



BANGLADESH: Cyclone Bulbul 2019 Situation Report 1: (Date: 08 November 2019, 03.30pm)

1. Situation Overview:

A strong depression has been formed in the Bay of Bengal which is named as Cyclone Bulbul. According to Bangladesh Meteorological Department (BMD), it is currently located about 695km southwest of Chattogram port, 645km southwest of Cox's Bazar port, 585km southwest of Mongla port and 575km southwest of Payraport (*source: BMD special weather bulletin no 17 of 8 November 2019*). It is expected to intensify more and move towards north-northwestern Bangladesh. BMD also advised all these maritime ports to hoist local warning signal number four.



Figure 1: Cyclone BULBUL likely track to landfall (*source: skymetweather.com*).

2. Red Cross Red Crescent Action:

Bangladesh Red Crescent Society's (BDRCS) Action:

BDRCS has undertaken the following initiatives as part of response to the cyclone Bulbul:

- ✚ A coordination meeting consisting emergency response and Forecast based financing responsible staffs from BDRCS, IFRC and Movement partners was organized on November 8, 2019.
- ✚ All units are updated about cyclone condition and they are advised to update locally taken decision and actions.



Photo 1: Coordination Meeting at BDRCS National Headquarters



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- ✚ BDRCS activated its national response control room.
- ✚ The National Disaster Response Team (NDRT) members, Unit Disaster Response Team (UDRT) members and trained RCY volunteers are kept alert.
- ✚ BDRCS has updated its disaster preparedness stock at Chattogram warehouse and kept the responsible official alert if any emergency dispatch of relief item needed.
- ✚ An emergency medical team is ready to go to support during emergency.
- ✚ Mr. Md Rafiqul Islam, Deputy Secretary General, BDRCS attended CPP Implementation Board Meeting at MoDMR.



Photo 2: UDRT Coordination Meeting at Patuakhali Unit.

International Federation of Red Cross & Red Crescent Societies (IFRC) Action:

- ✚ IFRC Bangladesh country office is monitoring the situation.
- ✚ To ensure internal coordination, it is participating all meetings organized by BDRCS together with other in-country partners.
- ✚ IFRC is keeping regular communication with its regional office.

Partner National Society's Actions:

In-country partnering national societies (PNSs) are also closely coordinating with BDRCS and IFRC.

3. Government of Bangladesh (GoB) Actions:

The Government of Bangladesh through its Ministry of Disaster Management and Relief (MoDMR) is regularly monitoring the situation and organizing coordination meeting with all relevant government and non-government stakeholders. On 8 November 2019, a CPP Implementation Board Meeting took place at MoDMR.

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