









## CORONAVIRUS COVID-19 Situation Report **4**

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### BANGLADESH RED CRESCENT SOCIETY

#### 1. COVID-19 Situation Overview

Bangladesh	Global
 <b># of Confirmed COVID-19 Cases</b> <span style="font-size: 24pt; font-weight: bold;">1231</span>	<span style="font-size: 24pt; font-weight: bold;">2,064,668</span>
 <b># of Patients Recovered</b> <span style="font-size: 24pt; font-weight: bold;">49</span>	<span style="font-size: 24pt; font-weight: bold;">516,930</span>
 <b># of Death</b> <span style="font-size: 24pt; font-weight: bold;">50</span>	<span style="font-size: 24pt; font-weight: bold;">137,108</span>
 <b># Quarantine / # Released</b> <span style="font-size: 24pt; font-weight: bold;">93,199/ 64,315</span>	 <b># of Countries Affected</b> <span style="font-size: 24pt; font-weight: bold;">210</span>
 <b>Source of Information</b> <span style="font-size: 18pt; font-weight: bold;">IEDCR, DGHS</span>	
<span style="font-size: 18pt; font-weight: bold;">World Health Organization</span>	

#### 2. Actions Taken from Bangladesh Red Crescent Society (BDRCS):

✚ Key figures at a glance:



**9292**

Number of staff and RCY/ CPP/ Camp/ Community volunteers being mobilized throughout the country.



**10116**

Set of PPE provided to individuals working on COVID-19 response.



**130,851**

Number of Total People Reached (average/day)



**313**

Religious /Community Leaders reached through Hygiene promotion initiatives.



**1,000,000+**

People received life-saving awareness messages through social media.



**786,000**

People reached through Information, Education and Communication (IEC) materials across the country.



**10179**

Hand-washing station established throughout the country including camp settlements in Cox's Bazar.



**2005**

Hospitals/ Institutions/ places already covered through disinfectant spraying.



**166601**

Hygiene and Protecting gears distributed i.e Soap (91686), Hand sanitizer (36650), Mask (33445), Hand Gloves (1908), Eye Protector (2912).

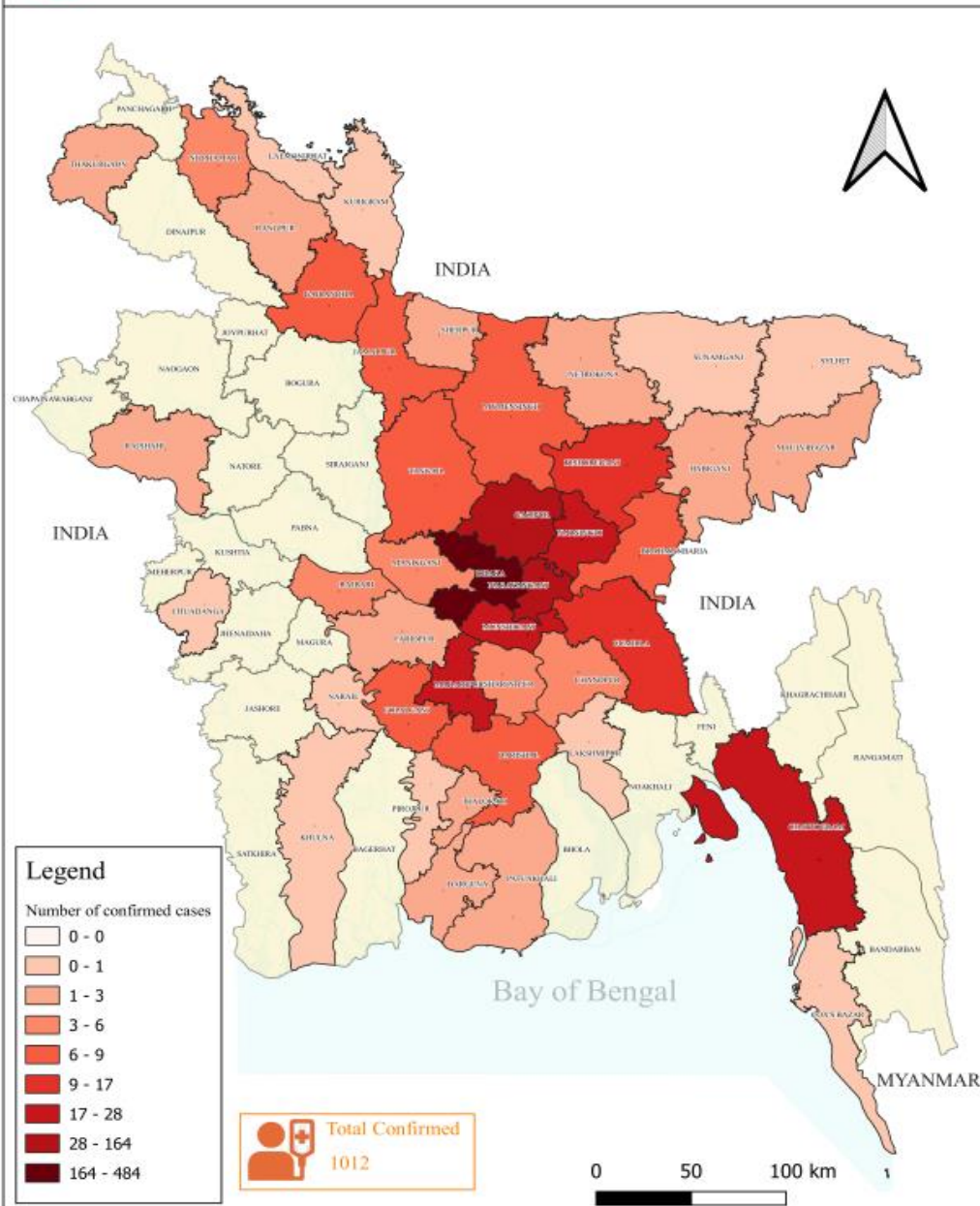


**12181**

Women reached through Dignity Kit Distribution



## COVID-19 Confirmed cases in Bangladesh



Source: Institute of Epidemiology, Disease Control and Research (IEDCR)

