**Bangladesh Red Crescent Society**

**Situation report | Issue-2 | 2nd May, 2019**

**Cyclone Fani**

1. **Situation overview:**

According to the Bangladesh Meteorological Department (BMD) bulletin-28¹, the very severe cyclonic storm “FANI” (ECP:970 hPa) (pronunciation Foni) over west-central bay and adjoining area moved northwestwards further over the same area and was centered about 1065 km southwest of Chattogram port, 1025 km southwest of Cox's Bazar port, 915 km southwest of Mongla port and 925 km southwest of Payra port at 9 am today the 2nd May 2019. It is likely to intensify further, move in a north-northeasterly direction, cross Odisha coast of India and then moved north-northeasterly direction further over Odisha-West Bengal coastal area, reach Satkhira, Khulna and adjoining southwestern part of Bangladesh by evening of 03 may 2019. Khulna and adjoining Southwestern coastal region of Bangladesh will experience the peripheral effect of the very severe cyclonic storm “Fani” by the morning of 03 may 2019. Maximum sustained wind speed within 74 kms of the storm center is about 160 kph rising to 180 kph in gusts/ squalls. As the BMD forecasts, the Sea will remain very high near the cyclone Centre.

Coastal districts of Satkhira, Khulna, Bagerhat, Jhalokathi, Pirozpur, Barisal, Patuakhali, Borguna, Bhola and their offshore islands and chars will come under danger signal number Seven. Maritime ports of Mongla and Payra have been advised to hoist danger signal number Seven while Maritime Ports of Chattogram has been advised to hoist danger signal number Six. Coastal Districts of Chattogram, Noakhali, Laxmipur, Feni, Chandpur and their offshore islands and chars will come under danger signal number Six. Maritime ports of Cox's Bazar has been advised to keep hoisted local Warning signal number Four.

Under the influence of the cyclone and its timing with the New Moon phase, the low-lying areas of the coastal districts and their offshore islands and chars are likely to be inundated by storm surge of about 4-5 fee height above normal astronomical tide. The coastal districts of Chattogram, Noakhali, Laxmipur, Feni, Chandpur, Borguna, Patuakhali, Barishal, Bhola, Pirozpur, Jhalokathi, Bagerhat, Khulna, Satkhira and their offshore islands and chars are likely to experience wind speed up to 90-120 kph in gusts/ squalls with heavy to very heavy falls during the passage of the storm.

Apart from those coastal districts, Jessore, Kustia, Rajshahi, Bogura, Natore are also likely to be affected by the storm followed by heavy rain falls and potential flash flood, as the meteorologist predicts.

The Indian Meteorological Department (IMD) has also issued the bulletin saying “extremely severe” cyclonic storm will cross Odisha coast by Friday morning and thus the Department has issued a “yellow warning”. According to the media reports, evacuation has been started already for several hundred thousand people.

2. Red Cross Red Crescent Action:

Bangladesh Red Crescent Society’s (BDRCS) Action:

BDRCS has been consistently monitoring the situation since the beginning of the depression formed in the bay. As of 1 May 2019, BDRCS has taken following measures:

