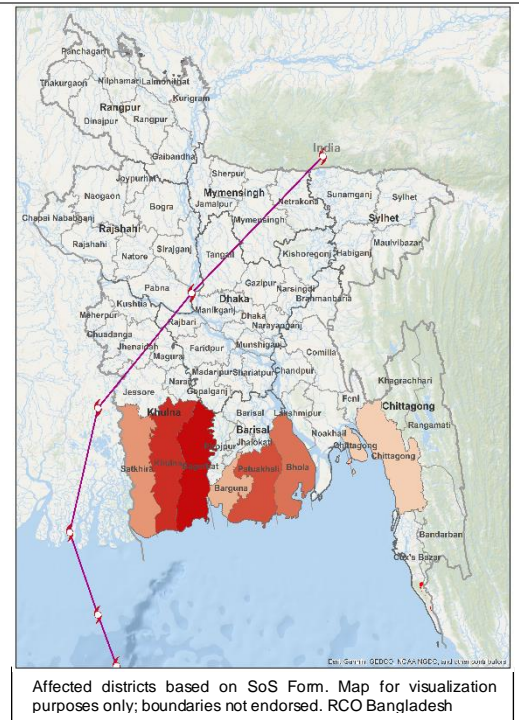


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HIGHLIGHTS

- Cyclone Remal made landfall near the Bangladesh-India border, at the western part of Sundarbans in Shatkhira district. The highest recorded wind speed was 111 km/h at 1:30 am on May 27th, according to BMD in Khepupara of Patuakhali coastal district.
- The storm surge, accompanied by extremely heavy rainfall, caused flooding of 5-8 feet in the coastal districts. Remal weakened into a Cyclonic Storm and then to a Land Deep Depression over Jashore and adjoining areas, continuing its path over Bangladesh.
- According to MoDRM, over 807,023 people have been evacuated to 9,424 evacuation shelters across 19 districts.
- The Government's Situation Report (SoS) form consolidated for seven districts at 3:30 pm on May 27th reported 1.79 million people affected, while SoS forms from the other districts/upazilas are expected to be received today. Women, children, the elderly, and persons with disabilities are found to be the most affected.
- As of today, the districts most impacted are Khulna, Bagerhat, Satkhira, Patuakhali, and Barguna, with embankments broken, damage to power and communication lines due to broken branches and uprooted trees. Power outages are widespread, and mobile and internet connectivity is extremely limited, complicating communication and coordination. Approximately 10,000 mobile towers or base transceiver stations (BTS) are out of service.
- In Barguna and Patuakhali, the tidal surge breached embankments, leading to extensive flooding and damage to infrastructures and livelihoods. Homes, agricultural fields, and fishing farms in low-lying areas have been severely damaged or destroyed.
- The persistent heavy rain and ongoing storm conditions are preventing residents from returning to their homes from cyclone shelters.
- The Needs Assessment Working Group (NAWG) has agreed to initiate a rapid needs assessment to understand the impact of the cyclone, especially in remote areas.
- UN Agencies and humanitarian partners provided critical anticipatory finance and assistance to the affected population. This included WFP reaching 150,000 people (USD 1.6 M), Start Network reaching 30,000 people (USD 230,000), BDRCS reaching 15,000 people, CARE Bangladesh reaching 11,000 people (USD 90,000), STEP Consortium reaching 6,000 people, BRAC reaching 2,500 people, Christian Aid reaching 4,050 people, Concern Worldwide reaching 3,000 people, and CDD reaching 1,500 people.



1.79M¹
Affected population



138,461
Houses damaged



807,023
People took shelter



1²
Death confirmed

SITUATION OVERVIEW

Health

- The Health Emergency Operations Centre (EOC) and Control Room of the Directorate General of Health Services reported that a 27-year-old man drowned in Kolapar, Patuakhali District.

1 Government SoS Form consolidated for seven districts today at 3:30 PM, while SoS Forms from the other districts/upazilas are expected to be received today.

