

Cyclone Amphan

Situation Report

7 June 2020

BRAC Humanitarian Programme

Impacts at a glance



Affected Population
10 Million



Death Toll
26 persons



Total cost of damage
US\$ 130 million



House damaged fully **55,767** and partially **205,368**



Tube well damaged
18,235



Latrine damaged
40,894



Crop damage
32,037 Hectares



Prawn and fish cultivation damaged area **18,707 Hectares**



Loss of livestock
14,228



Embankments damaged **76 km**



Moderate to severely affected districts **08**



This house was badly damaged by the Super Cyclone Amphan, and now under restoration with the cash support provided by BRAC.

Situation Overview

- Cyclone Amphan hits the Bangladesh coast approximate at 5:00 PM (BST) on May 20, 2020 with a wind speed of 160km per hour, affecting more than 10 million people in 19 (Nineteen) coastal districts. According to the Joint Need Assessment conducted by the Need Assessment Working Group, 8 out of 19 districts are moderate to severely affected by the super cyclone.
- More than 100 villages in 4 unions under Assasuni sub-district of Satkhira districts and 3 unions under Koyra sub-district of Khulna district became inundated again due to high tide on June 5, 2020 because of the breached embankments. Most of the population from these inundated areas have taken shelter on the embankments and living in makeshift shelters with lack of food, safe drinking water and sanitation facilities.

Needs of emergency and priority recovery support in 8 moderate to severely affected coastal districts



Shelter



Food security and livelihood



WASH



Child protection



Nutrition



Critical infrastructures

Major Challenges

- People marginally above the poverty level are likely to fall below the poverty line due to prolonged loss of income and employment.
- Damage of crops, shrimp enclosures and other agricultural products, and loss of livestock may increase the food insecurity of the affected the people, who are already suffering from livelihood crisis due to the COVID-19 pandemic.
- Lack of safe drinking water and sanitary latrines may cause health hazards by spreading waterborne diseases.
- Physical distancing in emergency shelters is near to impossible which may increase the risk of COVID-19 transmission.



BRAC Response

- BRAC has allocated **BDT 30 million (USD 353,000)** for repairing/restoration of damaged houses and WASH facilities of badly affected families.
- As per its initial plan to support **10,600** badly affected families, BRAC has already distributed conditional cash grants to **4,279** families for repairing/restoration of their damaged houses and WASH facilities in 10 sub-districts namely Shyamnagar, Assasuni, Kaliganj and Kalaroa under Satkhira district; Koyra, Paikgachha, Dacope, Botiaghata and Dumuria under Khulna district, and Sarankhola under Bagerhat district. Since May 21, 2020 BRAC is also distributing safe drinking water to affected families in Satkhira district.
- BRAC is also disseminating awareness message on social distancing and hand washing both in temporary shelters and affected communities as well as provided training to its field staff on installation of tippy taps and hand washing facilities to reduce the spread of COVID-19.
- Considering the immediate needs, BRAC has also provided food packages and oral rehydration saline (ORS) to most vulnerable families in inundated unions under Satkhira and Khulna districts.

As of June 7, 2020



4,279 families received cash grants



75 destitute families received food packages



3,788 families received **67,320L** of safe drinking water



1,397 families received **13,970** packets of ORS



Local communities mobilised and voluntarily participated to repair the protection embankment at Nebubuniya point in Gabura Union under Assasuni sub-district of Satkhira district, which was breached due to the impact of Cyclone Amphan. The Water Development Board provided geo-bags and bamboos to repair the embankment. The community initiative and their voluntary services helped to save thousands of families from inundation again during high tide.

Government Response



Allocated **500** bundles of CI sheets and **BDT 1.5 million** in each cyclone affected district for repairing houses.



Distributed **BDT 695,000** in 7 sub-districts in Satkhira, Khulna and Bagerhat districts.



Allocated **BDT 1 billion** to repair embankments in Shyamnagar and Assasuni sub-district in Satkhira district. Water Development Board and Bangladesh Army are working together for repairing the embankments.



Purifying **6,000L** saline water per hour in Satkhira district, and 60% population of the district are getting safe drinking water.

Note: All images are captured by BRAC field officials; **Sources:** i) www.modmr.gov.bd, ii) Cyclone Amphan Joint Needs Assessment (JNA) report by Needs Assessment Working Group, iii) Deputy Commission's Offices in Satkhira, Khulna and Bagerhat, iv) Local Water Development Board offices in Satkhira district and vi) Various print and electronic media.