



UNICEF BANGLADESH Cyclone SITRANG Situation Report

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Millions across southern Bangladesh feel the impact of Cyclone Sitrang - homesteads are inundated and children forced out of homes to collect safe drinking water. © UNICEF/UN0723553/Sana

Highlights

- The Cyclone Sitrang crossed the coastal areas of Bangladesh on 24 October 2022 evening triggering storm surge, squally winds and heavy rainfall in the southern parts of the country.
- 2.3 million people, including 1.1 million children were affected by the cyclone in 6 districts⁴. One million people took shelter in 6,925 cyclone centres⁵. As of 25 October, 18 people died and around 10,000 houses were damaged⁵.
- Approximately 1.92 million people (1,120,386 host communities¹ and 800,000 Rohingya refugees²) in Cox's Bazar and 30,000 people including humanitarian workers in Bhasan Char were exposed to cyclone Sitrang. 1,049 households (4,945 people) affected, and 53 households (251 people) have been displaced. Reportedly, 1 person was injured, 1,010 shelters partially and 24 shelters fully damaged³.
- UNICEF has six contingency partnerships with civil society organizations (CSOs), which are ready for activation in case of rapid response in cyclone affected areas.
- UNICEF has mobilised US\$ 1 million internal resources for immediate response to meet the priority needs of girls, women and people with disabilities.

SITUATION IN NUMBERS⁴



2.3 million

people affected
including 800,000
refugees



1.1 million

Children affected



6 Districts

Cyclone-affected
districts located in
Khulna, Barishal and
Chattogram divisions



1 million⁵

People in cyclone
shelters

Humanitarian situation and needs

- One million people took shelter in 6,925 cyclone centres and started to return to their homes.
- 18 people died due to the cyclone Sitrang⁵. Around 10,000 houses were damaged by the cyclone Sitrang in 419 unions of the country.
- Drinking water sources are contaminated, sanitation facilities have also been damaged. Affected people need safe drinking water, sanitation, and hygiene services to reduce the public health risks due to high tidal surge.
- in Cox's Bazar, 654 households (3,087 people) were affected, and 46 households (219 people) displaced. Reportedly, 637 shelters partially damaged, and 11 shelters fully damaged by cyclone Sitrang.
- 61 UNICEF supported Learning Centers in the Rohingya camps were partially damaged, and their reconstruction is underway.

¹ Cyclone Preparedness Plan Cox's Bazar

² Multi Hazard Response Plan for Rohingya refugees in Cox's Bazar 2022

³ SMSD Sector Flash Update # 5 and final, ISCG Cox's Bazar, 25 October 2022

⁴ Need Assessment working group (NAWG), Cyclone SITRANG, situation update#03, the figure may be further revised and updated.

⁵ <https://www.dhakatribune.com/bangladesh/2022/10/25/state-minister-10000-houses-in-419-unions-damaged-by-cyclone-sitrang>

UNICEF and Partners' Preparedness

- Life-saving supplies are ready for distribution, which can be reached over 100,000 people.
- Bangladesh Country Office has maintained 12 contingency partnerships for activation in case of an immediate response. Of the total number of partnerships, UNICEF has six contingency partnerships at sub-national levels with civil society organization (CSO).
- UNICEF contingency partnerships may support the needs of over 71,000 people in Barishal, 90,000 people in Khulna and 112,102 people in Chattogram.
- Contingency plans are also in place in Cox's Bazar and ready for activation to support the continuity of critical services for the Rohingya refugees.
- UNICEF staff are ready for deployment to affected areas to support data collection and provision of emergency relief items to affected children and families as required.

Summary Analysis of Programme Response

Water, Sanitation and Hygiene

- UNICEF has distributed about 200,000 water purification tablets (WPTs) in Borguna, Patuakhali, Chattogram and Noakhali districts in the Cyclone shelters and affected communities to ensure safe drinking water, benefitting 142,857 people including 57,142 children.
- Life-saving WASH supplies are ready for distribution, which can be reached over 100,000 people.
- 154 WASH facilities including latrines, tube wells, bathing cubicles, water network, fecal sludge management plants, Solid waste management plant, etc. have been partially and fully damaged in the camps in Cox's Bazar. 1 damaged tube well decommissioned. 574 households (2,589 people including 1,257 children and 1,452 women) were affected. They have received emergency supplies including Jerry cans, aqua tabs and soaps.
- In Bhasan Char, UNICEF Partners have ensured sufficient stock of aquatabs, soaps and water storage at household level (Jerry cans), and the functionality of existing DTW (handpump), water tanks, rainwater harvesting, toilets and bathing spaces. The drainage channels have been cleaned for smooth water passing, both before and after the cyclone hit. 378 WASH volunteers stood by to provide any type of WASH support. UNICEF as the WASH Sector-lead contributed following supplies; 806,000 aqua tabs, 17,959 bathing soaps, 8,971 laundry soaps and 371 MHM kits to the contingency supply kits prior to the onset of cyclone in Bhasan Char. There are no submersible pumps and compressor machines available for cleaning boreholes at camp. UNICEF partners do not have capacity for information management and no emergency focal person separately. Their field implementation focal person playing double role during emergency which creates gap in timely information flow.