2 Government has confirmed one death. The Dhaka Tribune has reported that 7 people have died.

- Power outages persist in Koyra, Paikgacha, and Dacope, with no restoration yet. Routine Immunization (RI) activities have been disrupted by inclement weather, but the RI vaccines remain securely stored.
- In Bagerhat, minor injuries have been reported across various upazilas: Mollahat 2, Rampal 1, Mongla 3, Morrelganj 2, and Sharankhola 2. These individuals received first-aid treatment at the Upazila Health Complex (UHC) and were subsequently discharged to return home or to the Cyclone Shelter.
- A boat capsized in Mongla, resulting in 14 people receiving initial medical assistance at Mongla UHC.

Shelter

- Based on the available information a total of 138,461 houses have been damaged fully and partially in Khulna, Bagerhat and Bhola district and Assasuni and Shyamnagar, sub-districts of Satkhira District.
- BDRCS has distributed 500 tarpaulins and 500 pcs of Hygiene kits in Patuakhali, Pirojpur, Barguna, Satkhira and Bagerhatto areas impacted by Cyclone Remal, with plans to offer further shelter assistance as needed.
- Islamic Relief has earmarked £100,000 for Cyclone Remal response efforts in Barguna district.
 - Needs: Emergency Shelter Materials, HHs items and Kitchen utensils are required in affected areas. Conditional cash support for repairing and constructing of houses.

Displacement Management

- According to MoDRM, over 807,023 people have been evacuated to 9,424 evacuation shelters across 19 districts.
- Embankment breaking due to the cyclone has taken place in Satkhira, causing 50 villages to become inundated, which may lead to protracted displacement.
- Partners are also collecting displacement data in selected locations.
- There is a dire need for dry foods, WASH supplies for the temporarily displaced residing at evacuation shelters.

Water, Sanitation and Hygiene

- The Department of Public Health Engineering (DPHE) distributed 20,000 Water Purification Tablets (WPTs) in the shelters in Patuakhali, Barguna and Bhola.
- Muslim Aid distributed water in 750 households as part of the Anticipatory Action in Satkhira.

Food Security

- WFP provided anticipatory cash aid to 30,000 households in five districts: Khulna, Satkhira, Patuakhali, Barguna, and Barisal. Each family received BDT 5,000 (USD 43) via bKash transfers, enabling them to respond effectively to early warnings by securing shelters and obtaining essential supplies like food, medicine, and livestock feed.

Logistics

- Chittagong seaport operations halted since the morning of May 26th; vessels were advised to relocate to the open sea for safety. Flight operations were suspended at Chattogram airport, with domestic flights to CXB and Barisal also paused, but they resumed as of May 27th. Movement from Bhasan Char was suspended until further notice. Due to the limited availability of public transport in the capital, commuters faced significant delays. Transporters are on standby to deliver food and non-food items to affected areas. Road communication is disrupted in Chittagong and parts of Khulna and Satkhira due to waterlogging, with assessments ongoing.
- WFP is set to distribute 104MT of fortified biscuits to 41,953 households, and Tk5000 cash will be given through bKash to households in Barguna, Barisal, Khulna, and Satkhira districts.

Child Protection

- 3,000 World Vision volunteers assist and support shelter management teams in Khulna, Satkhira, Bagerhat, Barguna, and Barisal.
- 26 social workers from the Department of Social Services (DSS) are supporting the identification of vulnerable children in Khulna.
- A group of 22 women leaders in Satkhira, from ActionAid, are actively engaged in providing support to women and children residing in the shelter homes.
- World Vision is managing 6 Child-Safe corners in the government shelters in Khulna, Satkhira, Bagerhat, Barguna, and Barisal.

Anticipatory Actions

- More than 72 hours ahead of the landfall, the Anticipatory Action Technical Working Group collaborated with government agencies to monitor and share cyclone forecasts and early action decisions with members and stakeholders. They also advocated to the MoDRM for timely evacuation and safety measures for vulnerable

populations. As of today, ActionAid, BDRCS, BRAC, CARE Bangladesh, Christian Aid, Center for Disability in Development, Concern Worldwide, World Food Programme, STEP Consortium, START Network, Oxfam, and Save the Children are implementing anticipatory actions on the ground with local implementing partners.

