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Bangladesh Shelter Cluster Meeting

Monday 23 October 2017, 3-5pm

Hosted by Habitat for Humanity

Road # 16/A, House # 12 (3rd floor)

Gulshan-1, Dhaka-1212, Bangladesh

Attendance: Representatives from Care, Habitat for Humanity, IFRC, ShelterBox, Solidarites International, START Fund and Shelter Cluster Bangladesh

Chair: Victoria Bannon, Shelter Cluster Coordinator

Notes: Quinten Dengerink, Shelter Cluster Information Manager

Presentation slides are included at the end of this document.

1. Introductions

- SC Coordinator thanked participating agencies and noted that a number of shelter cluster partners were currently unavailable due to their activities in Cox's Bazar.

2. Flood Response

Overview of overall response

- There has been no significant scale up in the overall flood response since the previous meeting, because resources, personnel, and funding are being diverted from the flood response to address other humanitarian needs, in particular in Cox's Bazar.
- HCTT has issued the final SitRep on the flood situation:
 - The HCTT target of \$12m is currently 46% funded.
 - There are unmet WASH needs and there are still large numbers of people displaced according to the latest HCTT situation report.
 - There is an urgent need to ensure that targeted humanitarian assistance continues to be delivered in flood-affected areas.

Update on Shelter Response

- Since the last update, there has been an *increase in amount of expected funding* for the flood response, due to new information from Caritas. The amount of targeted households remains the same.
- Shelter Cluster target of 320,000 people (64,000 HH) is around 49% covered, with 12% of activities, and 37% activities in the pipeline. There is still a gap of 51% of targeted HH.
- Of the total USD\$3m shelter cluster target, partner funding is expected to reach USD\$2.5m or 83%. Of this USD\$1.4m has been secured from partner agencies, USD\$0.5m is waiting for funding approval and USD\$0.6m requires further information from relevant partners.
- Further details are included in the slides.

- Better tracking of the response will only be possible if agencies are able to update their 4W information. More information is needed on the financial aspect of the response as well as the targeted vulnerable groups.

Updates from Shelter Cluster Partners

- [Habitat for Humanity](#) will distribute their shelter kits, CGI sheets and cash support to more households than planned. This will *increase from 1900 to 2000 HH*. Upazillas have been chosen and this information will be sent to the Shelter Cluster and their partners.
- [IFRC](#) has received the Shelter Kits in country and expects to *distribute their Shelter Kits together with CGI mid/end November*. Furthermore they are working on a multi-purpose cash distribution for 20.000 households, which includes an assessment per household in the affected areas and a PDM which could be shared with the Shelter Cluster partners.
- [STARTfund](#) is supporting multi-purpose cash grants. *Most partners distributed their cash within 7 days, of which Care even in 3 days*. Two PDM reports are already available: the proportion spent on shelter was 18% (Care) and 43% (Concern Worldwide). The latter is a much higher percentage than previous cash distributions in Bangladesh (18%). Further PDM reports will be available soon.
- [ShelterBox](#) is in the process of getting items cleared by customs, to be distributed together with the BDRCS in the following weeks. They expect to have their PDM available mid-November.
- [Solidarites International](#) is not participating in the Shelter Flood Response, but interested to hear more about Cox's Bazaar.

ACTIONS:

- ➔ [SC Partners](#) are requested to fully update the 4W matrix, to enable better tracking of the response.
- ➔ [SC Partners](#) are requested to share any PDM reports with the Shelter Cluster for analysis to contribute to our knowledge about the shelter response.

Re-assessing needs: Conducting a supplementary needs assessment?

- The number, location and ongoing needs of households remaining displaced are currently unclear and the situation has changes significantly since the major damage and needs assessments were conducted.

What do we know about the current situation?

- While many people affected by flooding are usually able to return home quickly, those whose land has been eroded or completely washed away will be unable to return, but current numbers of households in this situation is not known.
- People are using tarps they received from last year to cover their damaged CGI roof, so the distribution tarps is still useful, even for partially damaged houses, but CGI will still be needed in those areas.
- From previous floods is it known that repairing homes is mainly done in the dry season, which is when the greatest needs for CGI will arise.
- Preparations for the cold wave is something to prepare for in the Northern regions.
- From field visits in Kurigram, many families from *char* (island) communities have lost their land and are in need of support.

How can we identify (even approximately) how many households are in urgent need of shelter support?

- **IFRC:** Has recently done an assessment in the most affected areas (10 districts, 3 upazillas per district, 20,200 households) for their beneficiary selection. They can analyse that data and share the results with the Shelter Cluster.
- **ShelterBox:** Will do an in depth analysis in 6 of the 9 upazillas in Kurigram this week, together with the BDRCS. Those results can also be shared with the Shelter Cluster and combined with the IFRC assessment results.
- **IFRC:** Beside those assessments it would be useful to develop some basic questions which Shelter Cluster partners can respond to based on observations from the districts they are working in.
- **Care/Assessment Working Group:** Regarding other clusters, only the Food Security Cluster had plans for an assessment, but this has been postponed. Partners/cluster could consider the possibility of doing a more in-depth analysis of the response and recovery to better inform future operations.

ACTIONS:

- ➔ **SC Team** will develop some basic assessment questions, circulate for feedback.
- ➔ **All partners** will be encouraged to use this questionnaire for helping to identify the current needs in regions they support.
- ➔ **SC Coordinator and partners:** Can use the information for advocating for further resources to address outstanding needs.

Other issues

- **Winterisation:**
 - Shelter Cluster still advocates for distributing more blankets to the affected districts in order to be prepared for the cold wave in the winter.
 - Several private donors may have items and money available for preparedness for winterisation, but need support of distribution of those items. This could be further explored by agencies at district level.
- **Gender & diversity in shelter programming:**
 - A brief for Shelter Cluster partners has been developed and will be circulated soon. This document aims to provide basic information for partners working in shelter both in flood-affected areas, and possibly also for the population movement response in Cox's Bazar.
 - Partners are invited to read the document and give comments on it based on their own experiences.
- **Visit of Global Shelter Cluster team end November:**
 - It is likely that coordination, technical and IM global focal points will visit Dhaka from around 19 November.
 - It was hoped to conduct some trainings/workshops, but these might be moved to next year, given the current availability of partners and the need to prioritise cyclone preparedness. Future trainings may include: coordination, IM, shelter kits, Urban PASSA ToT

- The visit will be a good opportunity to have a meeting of the IEC technical working group - all partners will be invited.
- Following the suggestion at the previous SC meeting, the SC team has established a Dropbox folder to enable SC partners to share IEC materials relevant to the flood operation. Partners can request access from Quinten: im1.bd@sheltercluster.org
- BBC media action still has a small budget available till the end of October for producing IEC materials for e.g. Shelter.

ACTIONS:

- ➔ SC Coordinator will invite all partners to a Technical Working Group meeting to review of existing shelter IEC materials and make recommendations. Interested partners should contact Victoria: coord1.bd@sheltercluster.org

3. Shelter response in Cox's Bazar

- The Coordinators of the Shelter Cluster in Dhaka and the Shelter Sector in Cox's Bazar are exploring ways to ensure a useful exchange of information and facilitating the use of existing in-country knowledge and planning on emergency shelter.
- The Shelter Cluster Coordinator will visit Cox's Bazar to discuss in more detail how the cluster and the sector can support each other.
- At this meeting information from the Shelter Sector is being shared with the Shelter Cluster partners and to identify any information/issues which could be shared with the coordination team in Cox's Bazar.

Presentation on the shelter response for Cox's Bazar

Based on the attached slides on the Shelter Sector response, it was noted:

- Further detail on the 4W is needed, for example the contents and quality of kitchen sets, information on when 1 or 2 tarps are being provided. Shelterbox reports that the quality of some tarps were inadequate, so families received a second tarp to stay dry, but unsure how this was being captured in the 4Ws.
- There are more tarpaulins in the pipeline than the expected need. Is there a possibility to use those for cyclone preparedness/response?