A woman whose tin house has been damaged by the cyclone, returns to her homestead.

Child Protection

- Over 250 social workers including child protection social worker (CPSW) supported the local administrations and Army, Navy, Air Force, Coast Guard, and Red Crescent Society (BDRCS) volunteers to provide safe shelter spaces for more than 50,000 women and children during the cyclone in all affected locations. They also engaged ward councilors of selected wards to mobilize support.
- 20 community mobilizers, 17 Child Rights Facilitators (CRFs) and 328 Community Facilitators were in the field before and after the cyclone hit in those affected areas.
- The social workers from the Ministry of Social Welfare and Child Rights Facilitators from MoWCA also focused on all urban hotspot locations to ensure children and families living on the street were safe.

Through these UNICEF-supported systems, tens of thousands of women and children were reached with protection messaging including preventing drowning, avoiding separation, and how to get support.

- On 24 October, the Child Help Line (CHL) 1098 responded to 1,613 calls, from the coastal areas and provided information regarding shelters. Psychosocial Support (PSS) has also been provided to children and women.
- 164 Children and Adolescents Clubs (CAC) supported the affected children and community members through awareness messages on Drowning Prevention, Avoid Family Separation and other emergency preparedness messages in Barishal, Khulna and Chattogram divisions.
- 19,216 children including adolescents and community members (12,787 female) are reached through 526 awareness sessions.
- Within shelters, social workers have been working with women and children, supporting them on various protection concerns including PSS, violence and child marriage prevention, reproductive health, and menstrual hygiene.
- Family kit distribution has begun in the most vulnerable locations on 25th October with more than 100 families receiving direct support.



In the aftermath of Cyclone Sitrang, people clean up in Kuakata, Patuakhali.

Education

- 185 schools in Chattogram division, 667 schools in Khulna division and 660 schools in Barishal Division are being used as shelter center. These schools need financial support for minor repairing of classrooms, WASH facilities and cleanliness.
- Only one school is fully damaged in Khulna division that requires financial support for constructing transitional school for resuming classes soon.
- 200 Education in Emergency (EiE) kits are in stock. Based on the needs, the kits will be distributed among affected children of Chattogram division.
- 61 Learning centres were partially damaged in Cox's Bazar, 16 of them have been repaired. Two learning centres will need heavy repairing. Other learning centres will be repaired soon. 6 learning centres have been used as emergency shelters for approximately 180 people including 94 children.
- 343 Education in Emergency Kits are available for distribution with Upazila education offices in the division, reaching 10,290 children to support their learning.
- 765 School-in-a-Box is available in Cox's Bazar warehouse for distribution to any affected districts as needed. The kits will support 30,600 children in their learning.

Nutrition

- Five contingency partnerships are ready for activation in case of emergency.
- UNICEF prepositioned 48 cartoons of therapeutic milk in district and Upazila Health Complex to manage SAM children in Khulna division to reach 576 children.
- 565 pieces of therapeutic milks, F-75 (351pcs) and F-100 (214pcs) prepositioned at different district hospitals of Chattogram division has been prepositioned to support 282 children.



The floor of the Community Clinic was totally damaged. This is the only health facility in this union.

Social and Behavioural Change (SBC)

- With UNICEF support, 10 District information offices engaged union level volunteers to share early warning, shelters' addresses and lifesaving messages through megaphone/miking, reaching two million community people.
- With UNICEF support, three radio stations started special bulletin with Dhaka station. They Also provided cyclone preparedness, sheltering and lifesaving message as Public Service Announcements (PSAs) after 30 minutes interval, reaching approximately 2.5 million people.
- With UNICEF support, five community radios provided preparedness, shelters and lifesaving message through their listeners' clubs and union/village level volunteers, reaching approximately one million community people.
- Community Youth groups in Barishal were voluntarily engaged to provide support to evacuate, shelter home management and disseminating awareness and lifesaving message to about two hundred thousand community people including children and women of three affected districts (Borguna, Patuakhali, Pirojpur and Bhola).

Humanitarian Leadership and Coordination

The Inter-cluster coordination group under the Humanitarian Coordination Task Team (HCTT) met on 24 and 25 October 2022 to assess the forecasted situation and review clusters' preparedness to complement GoB-led efforts. The Needs Assessment Working Group (NAWG) assessed the situation in the most impacted areas and shared the findings in collaboration with national authorities and partners.

UNICEF will continue leading the nutrition and WASH sectors/clusters, child protection sub-sector/cluster and co-leading the education sector/cluster. UNICEF will prioritize Grand Bargain commitments, mainstreaming child-centred disaster risk reduction across sectors, ensuring accountability to affected populations and supporting the localisation of humanitarian assistance to strengthen national actors' capacity to lead the response. In this regard, relevant government counterparts (Upazila Nirbahi Officer, Upazila Education Officer, Upazila Health & Family Planning Officer, Sub-Assistant Engineer at Upazila DPHE office, Union Parishad Chairmen and members) are part of all UNICEF-supported response activities in cyclone affected areas.

Funding situation

UNICEF has mobilised US\$ 1 million internal resources to support immediate response to meet the priority needs of girls, women and people with disabilities. Information on the funding gaps will be shared after the need assessment.

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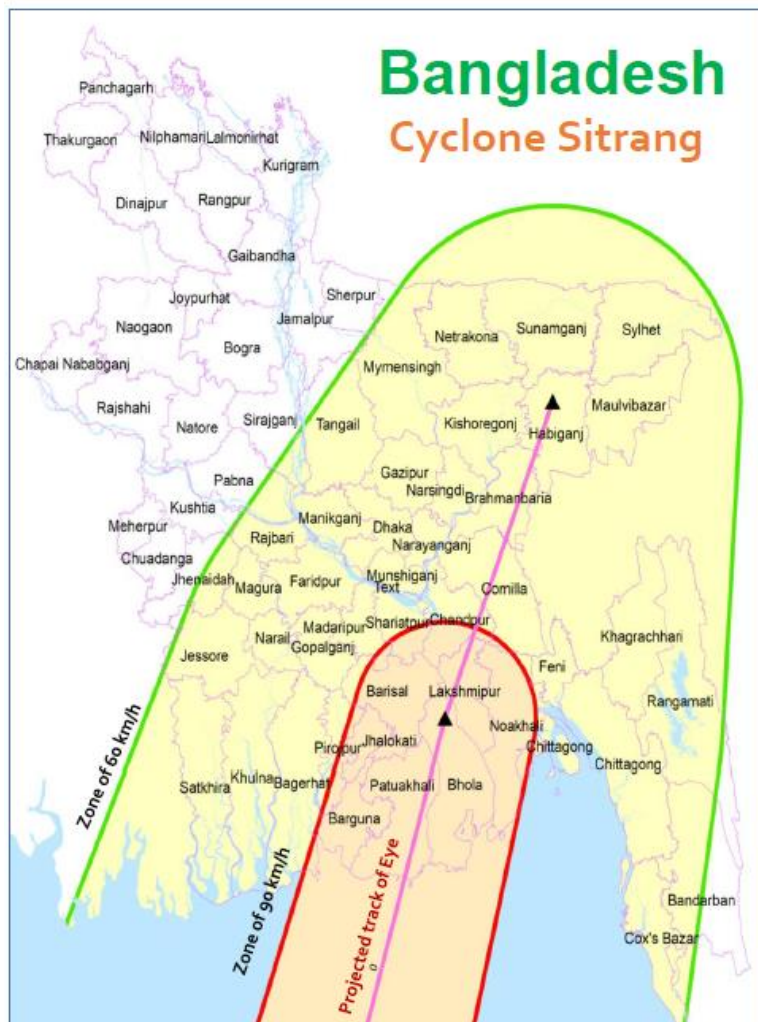
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Additional information from the Needs Assessment Working Group, 25 October 2022

Impacted Districts, Sub-districts and Unions (as per SOS forms)


6 Districts
 34 Upazila
 213 Union



District-wise breakdown of the affected population

District	Affected Population	Male	Female	Children (0-19 yr)	Old People	PWD
Cox's Bazar	110,759	56,565	54,194	58,924	3,434	1,617
Bagerhat	87,000	43,622	43,378	35,148	8,352	1,557
Borguna	123,725	60,613	63,112	50,604	7,424	2,611
Bhola	1,141,172	567,847	573,325	561,457	54,776	16,661
Khulna	35,637	18,072	17,565	13,792	2,887	627
Patuakhali	4,000	1,962	2,038	1,756	224	65
Total	1,502,293	748,680	753,613	721,679	77,096	23,138