- Agencies involved in shelter management, early warning dissemination, WASH support, evacuation, GBV awareness, and Multi-Purpose Cash Grants (MPCG) include BDRCS, STEP Consortium, BRAC, Christian Aid, CARE Bangladesh, WFP Bangladesh, CDD, Concern Worldwide, and START Network.

GENERAL COORDINATION

- Needs Assessment Working Group (NAWG) is preparing for Joint Needs Assessment in 7 districts (Khulna, Bagerhat, Satkhira, Patuakhali, Barguna, Bhola, Barisal)

ROHINGYA REFUGEE RESPONSE: COX'S BAZAR

The following actions are taking place across Sectors in Cox's Bazar as part of the Rohingya Refugee Response.

Shelter and CCCM: *Lead Agency IOM and UNHCR*

- 816 shelters are reported partially damaged and 33 shelters fully damaged. 81 damaged shelters have received assistance. Shelter damage verification assistance to the most affected is on-going.
- 187 minor instances of landslides/slope failure have been recorded and 161 Site Development responses initiated.
- 186 households (897 individuals), living in landslide and other hazard prone locations were supported to relocate to safer areas including learning centres.
- Emergency damage assessment/referral, and support to the relocated families and monitoring of the families living in flood and landslide risky areas has been the priority for Site Management Support volunteers after the landfall.

Food Security Sector: *Lead Agency WFP and FAO*

- WFP distributed 81 cartons (0.485mt) of fortified biscuits to 393 individuals from 81 households that were relocated on 26 May as they were in the path of a possible landslide.
- WFP intends to provide hot meals to those who were relocated due to being in a high-risk zone or due to their homes being damaged.

Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene (WASH) Sector *Lead Agency: UNICEF*

- In the camps, a total of 141 latrines, 51 bathing cubicles, four Fecal Sludge Treatment Plants (FSTP), four tap-stands, and four Material Recovery Facilities (MRF) have been partially affected.
- No major damage to the water networks has been reported.
- In the host community a total of 254 latrines and 27 bathing cubicles have been partially affected.
- Water supply systems are currently functional through backup generators.
- Repair maintenance is ongoing to ensure damaged facilities are functional.
- WASH partners are working on a detailed assessment.

Health Sector *Lead Agency: WHO*

- While the cyclone did not directly impact the health facilities, three health centers (two Primary Healthcare Centers and one field hospital) downscaled outpatient services to emergency healthcare services only.
- No injury cases have been reported due to the weather conditions during the past 24 hours.
- In collaboration with partners and the Civil Surgeon office, the Health Sector developed an emergency evacuation plan that is ready to be executed in response to feedback received from health facilities in the field.
- A total of 16 normal deliveries and 2 obstetric referrals have been successfully provided during the past 24 hours.
- Updated stockpiles of emergency health logistics and medical supplies have been maintained by partners.
- Monitoring the implementation of cross-cutting issues, particularly gender, PSEAH, and access for Persons with Disabilities (PWD), posed challenging during the cyclone response. The Health Sector will undertake a thorough review of the existing guidelines relating to gender and PwD access.

Protection (including CP and GBV) Sector *Lead Agencies: UNHCR, UNICEF, UNFPA*

- 17 Community Centres were moderately damaged across six camps.
- In landslide risk areas PERU teams provided support to people to move to communal shelters.

