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## BANGLADESH: Cyclone Bulbul 2019 Situation Report 3: (Date: 10 November 2019, 02:00pm)

### 1. Situation Overview:

The Very Severe Cyclone Bulbul gradually weakened and turned into severe cyclonic storm and afterwards deep depression followed deliberate landfall in the coastal belt alongside the Bay of Bengal. According to Bangladesh Meteorological Department (BMD), Maritime Ports of Mongla, Payra, Chattogram and Cox's Bazar have been advised to lower to hoist **Local Cautionary Signal Number Three (Riverine)** from previously suggested ones. Relentless rainfall ranging from low to high, fueled the process of reducing wind speed in the districts anticipated to be affected most (*source: BMD special weather bulletin no 30 of 10 November 2019*). However, wind may flow at 50-60KPH speed in the coastal districts in a northeastward direction.



Map1: Cyclone BULBUL's landfall location near West Bengal Sundarban and Khulna region.  
(source: bbc.com)

### 2. Red Cross Red Crescent Action:

#### Bangladesh Red Crescent Society's (BDRCS) Action:

- ✚ BDRCS regularly participates in government's decision-making meetings and collaborates accordingly. For example, MoDMR distributed relief items through BDRCS volunteers in Feni and Pirojpur.
- ✚ An emergency coordination meeting took place on November 10, 2019 at 9:00am at BDRCS National Headquarters in order to share updates on concurrent cyclone condition and perceived responses through unit offices. BDRCS, IFRC, ICRC and in-country partner national society representatives participated in the meeting.
- ✚ Five branch offices of BDRCS namely **Barguna, Patuakhali, Bagerhat, Jhalokathi, Laxmipur** have



Photo #1: CPP volunteers removing road blockage at Chila Union of Mongla Upazila under Bagerhat district.



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Photo #2: Patuakhali Unit RCY volunteers and CPP volunteers providing dry food packets among sheltered people.

distributed a total number of **11450 packets** of dry food (flattened rice/ sugar/ puffed rice/ biscuit/ water) among people who resided overnight in the shelter centers.

✚ **Nine** most threatened and **Five** moderately threatened branch offices deployed. trained RCY volunteers who closely collaborated with CPP volunteers in the evacuation, search & rescue as well as food distribution activities.

✚ BDRCS cyclone contingency plan and national response control room remains active.

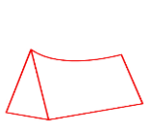
✚ An emergency medical team is kept standby to support any area if needed.

✚ BDRCS unit and CPP joint responses are highly regarded in national print and electronic media. In addition, BDRCS regularly posting updates through social media.

✚ A rapid assessment team has been

sent to Khulna, Bagerhat and Satkhira district comprising representatives from BDRCS, IFRC and American Red Cross.

✚ BDRCS has updated its disaster preparedness stock at Chattogram and Dhaka warehouses.



**5521 pcs**  
**Tarpaulin**



**1440**  
**Blankets**



**8501 pcs**  
**Jerrycan**



**20250 pcs**  
**Chador**  
(thin blanket)



**345 pcs**  
**Shelter**  
**Toolkit**



**12000 pcs**  
**Sleeping**  
**Mat**



**62 pcs**  
**Hygiene Kit**  
**Box**

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

- ✚ IFRC Bangladesh CO is monitoring the situation and ready to provide necessary technical support.
- ✚ 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 and coordinates regarding potential DREF and Emergency appeal.
- ✚ One vehicle with driver from IFRC is being used by the rapid assessment team.

### International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) Action:

- ✚ ICRC closely monitoring the situation and coordinating with BDRCS.

### Partner National Society's Actions:

- ✚ All in-country partner national societies (PNSs) are also closely coordinating with BDRCS and IFRC.

### 3. Government of Bangladesh (GoB) Actions:

According to the National Disaster Response Coordination Center (NDRCC), a total number of 21,06,918 people were evacuated within 5587 cyclone shelters ([report #3 of 10 November 2019, 12:00pm](#)).





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## 5. Photos of Cyclone BULBUL Response Activities carried out by BDRCS:



Photo #3: Laxmipur Unit RCY volunteers preparing dry food packets to distribute in shelters.



Photo #4: RCY and CPP volunteers closely working for dry food packaging in Patuakhali..



Photo #5: UDRT volunteers loading dry food packets to ship to shelters in Bagerhat.



Photo #6: RCY volunteers providing evacuation message.





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Photo #7: RCY volunteers providing evacuation message in Pirojpur district.



Photo #8: Unit team with CPP in Laxmipur announcing evacuation info.



Photo #9: RCY volunteers setting cyclone signal flags in Jhalakathi district.



Photo #10: RCY volunteer provided support to the elderly and other people with special need who resided overnight in shelter centers.



Photo #11: RCY volunteers providing first aid at shelters in Barguna.