



Situation updates

- The second spell of flood that started since 2nd week of July 2020 due to the torrential monsoon rain and onrush of water from the upstream, affected 20 districts across Bangladesh as highlighted in the map below.
- According to the National Disaster Response Coordination Center (NDRCC) report that over 2.9 million people are directly affected by the flood and more than 679,178 families remain waterlogged and lost their houses in 102 sub-district across the affected 20 districts.
- Around 67,414 people took shelter in designated shelter centers abiding by social distancing due to the ongoing COVID-19 situation. However, many more are living in makeshift houses on the dykes and roads.
- The Health Emergency Operation Center & Control Room under Directorate General of Health Services reported since June 30, a total of 62 people were died due to flood-related incidents.
- The floods damaged standing crops on nearly 172,000 hectares of lands.
- Flood affected families who are living in makeshift houses on dykes and roads are suffering from acute shortage of food, drinking water and sanitation facilities.



Flood Impacts on BRAC Programmes

- One hundred eight BRAC Branch Offices are fully or partially inundated/affected by flood the in the most affected Sunamganj, Sylhet, Kurigram, Gaibandha, Lalmonirhat, Jamalpur, Bogura and Naogaon districts.



	20 district impacted		2.9 Million people affected
	62 people dead		679,178 household waterlogged






- Total 108,582 Microfinance Programme participants; 2,313 Ultra Poor Graduation Programme participants, and 425 Polli Shomaj member of Community Empowerment Programme are affected by the flood across these major affected districts.

Flood forecast

- The Bulletin of Flood Forecasting and Warning Centre (FFWC) Board issued on July 25, 2020 indicates that the water level of the Brahmaputra-Jamuna rivers was increasing, which may continue in the next 24 hours; and the water level of the Ganga-Padma rivers may increase in the next 24 hours.
- The increase of water level of the rivers surrounded by Dhaka district may continue in the next 48 hours; while the water level of the upper basin of Meghna river was receding, which may continue in the next 48 hours.
- In the next 24 hours the flood situation in Sunamganj district may improved; but flood situation of Manikganj, Munshiganj, Faridpur, Madaripur, Chandpur, Rajbari, Shariatpur, Dhaka Kurigram, Gaibandha, Natore, Bogura, Jamalpur, Sirajganj, Tangail and Naogaon district may worsen.
- The Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs of the United Nations warns that the duration of current flooding in Bangladesh might be longest after the flood in 1988 (The Daily Manob Zamin, July 25, 2020).

Government's Response

- The Ministry of Disaster Management and Relief has taken necessary preparation and opened 1,521 shelter centers across the flood affected regions to provide shelter to the marooned population abide by the social distancing during the ongoing COVID-19 situation.
- Since June 28, 2020, the Government of Bangladesh has allocated and distributed:

Relief items	Allocation	Distribution
 Rice	16,100 MT	5,860 MT
 Cash	BDT 25,200,000	BDT 21,402,200
 Dry food	84,000 packet	50,747 packet
 Baby food	BDT 5,000,000	BDT 2,550,000
 Fodder	BDT 5,000,000	BDT 2,550,000

- The local administrations are also distributing, drinking water, water purification tablets, oral saline and CI sheets, and installed many temporary latrines and 120 tube-wells near to the shelter centers.
- The government also formed 619 medical team to provide emergency health support to the flood affected population in which 310 teams are already activated

BRAC's Response

- BRAC is monitoring the flood situation at the district, sub-district and union level through regular communication and collecting information from its field staff.
- BRAC keeps disseminating early warning messages by incorporating COVID-19 prevention measures in the flood affected and vulnerable districts through four community radios and its field staff as well as through social media.
- BRAC field staff are assisting for evacuation of waterlogged population to safe shelter centres.
- BRAC is providing humanitarian support to badly affected families for immediate survival and other emergency needs.
- As of July 25, 2020 BRAC support includes,
 - Distributing of dry food packages and oral saline to badly affected families in Dewanganj and Islampur sub-district under Jamalpur district.
 - Constructed toilet facilities near to flood shelter centres in Porsha sub-district under Naogaon district.



"I do little remember the sufferings of the flood in 1998 as I was a kid then. But this time the flood is different. The flood affected us three times in a month. There is water in my house, which is sometimes increasing and sometimes decreasing. I and my husband has no space to live. But we were so worried to take shelter in government flood shelters because of the high possibility of transmission of Coronavirus. I often listen community radio "Pollikontho" and this time suddenly I heard the message of BRAC in the radio such as we should maintain 3 feet distance from each other, wear a face mask and wash our hands by soap for at least 20 second. Then we got confidence to leave the inundated house but we took shelter on the nearby road by making a makeshift house because my husband is afraid of to the flood shelters."

-Sumi Akter (38)

Banshikunda, Dharmapasha Sub-district, Sunamganj