- Approximately 400 individuals were referred by Protection partners for protection services and 136 to non-protection services such as Health, Shelter and MHPSS.
- Protection Sector partners reached 1,340 individuals (including 55 persons with disabilities) through emergency awareness raising and preparedness activities. IOM reported 116 Rohingya volunteers were engaged in community messaging for cyclone preparedness and response with focus on refugees at higher risks.
- Continuous rain and wind have led to water leakage in Child-Friendly Spaces, potentially disrupting activities and services provided to children, despite no damage to child protection facilities.
- The weather may hinder access to essential services, which are critical for the well-being of children in the camp.
- Community-Based Child Protection Committees and Volunteers are providing need-based support.
- Psychological first aid and counseling will be provided to children and their families to address the stress caused.
- More than 43 Women and Girls Safe Spaces are prepared to partially service as emergency shelters.
- Most of the GBV service points across partners remain partially open for emergency services, 750+ community volunteers deployed for GBV messaging, including service and referral information.
- More than 1,470 Dignity Kits are prepositioned and ready for distribution across partners. Requests have been sent to partners to reposition more dignity kits from existing stockpiles.



Nutrition Sector Lead Agency: UNICEF

- Nutrition services were hampered and flow of beneficiaries severely affected, with partial damage to two facilities.
- Community Nutrition Volunteers are working with the shelter team to track where beneficiaries have relocated to.
- Psychosocial first aid guidelines were disseminated to Early Childhood and Care Development counselors within the Nutrition facilities.



Education Sector Lead Agencies: UNICEF and Save the Children

- No damages to education facilities have been reported.
- Due to the weather conditions, learning centres remain closed.

ROHINGYA REFUGEE RESPONSE: BHASAN CHAR

The following actions are taking place across Sectors on Bhasan Char as part of the Rohingya Refugee Response.



Site Management Support/ NFI/ Shelter Sector: Lead agency: UNHCR

- Heavy rainfall and strong winds continued throughout the day on 27 May, but overall movement on the island remained accessible.
- No major injuries or deaths were reported. No serious infrastructure damage reported.
- At least five makeshift shops were partially damaged. Reports of leaking roofs from recently occupied Clusters 92, 93, 94, 95 continue to be received by the SMS teams due to the persistent strong wind and rain. Windows in at least ten facilities have been broken and fallen to the ground.
- Several sign boards, playgrounds, pond fencing, and rainwater drainage gutters have been damaged.
- A fire incident, caused by a power circuit, occurred in one of the cyclone shelters currently used as accommodation by some NGOs. The fire was extinguished with the support of Navy and Fire service.
- A first aid team and rescue team are on standby, prepared to respond to any emergency.
- 35 SMS volunteers are monitoring and responding to the needs of the community.
- Signal flags have been lowered to level three.



Food Security Sector: Lead agency: World Food Programme (WFP)

- No damage has been reported in Food Security Facilities. Regular transactions were suspended today due to heavy rainfall and strong winds. Dependent on weather conditions and danger alert, e-voucher shops will resume regular activities from tomorrow 28 May.



WASH Sector: Lead agency: UNICEF

- No major damage to WASH facilities has been reported.
- 11 water tanks (300 L) for rainwater collection were partially damaged.
- Seven latrine doors, two bathrooms doors, and two bathroom false ceilings were damaged.
- Six communal containers displaced and damaged.
- Flooding and overflowing reported in Clusters 5,6, 7 and 51 due to sluice gate closure during heavy rains.
- Due to the lack of sunlight, the solar submersible pump is not functional, affecting water extraction.
- 36 empty landfills have been flooded.

**Protection sector: Lead agency: UNHCR**

- No protection cases or incidents have been reported from protection monitoring.
- Broken cable pipes, windows, window locks and signs in eight Multipurpose Centers.
- Power outage in humanitarian staff accommodation.

**Education Sector: Lead agency: UNICEF**

- No major damage to schools has been reported.
- Schools will resume on 28 May, allowing time to rearrange the classrooms on 27 May.

**Livelihoods and Self Reliance Sector: Lead agency: UNHCR Co-coordinated by: WFP, BRAC**

- Tidal water intrusion through the open sluice gate posed a risk for agriculture and aquaculture, especially affecting one pond with saline water.
- 20 commercial vegetable plots have been partially damaged, and 12 plots are waterlogged.
- Broiler chickens in 20 sheds have become wet due to rainwater intrusion.
- Homestead gardens have suffered partial damage due to strong winds.
- Around 15 sheep sheds have suffered partial damage.

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