(Update: up to April 14, 2020)

### Key Actions Taken to Date:

- An emergency coordination meeting on COVID-19 response took place on 9 April 2020 at BDRCS NHQ.
- All countrywide BDRCS **blood centers** are open where Emergency blood transfusion has been continuing based on need (at any time) while regular blood transfusion has been continuing two days per week. Additionally, BDRCS mobile blood collection vans are stand by to visit donors house to collect blood.
- Novartis is going to donate 10000 **PPE** to BDRCS which will be distributed to different hospitals of Dhaka city in coordination with DGHS.
- As preparation of the emergency, a **contingency plan** has been developed for mobilization of the essential staff at National Headquarters and branch offices.
- **Updated stock position** at BDRCS National Headquarters: (PPE – 141, Hand Gloves – 35, Eye protector – 35, Disinfectant solution – 2300 liters, Soap – 18760, Hand sanitizer – 31780 bottles, Leaflet- 60000, Mask- 231.
- Considering the vulnerability and risk exposure, all **MCH centers** of BDRCS will get five PPEs for its Doctors and Midwives.
- **Population Movement Operation (PMO) in Cox's Bazar:** 50 bed isolation unit will be established in the field hospital with financial support of Qatar Red Crescent. Considering the current context, local procurement and staff recruitment is accepted and PMO office will follow the official procedure to purchase necessary things in order to establish and operationalize the isolation unit.
- BDRCS distributed 226,000 IEC materials on hand washing in the form of poster and leaflet through volunteer network at all 34 camps, MRRO and Health and WASH sectors, supported by American Red Cross.
- **For easy access and communication, camp volunteers** may be mobilized for awareness raising activities at camp settlements in Cox's Bazar.
- BDRCS continues social media messeging on COVID-19 awareness.
- Next **movement coordination meeting** will take place on 22 April 2020.

- With support from ICRC, the first portion of items to tackle COVID-19 spread have been distributed to **68 prisons**. Deployment of BDRCS volunteers has started.
- **COVID-19 Awareness Audio Messages**, done in collaboration with ICRC. These have been sent to all current and previously assisted ICRC-BDRCS communities in the three districts of Chittagong Hill Tracts.
- With financial support from ICRC, **one-month food ration, fuel sticks (compressed rice husk) and hygiene kits** distributed in Konarpara DPR camp to 624 families following safe procedures against COVID-19 infection risks.
- BDRCS in-collaboration with Coca Cola, started distributing bottled safe **drinking water** for all medical staffs and patients at selected hospitals and test centers that are frontline responders to COVID-19 cases.
- **Cyclone Preparedness Program (CPP)** with support from **Coastal Disaster Risk Reduction Program** working in coastal districts utilizing CPP volunteers locally in activities like mass awareness campaigns for both Covid-19 and cyclone preparedness, hygiene promotion, support to units for disinfecting hospitals etc.



*Photo 1: RCY volunteers providing drinking water bottles for medical teams and patients at selected frontline hospitals in Dhaka.*

### 3. Actions Taken from International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC):

- ✚ IFRC together with BDRCS and in country Participating National Societies (PNSs) developed the Emergency Plan of Action (EPoA) for COVID-19 response in Bangladesh. This EPoA targets CHF16,027,572 for BDRCS to continue its nationwide efforts including PMO in Cox's Bazar in terms of risk communication, mass awareness on hygiene practice, disinfection and providing Personal protective Equipment (PPE) for health workers, volunteers and staffs.
- ✚ IFRC Bangladesh Country Office is actively coordinating with Humanitarian Coordination Task Team (HCTT) members, Health cluster, Food security cluster, WASH cluster, shelter cluster, Gender in Humanitarian Action (GiHA) working group, Cash working group, Need assessment working group, RCCE platform.



*Photo 2: BDRCS volunteers controlling human mobility at the locked down areas in Khagrachari district.*

#### 4. Actions Taken from International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC):

- Actively supporting BDRCS to implement the planned collaborative activities throughout the country. A few already mentioned above and some other stated below.
- Flextranet COVID-19 sub-section of Bangladesh page has been updated. The whole Red Cross / Red Crescent Movement can see Bangladesh RFL operational updates during COVID-19 on that page and solicit support accordingly.
- Four public handwashing stations set up in Konarpara camp. Secured water supply and chlorine mixing, as well as reinforcing support staff that encourage people to wash hands as well as giving COVID-19 key messages.
- Health promotion sessions on the risks to COVID19 continue in the health posts. Household sessions with key prevention messages in Teknaf municipality, Konarpara and Horikola.



Photo 3: BDRCS-ICRC food distribution at camps in Cox's Bazar.



Photo 4: BDRCS volunteers disinfecting police and armed forces vehicles that works to ensure strict lock down in Narshingdi district.

#### 5. Actions Taken from the Government of Bangladesh (GoB):

- ❖ Hotline Numbers for COVID-19 Services: **16263 / 333 / 10655.**
- ❖ For DGHS provided latest information on COVID-19 situation in Bangladesh, please visit database weblink: <http://103.247.238.81/webportal/pages/covid19.php>
- ❖ For latest decisions and campaign on COVID-19 from Ministry of Health, Government of Bangladesh: <http://corona.gov.bd/>
- ❖ For COVID-19 situation update from Institute of Epidemiology, Disease Control and Research (IEDCR): <https://www.iedcr.gov.bd/>

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