

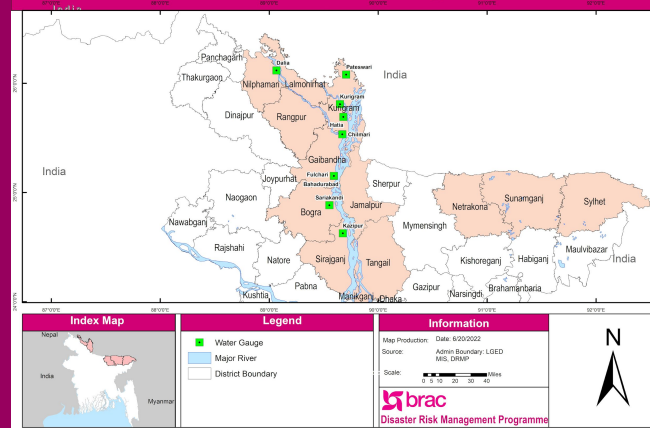


# Flood in Northern and Northeastern Region, Bangladesh Situation Update #3

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## Flash Flood Affected Region



## Situation update

- Millions of people are marooned, as the country's major rivers - the Brahmaputra, Jamuna and Teesta - continue to swell, flowing above the danger level in many places
- 13 northern districts are now feared to be in danger
- Flooding in Sylhet, Sunamganj and Netrokona districts is predicted to remain steady in the next 24 hours. Flooding may worsen in the low-lying areas of the northern and central regions - mainly Kurigram, Lalmonirhat, Nilphamari, Rangpur, Gaibandha, Bogura, Sirajganj, Jamalpur and Tangail districts (source: Flood Forecasting and Warning Centre)

## Relief allocation (district-wise)

District	Allocation (Dry food packages)
Sylhet	18,000
Sunamganj	30,000
Netrokona	4,500
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>52,500</b>



## Response: BRAC

BRAC's response is underway, supporting 52,500 families in the worst affected regions - Sylhet, Sunamganj and Netrokona districts. Families are being reached directly using boats. BRAC Learning Centres in Cumilla and Sylhet are being used as dry food storage and packaging facilities. Awareness messages on safety measures (storing dry food; boiling water before drinking; evacuation priorities for children, women, people with disabilities and elderly) are being disseminated through community radio in the districts at high risk of being flooded in the coming days.

## BRAC's packages include

1. Dry food (flattened rice, puffed rice, palm sugar, biscuits)
2. Drinking water
3. Oral rehydration saline
4. Emergency medicine
5. Candles
6. Matches

## Response: Government of Bangladesh

- BDT 6.5 million (USD 69,956) cash, 1,062 tonnes rice and 12,900 dry food packages distributed
- Cooked meals being provided in flood shelters
- 260 medical teams providing medical services
- Army and Navy continuing rescue operations and relief distribution
- Toll-free hotlines launched



## Impacts and challenges

- **Livelihoods:** Arable land for most staple crops have been damaged by the flooding. Workers who rely on daily wage from agriculture no longer have access to any form of income.
- **Aquaculture:** The local aquaculture industry has incurred losses of more than BDT 140 crore (USD 15m), according to preliminary estimates by the Department of Fisheries. Fish have washed away in large quantities, with farmers in Sunamganj district the worst affected.
- **Agriculture:** Farms and pastures have been inundated. Livestock have been washed away and stored grains have been damaged.
- **Health:** The local health centres across all the affected areas have been significantly damaged. Providing essential health services for patients is increasingly challenging, as infrastructure such as water and electricity supplies have been damaged. Patient admissions are expected to increase. Supporting pregnant and lactating mothers will be particularly challenging. COVID-19 cases are rising again and people in shelters are at increased risk of contracting the virus.
- **Animal fodder:** Stored animal fodder and the production of fodder has been affected, putting livestock at risk, and disrupting socio-economic activities linked to the agriculture sector, particularly with the annual Eid-ul-Azha festival next month, which millions of cattle farmers rely on for their livelihoods.
- **Protection:** Most shelters and evacuation centres do not have adequate privacy, lighting or separate facilities for women or girls.
- **Water:** Water is likely to become contaminated with microorganisms such as bacteria, sewage, heating oil, agricultural or industrial waste, chemicals and other substances that can cause serious illness.
- **Impacts on BRAC's programmes and operations:** Out of 130 total offices in Sylhet and Sunamganj, 15 BRAC offices in Sunamganj are completely inundated and most of the BRAC offices in the affected upazilas in Sylhet district are as well. Approximately 2,000 BRAC staff members are working in these regions and most of their houses are inundated. Many are sheltering in the two-storied BRAC offices or other offices which are still dry.



## Immediate needs

- Dry food and drinking water
- Emergency health and medical supplies along with immediate antenatal and postnatal facilities
- Immediate WASH facilities especially for girls and women in shelters
- Boats for rescue and relief distribution
- Immediate food and fodder for livestock
- Dignity kits for women and adolescent girls

**USD 2.2 million is needed to support 80,000 worst affected families, with food, water, and other essential needs. Stand beside us, as we stand beside Bangladesh.**

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