1. Situation Overview:
15 districts of northern, north-eastern and south-eastern Bangladesh are most affected where continuation of 5 days or more flooding is predicted based on upstream flow and continuous rainfall throughout the country. A greater impact in the northern districts may be visible by 18th or 19th instant. Several other districts may also be affected due to the rainfall. The overall forecast based on rainfall scenario by Flood Forecasting and Warning Center (FFWC) represents water level transformation alongside the greater Brahmaputra basin as represented below:

Figure 1: Forecast on change of water level at Bahadurabad (source: FFWC)
2. Red Cross Red Crescent Action:

Bangladesh Red Crescent Society’s (BDRCS) Action:

A meeting at BDRCS national headquarters took place on 15 July 2019 for better coordination among RCRC movement partners as part of responding to the ongoing flooding situation throughout the country. The following updates comes from the meeting:

- **BDRCS Response Updates from units:**
  - **Khagrachari**: 9 teams consisting 15 RCY volunteers working at 9 upazila. 200 packets hygiene kits will be distributed at Khagrachari Sadar and Dighinala.
  - **Netrokona**: A team of 92 RCY actively working for emergency response. 10 RCY members operating the control room. 25 UDRT and 35 RCY members distributed 400 food packages among the affected people.
  - **Lalmonirhat**: 15 RCY volunteers actively working, 150 food packages will be distributed on 16 July 2019.
  - **Sunamganj**: 5 EC members and 15 RCY volunteers distributed dry food packets among 200 flood affected families.
  - **Bandarban**: BDT 1 lakh is allocated for Bandarban Unit for purchasing necessary raw materials to provide cooked food to the affected communities.
  - **Cox’s Bazar**: 6 groups consisting a total number of 60 RCY volunteers raising awareness in the areas that are most vulnerable to landslides.
  - **Sylhet**: 50 RCY volunteers are ready to execute the plan of providing dry food packages among 200 affected families.
  - **Rangamati**: A total number of 98 RCY volunteers are supporting different government initiatives such as first aid, bringing people to the shelters, and distribution of foods at shelters.
  - **Feni**: 25 RCY volunteers are kept alert for anytime support.
  - **Habiganj**: The unit office has prepared a list of 5000 affected families and informed the need to provide rice among those families. 10 RCY volunteers ready to support.
  - **Gaibandha**: A meeting with unit chairman is organized to plan for better response to the flooding situation.
  - **Kurigram**: 25 UDRT and 15 RCY volunteers are ready to support.
  - **Moulavibazar**: 50 RCY volunteers are kept ready to support flood response activities.

- **BDRCS is providing life-saving and awareness messages through its social media accounts.**
- **More than 575 RCY volunteers are actively engaged in this monsoon flood 2019 operation.**

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

- **IFRC Bangladesh country office is monitoring the situation and coordinating closely with BDRCS and with its sub-office at Cox’s Bazar.**
- **To ensure internal coordination, it is participating all meetings organized by BDRCS together with other in-country partners.**
- **Following today’s coordination meeting IFRC with BDRCS starts working on DREF request. However, BDRCS will confirm tomorrow, based on further information that DREF will be requested or not.**

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**AT A GLANCE**

- 15 Districts / 60 Upazila / 270 Unions most affected
- 37 People died
- 14,449 displaced people / Open 261 temporary shelter
- 962,021 People affected (data found from eight Districts)
- More than 11,000 Houses damage (data found from 3 Districts)
- 3,135 Hector crops damaged (data found from 3 districts)
- Severe Flood at 7 stations
- 25 stations are measured as flowing over danger level
- 7 river stations are flowing over warning level

*Source of information: NDRCC and DGHS*
PNSs Actions:
- In-country partnering national societies (PNSs) i.e. American Red Cross, Danish Red Cross, German Red Cross, Swedish Red Cross, Swiss Red Cross, Turkish Red Crescent, British Red Cross, together with IFRC and ICRC are also closely coordinating with BDRCS and ready to support as the national society requires.
- German RC identified 92 most vulnerable unions at the greater Brahmaputra Basin under Bogra, Gaibandha, Jamalpur, Kurigram, Rangpur, and Sirajganj district. Through their Forecast based Financing (FbF) programme, financial assistance to 500 families (BDT 4500 each) will be provided at Chilmari and Nayyarat upazila under Kurigram district. A team already reached Kurigram for necessary action.
- Swiss Red Cross will support FbF/FbA identified most vulnerable Fazlupur union under Gaibandha district through their emergency support programme. They are ready to extend support to other districts if needed.

ICRC Actions:
International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) Bangladesh Delegation is essentially supporting in Konarpara (the border camp – part of Bandarban district) and willing to provide dry food, mattress, blankets and tarpaulins subject to request from BDRCS.

3. Government of Bangladesh (GoB) Actions:
The Government of Bangladesh through its Bangladesh Meteorological Department and Flood Forecasting and Warning Center (FFWC) is continuously monitoring the situation while through Ministry of Disaster Management and Relief has taken all necessary measures to prepare for supporting flood affected people. The following are the major hotline numbers for information on ongoing flooding situation:
- The control number of Bangladesh Water Development Board for flood response is 1090.
- Ministry of Shipping hotline 9515551 (8am to 10pm until 18 July 2019);
- Bangladesh Television hotline 48312685, email: btvnewsroom@yahoo.com
- Bangladesh Sangbad Sangstha hotline 9555036, email: bssnews@bssnews.net
- Bangladesh Betar hotline 8181897, 8181896 and email: cnobetar@gmail.com
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