outbreak, many Bangladeshi migrant workers in Maldives cannot work anymore and are living in congested areas. ICRC Dhaka and ICRC colleagues responsible for Maldives are working closely to provide RFL assistance to Bangladeshi nationals present in Male through the Maldives Red-Crescent Society.

⇒ 500 surgical masks and 2 thermometers donated to Centre for the Rehabilitation of the Paralysed (CRP).

⇒ The second set of COVID-19 awareness audio messages has been prepared and launched in-collaboration with BDRCS, and ready to disseminate among all current and previously assisted communities in all three CHT districts.

![Photo 5: BDRCS volunteers at Khagrachari district checking body temperatures of people entering to locality from other districts.](image)

![Photo 6: BDRCS volunteers marking safety points to maintain recommended social distance at market places in Rajshahi district.](image)

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

Contact Information:

**For further information please contact following persons at BDRCS National Headquarters:**

- **Md. Feroz Salah Uddin**, Secretary General, BDRCS. Cell: +8801811458500 | Email: secretarygeneral@bdrcs.org
- **Md. Rafiqul Islam**, Deputy Secretary General, BDRCS. Cell: +8801811458501 | Email: rafiqul.islam@bdrcs.org
- **Imam Zafar Sikder**, Director, Youth and Volunteer, BDRCS. Cell: +8801811458513 | Email: zafar.sikder@bdrcs.org