

# Flood in North-Eastern Region of Bangladesh

## Situation Update # 02

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Disaster Risk Management Programme

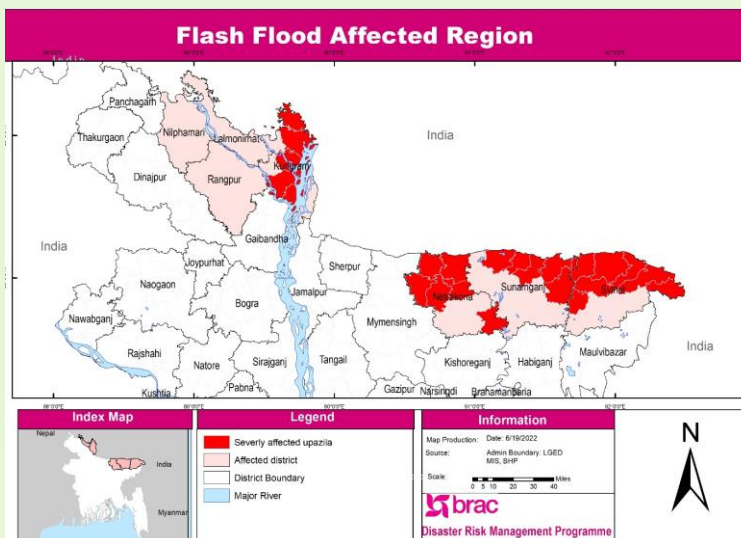


### BRAC Initiated humanitarian response to the flood affected population

#### Situation overview:

The ongoing flood situation in the northeastern districts of Bangladesh has aggravated further due to continuous heavy downpour and triggered it into a humanitarian crisis in Sylhet, Sunamganj and Netrokona. Moreover, due to the continuous downpour and the onrush of upstream water, several northern districts such as Kurigram, Lalmonirhat, Nilphamari, Rangpur, Gaibandha, Sirajganj and Jamalpur have been flooded.

- Sylhet and Sunamganj districts have been hit the hardest, where at least 4 million people are marooned.
- Railway communication with Sylhet and Netrokona districts snapped since Saturday. Operation of Sylhet International Airport has also been suspended for 3 days.
- Electricity supply is halted, and mobile networks and internet services are disrupted.
- Sunamganj district is completely disconnected from rest of the country.
- Many local markets and shops went under water which disrupted the market functionality and the supply chain of essential commodities.
- The Secondary School Certificate and equivalent exams across the country has been postponed.
- More than 90,000 people took shelter in 650 collective shelter centers in Sylhet & Sunamganj districts.
- Five people in Sunamganj district died due to drowning in the flood water.



#### Flood Forecast:

According to the Flood Forecasting and Warning Center, the water level of all major rivers in north and northeastern region are flowing above the danger level, which may increase further in the next 48 hours.

The forecast of Bangladesh Meteorological Department shows that there is a chance of medium to heavy rainfall (somewhere very heavy) at some places of the northern and north-eastern regions of the country in next 72 hours.

Overall flood situation in all affected districts may further deteriorate in next 24 hours.

## BRAC's initiatives:

- BRAC has been working alongside local government since the beginning of the recent flood situation in the country.
- BRAC has allocated Tk. 30 million from its own funds to provide the relief package of dry food, safe drinking water, oral saline, matches, candles, essential medicines, and water purification tablets to about 52,500 families in the work affected Sylhet, Sunamganj and Netrokona districts.
- Today (June 19, 2022) BRAC has mobilized 4,600 relief packages in the worst affected Upazilas and distributed 1,600 packages amongst the families who are most in need using boats to directly reach the families.



- BRAC is closely working with District and Upazila Administrations to distribute relief amongst the flood-affected people.
- BRAC Upazila Disaster Management Teams in the affected districts are assessing the situation to determine the number of affected people and their needs.
- BRAC Emergency Operation Center (EOC) is activated at Head Office and the BRAC Disaster Risk Management team has been in close contact with the relevant government departments as well as the BRAC field staff in the affected districts.

## Government's initiatives:

- The Government has deployed Army, Navy, and Coast Guard for conducting search and rescue operation, and distribution of relief, and mobilized 31 rescue boats and 30 rescue swimmers.
- The District and Upazila administrations are undertaking emergency relief efforts including dry food package, rice, and cash in the affected Upazilas.
- As of now, the government has arranged 258 shelter centres, and allocated 43,000 dry food packets, 905 MT rice and Tk. 12,775,000 cash.

## Immediate needs:

- Crisis of transportation for evacuating people
- Fast reducing stocks of food at homes
- Shortage of dry food due to disruption in supply chain and inundated inventory
- No access to safe drinking water
- Fodder shortage for livestock
- Medical supplies shortage
- Sanitation challenge

**USD 2.2 million is needed to aid 80,000 most affected families with the life-saving supports, particularly food, water and other essentials, for next 1 month.**