- The contingency plan is being activated and control room continues to be open for 24 hours since 1st May. Two officials of BDRCS has been assigned for the control room to collect all the information. Anyone can reach the control room at +88029355995. Control room already communicated with 60 cyclone shelters in the 4 Districts to ensure those are ready for sheltering people.
- BDRCS is maintaining a close coordination with Cyclone Preparedness Program (CPP) at HQ level as well in the coastal Districts.
- BDRCS allocated TK 43,5000 (Tk 200 for each of 2143 CPP Unit team leaders) in Khulna, Baguna, Barisal and Bhola zone CPP commanding area.
- All coastal Units and the non-coastal Units like Rajshahi, Jessore, Magura Units, have been communicated and been advised to be prepared. An Official has been deployed to perform as Unit Level Officer for the Satkhira Unit since the ULO position was vacant there.
- 148 NDRT members and 84 NDWRT members have been kept standby at NHQ level to be deployed whenever needed. Besides, the Units have been asked to engage trained CDMC members and CDRT members to support this emergency response.
- Y&V Department has sent an email to all units asking their trained volunteers to be ready for deployment if needed.
- CPP volunteers are continuing with the dissemination of Early warning messages with support from RCY/ community volunteers of BDRCS
- BDRCS has postponed leave of all staff and has decided to keep all the offices open in Friday and Saturday.
- 8 National Disaster Response Team (NDRT) members have already reached in Bagerhat, Khulna, Satkhira and Barguna to support the Units.
- BDRCS Units and CPP have participated DDMC meeting in all coastal districts and also the non-coastal districts.
- 1st issue of Situation Report has been shared among all relevant stakeholders and the 2nd issue will be shared today.
- 3 emergency Medical Team, with 4 health professionals in each, have been formed already in coordination with Health Department who are ready to be deployed anytime with necessary medicines for two weeks
- 2 teams comprising relevant & skilled officials of BDRCS and in-country Movement Partners are going to be formed by soon to make it ready for deployment to the affected districts. The partners have been asked to provide the name for the team and also provide vehicle for movement to the affected district. IFRC to coordinate with partners for this.
- Do's and don'ts before cyclone has been shared in BDRCS social media to aware vulnerable people on what to do and what not to before the cyclone as a part of Communication With Communities
- BDRCS continues participating coordination meeting at MoDMR and Inter- Ministerial Meeting and also media briefing.
- For internal coordination, 4 meetings have already been conducted among BDRCS Management and in-country Movement Partners. And numbers of meeting conducted between EAP activation committee so far. The next meeting in the morning tomorrow (3rd May) to finally decide whether EAP should be activated or not.
- BDRCS is supporting IFRC team in preparation of DREF/ EPOA document to be launched upon the cyclone make landfall.
- The following disaster preparedness stock of BDRCS is ready to meet the immediate need of the affected people:

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Next emergency coordination meeting will take place at 3pm on 3rd May, 2019 at BDRCS conference room.

International Federation of Red Cross & Red Crescent Societies (IFRC) Action:
- IFRC Bangladesh country office is monitoring the situation and coordinating closely with BDRCS and CPP. It is participating emergency coordination meeting organized by BDRCS and EAP activation committee meeting under FbF. To maintain close coordination with external clusters and humanitarian coordination platform, IFRC is representing in the HCTT meetings.
- A coordination meeting with all in-country partners was held on 2nd May.
- The DR team of IFRC, with support from BDRCS DR & PMER team, has started drafting Emergency Plan of Action (EPoA) targeting 10,000 affected household.

ICRC Action:
International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) Bangladesh Delegation is also closely monitoring the situation and coordinating with BDRCS and participating in the BDRCS meetings.

PNSs Action:
In-country partnering national societies (PNSs) like AmCross, Danish Red Cross, German Red Cross, Swedish Red Cross together with IFRC and ICRC are also closely coordinating with BDRCS. They are participating in external working group and humanitarian platform meeting for better coordination.
- **American RC** has allocated BDT 600,000 to be disbursed to Patuakhali RC Unit and Bagerhat RC Unit (TK 200,000 each) and CPP Khulna, Barisal, Cox’s Bazar and Barguna zone (total Tk 200,000) for per and immediate post response. Another TK 235,000 has been disbursed to BDRCS to support emergency telephone bill cost of CPP Unit Team Leaders.
- **Danish RC** has a stock of 2500 food package to be distributed immediately
- **German RC** is providing technical support for Early Action Protocol (EAP) under FbF project in 2 Districts to support 20,000 most vulnerable people. It has already deployed 2 officials in two districts and will also nominate a official or two for the Joint Assessment Team of BDRCS.
- **Swedish RC** is also monitoring the situation and coordinating closely with BDRCS

3. Government of Bangladesh (GoB) Action:
The Government of Bangladesh through its Ministry of Disaster Management and Relief has taken all necessary measures to prepare for this on-coming cyclone.
- Coordination meeting held at District and Upazila level
- National Disaster Response Coordination Committee (NDRCC) at MoDMR will keep open for 24 hrs till the cyclone make landfall
- Emergency CPP implementation board meeting has been organized under coordination of Ministry of Disaster Management and Relief
- An Inter-Ministerial Coordination meeting held on 2nd May, 2019 at MoDMR with the participation of State Minister of MoDMR, Cabinet Secretary-Coordination, Principal Secretary, relevant secretaries from different Ministries and Secretary General of BDRCS SG where it is decided that if the situation remains same, evacuation may be started by the local authorities and CPP volunteers from 10 am tomorrow the 3rd May, 2019. It is also predicting that the signal may raise up to 8, 9, 10 depending on situation tomorrow morning.

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