

EARLY ACTION PROTOCOL ACTIVATION

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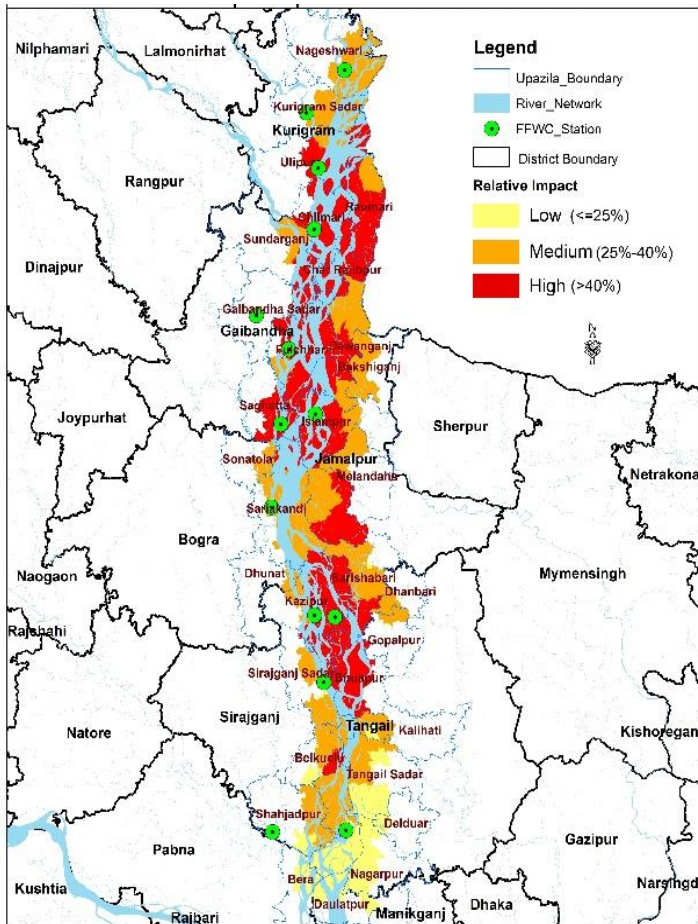
Bangladesh Red Crescent Society volunteers assist with evacuations in Sirajganj district as part of the Early Action Protocol, aimed at reducing and mitigating the impact of floods on vulnerable communities. (Photo: BDRCS)

EAP No: EAPBD202103	Operation No: MDRBD037	EAP approved: 27/07/2021	EAP revised timeframe: 27/07/2021 – 31/10/2024
Trigger date: 09/07/2024	Early action lead time: 15 days	Early action timeframe: 3 Months	

Total Budget: 349,920 CHF
Early Action Budget: 259,432 CHF
To assist: 50,000 people

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Activation Overview



Impact map of riverine flood in Jamuna Basin (Source: BDRCS)

The Bangladesh Red Crescent Society (BDRCS) has activated its Early Action Protocol (EAP) for Floods. On 9 July, BDRCS convened an EAP Activation Committee meeting at 10 am in the BDRCS Emergency Operation Centre (EOC). Based on the analysis the forecast from GLoFAS, the Activation Committee agreed that the conditions for activation were sufficiently met for the first trigger of the EAP. This activation notification aims to communicate the activation of the Floods EAP (under IFRC-DREF anticipatory pillar).

The BDRCS Flood EAP has two preapproved triggers in this EAP:

Stage I: Pre-Activation give BDRCS 15 days for pre-activation activities. The trigger is: Get ready with the resource and identify the beneficiaries likely to be impacted based on the forecasted exposed area. Pre-activation Trigger will be reached when flow at Bahadurabad (forecasted by GLoFAS with lead time 15 days) likely (50 per cent probability of 51 ensembles discharge forecast or above) to cross the 1 in 5-year return period and flowing over at least for three days.

Stage II: Activation, this trigger gives BDRCS 5 days for no regrets early actions which aim to reduce or

mitigate the impact of the hazard. The trigger is: Activate EAP in the vulnerable households within forecasted exposed area. Trigger will be reached when forecast water level by FFWC at Bahadurabad (5 days lead-time) shows to cross the DL+0.85m and remain above for 3 days. This corresponds to an impact forecast of loss of household assets over 25 per cent or affected population over 40 per cent of the respective exposed unions.


Based on the BDRCS decision to activate the EAP, BDRCS HQ has alerted all districts around the Jamuna Basin and requested to initiate all the planned early actions in accordance with the preapproved Flood EAP. BDRCS is targeting 50,000 people and will provide following: (i) support for boat evacuation of people, livestock, moveable assets, (ii) last mile early warning message dissemination, (iii) Unconditional cash grant and (iv) basic first aid service for injuries and sickness.

Noting that the Flood EAP was revised between 2020 to 2021 during COVID-19, there were initially safety measures included particularly the provision of face mask and hand sanitizers. As the COVID-19 situation has evolved since then, this has been removed under the Health sector and will be informed during the EAP final report.


Additionally, considering the current slow evolution of the flood situation, it was decided to increase the operational timeframe of the activation from two to three months.

Early Action Overview


PLANNED OPERATIONS

	Livelihoods and basic needs	Female:	10,500	217,828 CHF
		Male:	10,500	


Indicator:	Number of people reached with livelihoods interventions in advance of a hazard
Priority Early Actions:	1. Conduct household assessment
	2. Provide unconditional cash grants

	Health	Female:	10,500	182 CHF
		Male:	10,500	

Indicator:	Number of people reached with health and care interventions in advance of a hazard
Priority Early Actions:	1. Provide first aid support during evacuation and cash distribution


	Protection, Gender and Inclusion	Female:	10,500	1,136 CHF
		Male:	10,500	


Indicator:	Number of people reached with PGI interventions in advance of a hazard
Priority Early Actions:	1. Ensure IFRC minimum standards for PGI in emergencies
	2. Collect and analyse sex-age and disability disaggregated data

	Disaster Risk Reduction	Female:	25,000	7,727 CHF
		Male:	25,000	

Indicator:	Number of people reached with risk reduction and/or climate adaptation interventions in advance of a hazard
Priority Early Actions:	1. Hire boats for evaluation of people and their livestock and assets
	2. Hire boats for the last mile flood Early Warning dissemination and awareness messages on early action

Strategies for Implementation

 Strengthening National Society		21,354 CHF
Indicator:	Number of BDRCS volunteers and staffs trained/oriented	
Priority Early Actions:	1. Orientation for BDRCS volunteers and staff on data collection, evacuation and cash distribution	
	2. Orientation for volunteers on mobile data collection	

 Influencing others as leading strategic partner		9,500 CHF
Indicator:		
Priority Early Actions:	1. Community communication through establishment of CEA	
	2. Coordination with government, Anticipatory Action Working Group members and relevant stakeholders.	

 International Disaster Response		1,705 CHF
Indicator:	Number of lessons learned workshop conducted	
Priority Early Actions:	1. Conduct post distribution monitoring	
	2. Conduct lessons learned workshop	

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