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## HIGHLIGHTS

- The flood situation in Northwest Bangladesh is likely to improve whereas in three Northeast districts the situation may remain steady.
- Water levels are rising in Central and Western regions of the country, yet falling in the extreme North.
- The prevailing flood situation in numerous districts in Central Bangladesh surrounding Dhaka is likely to worsen further.
- Thirty flood related deaths have been reported thus far.
- The rainfall forecast for the next few days suggests light to moderate rain for much of the country, as well as for neighboring upstream regions.
- The GoB at a press briefing on 1 August confirmed that the overall flood situation is improving and it was not necessary to declare a state of national disaster.
- As of the morning of the 2<sup>nd</sup> August 27 out of 60 river level monitoring stations were above danger level.



### Rainfall Extremes and Forecast:

Rainfall throughout Bangladesh was below the threshold value of localized flooding between the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> August. According to the Bangladesh Meteorological Department/BMD bulletin of 2<sup>nd</sup> August, light to moderate rainfall is likely to occur at a few places over Dhaka, Rajshahi and Sylhet divisions of the country.

The 3-day forecast (2<sup>nd</sup> -4<sup>th</sup> August) indicates no area in Bangladesh expected to receive cumulative rainfall above 150 mms. The same forecast applies for the neighboring regions within India, Myanmar, Nepal and Bhutan.

Note: Rainfall thresholds for potential localized flooding are 75 mms (24 hours) and 150 mms (72 hours).



### Flood and River Levels:

As of the morning of the 2<sup>nd</sup> August, rivers were flowing above their respective danger levels at 27 stations in the districts of Kurigram, Gaibandha, Serajganj, Jamalpur, Narayanganj, Sylhet, Sunamganj, Netrokona, and Chandpur. Between the morning of the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> August, water levels rose at 39 stations and fell at 20, and was unchanged 1 with a total of 60 stations reporting.



### Humanitarian Operations and Preparedness:

The GoB is continuing relief assistance in the flood affected districts of the country. As of 2<sup>nd</sup> August the total GoB relief distribution is 1,370 MT rice, 3,241,143 local currency Taka (equivalent to approximately USD 47,805). GoB has scaled up relief assistance in a few districts. The GoB reports that emergency food reserve stocks are adequate. Advance preparation is being taken to supply seeds and fertilizers to help farmers in preparing seedbeds with the recession of flood waters. The Heads of UN Agencies based in Dhaka met on 1 Aug to get an overview of the

deteriorating flood situation. It has been reported that the Department for International Development/DFID is supporting the GoB's ongoing relief operation channeling \$1.8 million aid through UNDP, and that the European Union has declared \$2 million for the flood victims.

Local NGOs are responding within their limited capacity basically limited to rescue, flood shelter management etc. A few NGOs are providing oral saline, water purification tablets, flattened rice and molasses.

**Data Sources:** Rainfall: BMD/ Bangladesh Meteorological Department  
FFWC/ Flood Forecasting and Warning Center: <http://www.ffwc.gov.bd/>  
CPC/ Climate Prediction Center: <http://www.cpc.ncep.noaa.gov>  
IMD/ Indian Meteorological Department: <http://www.imd.gov.in>  
River Level: FFWC/ Flood Forecasting and Warning Center: <http://www.ffwc.gov.bd/>  
Localized Disaster: The Daily Star/ The Daily Ittefaq  
Disasters General: CDMP/ Comprehensive Disaster Management Programme Situation Report:  
[http://www.cdmp.org.bd/Situation\\_report.html](http://www.cdmp.org.bd/Situation_report.html)

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### Relief Distribution by Government of Bangladesh to Flood Affected Districts as of 1<sup>st</sup> Aug 2007:

