








Asif Saleh, Executive Director of BRAC said: "BRAC has always stood by the people hit by natural calamities. Our staff gave relentless services in the areas hit by Aila, Mahasen, Amphan and other cyclones in the past. We are committed to standing by the people seriously affected by this year's flood and to giving cash assistance which will help them meet their urgent necessities. We are also calling on individuals and institutions to extend their generosity towards these families in distress."

SITUATION UPDATE AND FORECAST

- The situation of the 2nd spell of ongoing floods in Bangladesh that affected over 5.5 million people across 33 districts of the country, has started to improve.
- The bulletin of Flood Forecasting and Warning Centre (FFWC) issued on August 10, 2020 indicated that the water level of the Brahmaputra-Jamuna is receding however, in the next 24 hours, the water level of Brahmaputra may remain static while Jamuna may continue to recede. Water level Ganga-Padma and the upper basin of Meghna river except Kushiara are receding, which may continue in the next 48 hours.
- The bulletin also informed that the flood situation in Sirajganj, Tangail, Natore, Manikganj, Rajbari and Faridpur district as well as low-lying areas adjacent to Dhaka City may improve in the next 24 hours.
- Since the flood water started receding, many people especially, children are suffering from various diseases caused by the floods. There is also a severe shortage of medical facilities and supplies to address the increasing number of patients. Out of 886 medical teams formed by the government, only 320 are active.
- BRAC field report informed that due to the prolonged flood in decades, the affected families are living misery as they are suffering from acute shortage of food, safe drinking water and sanitation facilities.

	Impacted Area 165 Sub-districts
	Affected Population 5.5 Million
	Death Toll 135 Persons
	Waterlogged households 1,059,295
	Damaged croplands 125,549 hectares
<small>Source: NDRCC Situation Update (August 06, 2020); Report on Monsoon floods 2020 by Needs Assessment Working Group (August 03, 2020)</small>	

FLOOD IMPACT ON BRAC PROGRAMMES

- Over 274,324 Microfinance Programme participants; 1,694,373 families of Health, Nutrition and Population Programme; 2,313 Ultra-Poor Graduation Programme participants; 5,155 Polli Shomaj members of the Community Empowerment Programme; and 12,411 Village Organisation members of BRAC are affected by the flood.
- Total 312 BRAC Branch Offices are inundated by the flood in 11 districts. Among them 15 have been damaged fully, while 38 are operating partially.
- Under BRAC WASH programme, total 2,246 latrines damaged completely and 3,412 damaged partially across the flood affected districts, while 11 water points damaged completely and 443 affected partially in Jamalpur and Sunamganj district.
- Total 225 BRAC schools under Education Programme have been damaged by the flood.








BRAC'S RESPONSE

- BRAC is in the process of selecting the 50,000 most vulnerable families in 15 sub-districts under 7 severe flood-affected districts namely Lalmonirhat, Kurigram, Gaibandha, Bogura, Jamalpur, Sirajganj and Sunamganj to provide emergency cash support in consultation with local government institutions, local leaders, and relevant stakeholders.
- BRAC is continuing to provide emergency food support to the most affected families in Jamalpur and Sunamganj district for their immediate survival, and installed temporary toilet facilities at temporary shelter places in Naogaon district with its sub-district level emergency funds.
- Since the flood water started receding and people are suffering from various waterborne diseases, BRAC is disseminating awareness messages on health related preventive measures by incorporating COVID-19 prevention measures in the flood vulnerable districts through community radios, social media, and door-to-door visits by its field staff.



GOVERNMENT'S RESPONSE

- The National Disaster Response Coordination Center (NDRCC) report issued on August 06, 2020 reported that total 1,452 flood shelters were opened across the flood affected regions, where total 69,494 flood affected people took shelter abide by the social distancing and other preventive measures to reduce the risk of spreading COVID-19.
- According to the NDRCC report, since June 28, 2020, the Government allocation and distribution of emergency support to the flood affected population includes,

Relief Item	 Rice	 Cash	 Dry food	 Baby food	 Fodder	 Tin Sheets	 House repair
Allocation	16,510 MT	BDT 41,850,000	162,000 packets	BDT 14,000,000	BDT 28,800,000	300 Bundles	BDT 900,000
Distribution	11,006 MT	BDT 26,265,200	126,486 packets	BDT 8,263,856	BDT 16,414,000	100 Bundles	BDT 300,000

HCTT'S RESPONSE AND RECOVERY PLAN

The Humanitarian Coordination Task Team's (HCTT) Monsoon Flood 2020 [Humanitarian Response and Recovery Plan](#) highlighted the priority needs of the flood affected population in following sectors: Protection (Child Protection, Gender-based Violence, Sexual and Reproductive Health and Education); Water Supply Sanitation and Hygiene Promotion; Food Security and Nutrition; Shelter. The plan also targeted to implement these most critical high-impact humanitarian interventions in 7 of the 15 most affected districts: Jamalpur, Kurigram, Lalmonirhat, Sirajganj, Shariatpur, Gaibandha, Sunamganj. Based on the plan, the United Nations Bangladesh has made a coordinated appeal for an amount of US\$ 40 million for response and recovery during the period of July 2020 – March 2021. BRAC's flood response plan is aligned with the HCTT's Response Plan with key focus on Food Security and Nutrition.



"My husband is a fisherman. I also help him to catch fish from various rivers and canals. Usually, we usually earn average 200 Taka per day. If it is a good day then we might get 500 Taka. But, after the coronavirus outbreak, we had no choice but to sell one boat to feed our family. We were doing well, because we were catching fishes and selling them to the market, but this flood made the scenario worst for us. Our house is inundated. I, my husband and two sons are living in this boat. We don't have enough food, no safe drinking water and no toilet. This boat is our last asset to sell for our survival."

Mumina Khatun, Sariakandi, Bogura

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Sajedul Hasan leitet das "Humanitäre Programm" der bangladesischen Hilfsorganisation BRAC. BRAC ist eine der größten Nichtregierungsorganisationen der Welt. Hasan arbeitet seit 30 Jahren in der Katastrophenhilfe.

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La República

En conversación con una asociación internacional de desarrollo en **Bangladesh**, el director del programa humanitario BRAC, **Sajedul Hasan**, dijo: "Aumentará el sufrimiento".

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The New York Times

"The suffering will go up," said Sajedul Hasan, the humanitarian director of BRAC, an international development organization based in Bangladesh that is distributing food, cash and liquid soap to displaced people.

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"Normally, the water begins to recede after a certain point and people start going back to their homes from flood shelters," said Sajedul Hasan, who works for the humanitarian programme of BRAC, a Bangladesh-based development organisation.

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