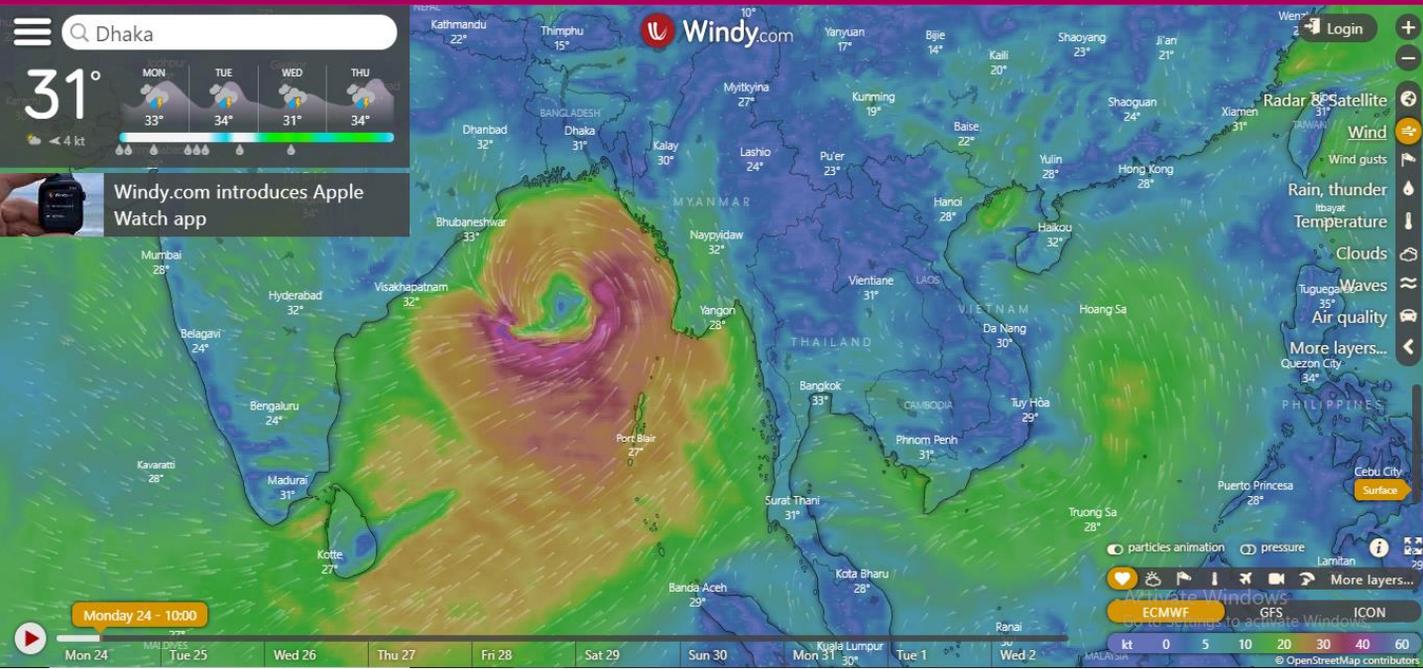


CYCLONE YAAS - ALERT NOTIFICATION

24 MAY 2021 | 12:00pm
BRAC Humanitarian Programme



Situation Update:

- ❑ A low-pressure area that formed in the east-central Bay of Bengal on 18 May 2021 has now turned into a cyclonic storm “Yaas” since early morning of 24 May 2021. It is likely to intensify further move in the north-northwesterly direction and may turn into a severe cyclone.
- ❑ According to Bangladesh Weather Observation Team, Yaas might hit Bangladesh coast by 26 May with a wind speed ranging between 120 km and 190 km per hour. The south-western coastal districts of Bangladesh, especially Khulna, Satkhira and Bagerhat districts, are predicted to be at high risk.
- ❑ The latest special bulletin issued by the [Bangladesh Meteorological Department](#) advised the maritime ports of Chattogram, Cox’s Bazar, Mongla and Payra to hoist distant cautionary signal number two (2), and all trawlers and fishing boats to return and remain close to the coast.

BRAC’s Preparedness and Early Actions:

- ❑ BRAC Humanitarian Programme (BHP) is closely monitoring the situation since the formation of the low-pressure and is taking a multi-layer preparedness and early actions to respond to the impending cyclone Yaas.

- ❑ BRAC's Disaster Management Teams at district and upazila level have been activated; they are standing by and equipped to take immediate actions to respond to the crisis at local level. These teams are conducting coordination meeting with local government institutions.
- ❑ BRAC's Emergency Response Team (ERT) has already been alerted and ready to be deployed depending on the severity of the crisis.
- ❑ Communities are being warned through dissemination of early warning and preparedness message integrated with COVID-19 preventive measures through seven community radio stations covering all coastal districts.
- ❑ The Emergency Operation Center (EOC) at head office level has been activated to play the key role for monitoring the situation, guiding the field team and coordination at various level.
- ❑ All 14 coastal district-level cyclone contingency plans have been prepared. These plans will guide the local responding teams of BRAC to take actions according to the needs and damage incurred by any cyclone.
- ❑ Non-food items (NFI) packages including emergency shelter items and mobile water purification plants have been prepositioned in Khulna and Jessore regions. These are ready to be mobilized and distributed in order to meet the immediate needs of the affected families.