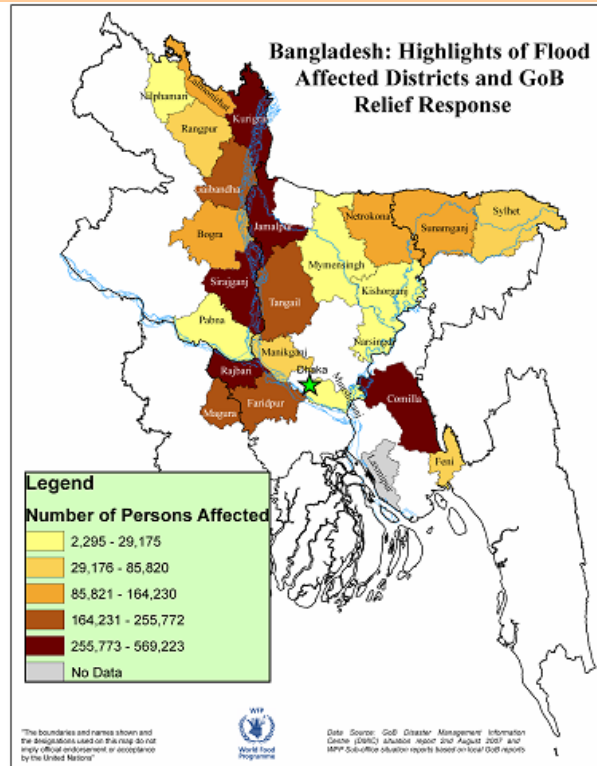
SI No	Affected District	No. of affected Upazilas	No. of affected Unions	No. of People affected	No. of People at Shelter	GoB Assistance		
						Rice (MT)	Cash (Tk.)	Biscuits (Carton)
1	Gaibandha	4	31	220,847	6,618	105	265,000	850
2	Sirajganj	9	58	470,069	56,036	176	391,143	132
3	Tangail	4	76	252,323	2,730	23	238,000	-
4	Kurigram	9	54	560,210	121,193	222	340,000	-
5	Comilla	12	105	398,611	3,500	49	126,000	-
6	Mymensingh	3	13	10,000	250	16	200,000	20
7	Netrokona	7	35	164,230	6,458	7	-	113
8	Jamalpur	6	45	569,223	3,806	99	145,000	153
9	Manikganj	4	35	85,820	-	100	325,000	-
10	Sylhet	10	51	59,450	120	62	25,000	26
11	Sunamganj	11	61	128,717	2,403	25	-	-
12	Faridpur	8	77	201,789	418	44	149,500	-
13	Rajbari	4	45	461,298	-	100	358,000	2
14	Feni	5	30	41,600	21	-	-	-
15	Nilphamari	2	11	13,609	294	27	20,000	100
16	Munshiganj	1	1	2,295	-	50	200,000	-
17	Magura	4	28	255,772	1,086	60	50,000	-
18	Laxmipur	-	-	-	-	-	150,000	-
19	Bogra	3	23	155,976	1,050	90	100,000	-
20	Rangpur	3	14	61,568	70	18.93	77,000	-
21	Lalmonirhat	5	17	126,556	-	44.90	56,500	-
22	Pabna	3	20	29,175	300	34	-	-
23	Kishorganj	6	31	3,570	-	0.27	-	-
24	Narsingdi	1	8	18,300	-	17	25,000	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>124</b>	<b>869</b>	<b>4,291,008</b>	<b>206,353</b>	<b>1,370</b>	<b>3,241,143</b>	<b>1,396</b>

### Relief Assistance by NGOs:

- IFRC/BDRCS supported 8,410 families in Bogra, Cox's Bazar, Bandarban and Feni districts with rice, dal, oil, salt, saree, lungi, water purification tablets and bleaching power.
- Rangpur Dinajpur Rural Services/ RDRS provided 80 Tarpaulins in three camps of Kurigram and allocated cash Tk. 60,000 for dry food at two camps for 750 families and rescue boats.
- Concern Worldwide distributed 25 MT flatten rice, 5 MT molasses and 25,000 packets biscuits for 5,000 families in Serajganj.
- Action Aid started distribution of flatten rice, molasses, water purification tablets, oral rehydration saline, soap, lighter, candle, drinking water and dettol for 2,400 families in Jamalpur, 1,800 families in Serajganj and 1,800 families in Faridpur.
- Gana Unnayan Kendra/GUK responded with rescue boats, 5,000 packets ORS, 5,000 packets alum, polythine sheet for 1,500 families, 2,000 water purification tablets in Gaibandha.

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Highlights of Flood Affected Districts:



Short Term Rainfall Forecast:

