

BANGLADESH

COVID-19 WEEKLY REPORT

10 - 16 MAY 2020

Adapting to the new COVID-19 reality also involves adapting the delivery of the ICRC's operational response, including by integrating messages related to the pandemic into dialogue aimed at influencing behaviours and implementing infection prevention and control (IPC) measures in the delivery of programmes. From 10 - 16 May, the ICRC has implemented following activities in Bangladesh:

HIGHLIGHTS



INFECTION-CONTROL IN DETENTION FACILITIES

68 Places of detention and **2** Isolation-centres supported
88,804 Total beneficiaries

INFECTION-CONTROL AND HYGIENE



16,900 kg
High Test Hypochlorite



295
Sprayers



272
Footbath



8,850
Bottles hand-sanitizers



15,776
Cleaning kits



262
Emergency kits



HEALTH RESPONSE

200 PPEs (full suits) donated to the Cox's Bazar Sadar Hospital



FOOD ASSISTANCES

516 displaced families receive biweekly (one-month ration) food rations in Konarpara camp

1,740 families from host community in Tumbru received emergency food parcels under lockdown



HUMANITARIAN FORENSICS

	Body bags	Burial sheets
MINISTRY OF DISASTER MANAGEMENT AND RELIEF	300	
AL-MARKAZUL ISLAMI an NGO assigned by Ministry of Health for Dhaka	100	100
QUANTUM FOUNDATION an NGO assigned by Ministry of Health for other districts	200	
BUDDHIST RELIGIOUS WELFARE ASSOCIATION assigned by Ministry of Religious Affairs	75	

PROTECTION

RESTORING FAMILY LINKS (RFL) AND HUMANITARIAN FORENSICS

Forensic technical advice was shared with the safe and dignified burial working group in Cox's Bazar which seeks to strengthen the management of burial and death registration in the Displaced People of Rakhine (DPR) camps.

A virtual dissemination session took place with 35 UNHCR Field Officers in Cox's Bazar to sensitize them on ICRC'S RFL/Forensics work in situations such as when fatalities occur during LEA operations and the families don't know where/how to retrieve the body.

ICRC donated 82 COVID-19 emergency kits to the BDRCS RFL team to ensure that volunteers could accomplish their job with safety as RFL emergency and urgent activities meant to be face to face (provision of phone calls, registrations, collection and distribution of Red Cross Messages, family reunification...).

HEALTH CARE IN DETENTION

Donation of emergency kits to the Prison Directorate and 180 guards accompanying detainees to the hospital.

SEXUAL VIOLENCE

A joint BDRCS, ICRC, IFRC webinar on Preventing and Responding to Sexual and Gender-Based Violence during COVID-19 was delivered on 12 May to foster the integration of SV/SGBV within the Movement's current response to COVID-19. The webinar was attended by over 70 staff members across different departments of BDRCS, ICRC and IFRC.

WATER AND HABITAT

The works for the refurbishment of the morgue at Sadar Hospital are ongoing, expected completion during week 20.

Ongoing works for the Emergency Department at Sadar hospital should be finalized by the 20th of May.

In the detentions facilities, 124 volunteers are monitoring the application of SOPs to tackle the spread of COVID-19.

Handwashing station has been completed at BDRCS Cox's Bazar Unit to support hand washing of BDRCS staff, volunteers and local community.

HEALTH

Cox's Bazar Sadar Hospital Emergency Department (ED) team, celebrated the International Nurses Day on May 14th, 2020 along with the current and new ED nurses at CXB Sadar Hospital. In addition, 17 new nurses joined the ED for the new COVID-19 ED.

The medical team at Nayapara health post, resumed their work this week.

ECONOMIC SECURITY

Activities have started at the field to respond to BDRCS emergency support targeting around 6'000 families directly or indirectly affected by the COVID-19 situation in three districts of Chittagong Hill Tracts. Based on a pre-determined selection criterion, the BRCS branches have started registering the beneficiaries.

COMMUNICATION

PUBLIC COMMUNICATION

ICRC Bangladesh Twitter account has been mobilized widely; six tweets received 15.3K impressions during the week.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Communities in northern Kurigram district were sensitized on flooding and lightning as well as COVID-19 amid cyclone and monsoon season, facilitated by the BDRCS and community radio Chilmari with the help of ICRC

Information regarding COVID-19 preventive measures and symptoms, along with messages to respect health workers in medical facilities are being broadcasted through loudspeakers on a tomtom in Cox's Bazar district, reaching 71 unions.

Information/awareness campaign through COVID-19 messaging with tomtom's loudspeakers has started throughout CXB district in collaboration with BDRCS's Unit and volunteers. The plan is to reach the 71 unions of Cox's Bazar District to disseminate information about COVID-19, as part of implementation of the remote Community Engagement Strategy.

The health education team respectively resumed their health awareness activity to tackle the COVID-19 prevention activities and other topics.

PRP team started cash disbursement to support 70 physically disabled players through CRP; to help them cope with COVID-19 crisis.




Eight former MEI beneficiaries (assisted in 2018 and 2019) who have raised concerns on their business triggered by the COVID-19 situation, were provided unconditional cash grant amounted at around BDT 4,500/family to cover temporarily their basic needs, in collaboration with the Center for the Rehabilitation of the Paralyzed.

BDRCS Facebook page was mobilized for joint ICRC/ BDRCS activities on RFL and Community engagement.

Cox's Bazar: Providing COVID-19 preventive information and awareness campaign through messaging with tomtom's loudspeakers.



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