How could the Shelter Cluster and Shelter Sector make best use of information sharing?

Suggestions from partners:

- Shelter Cluster could assist with development of technical specifications based on past experience.
- Share IEC materials that have been developed by the Shelter Cluster and discuss if/how they are being used.
- Shelter Cluster coordinator could identify and share useful links and websites on the Cox's Bazar response for Dhaka-based partners.
- Information was requested about the financial planning for the shelter response (advised to contact the Shelter Sector lead for more information on this issue)

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4. Cyclone preparedness

- A request for information about existing shelter stock will be sent around to partners.
- HCTT is organising a Cyclone Preparedness meeting on Thursday and information will be shared with cluster partners.
- Startfund: Has funds available for cyclone preparedness of in total 2.2 million BDT. For more information it is recommended to contact Startfund.

5. Next meeting

- Partners requested to meet every month instead of every 2 weeks, but with information to be shared through email / skype calls in between as needed.
- Next meeting: in the week of 20th of November
- Early-mid November a Skype-call will be held to discuss further about needs assessments and post-distribution monitoring. All interested partners are invited to join.



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Agenda

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2. Flood response
3. Population movement (Cox's Bazar)
4. Cyclone preparedness
5. Next meeting

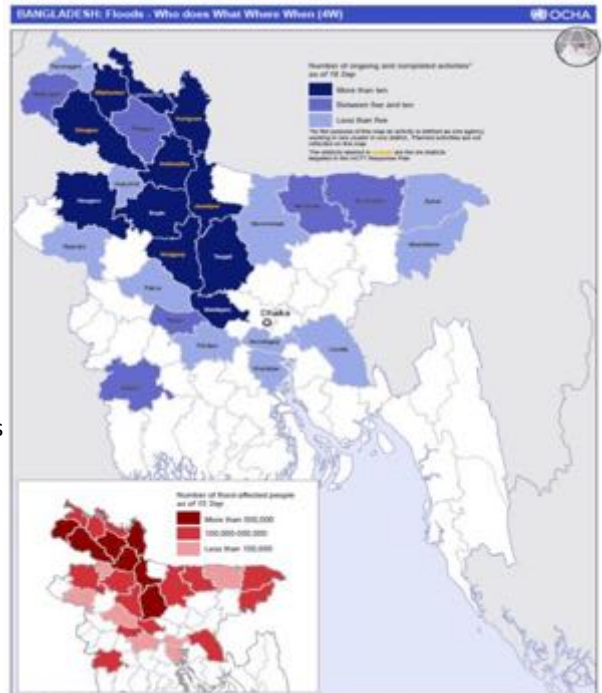


1. Flood response



Flood response – all sectors

- Overall response plan is 46% funded
- Resources of many response agencies have been under strain due to the response to the refugee crisis in Cox’s Bazar.
- Response activities continue while many agencies are also transitioning to recovery activities.
- There are still large numbers of people displaced across the affected districts who are likely to remain without significant assistance.
- There are unmet WASH needs, with large numbers of people using unsafe water sources, and agency WASH response yet to properly commence.





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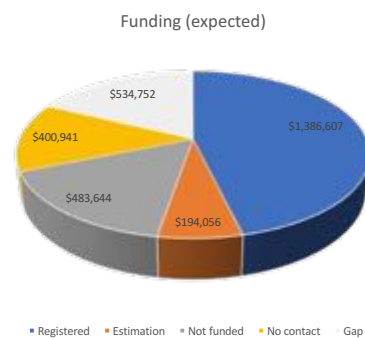
Flood shelter response



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Financial Overview

- Target: 3 million USD
- Reported: 1.4 million USD
- Additional estimates: 0.2 million USD
- Planned but funding not confirmed: 0.5 million USD
- Needs updated information: 0.4 million USD
- **Total: 2.5 million USD**
- **Gap: 0.7 million USD - (18%)**





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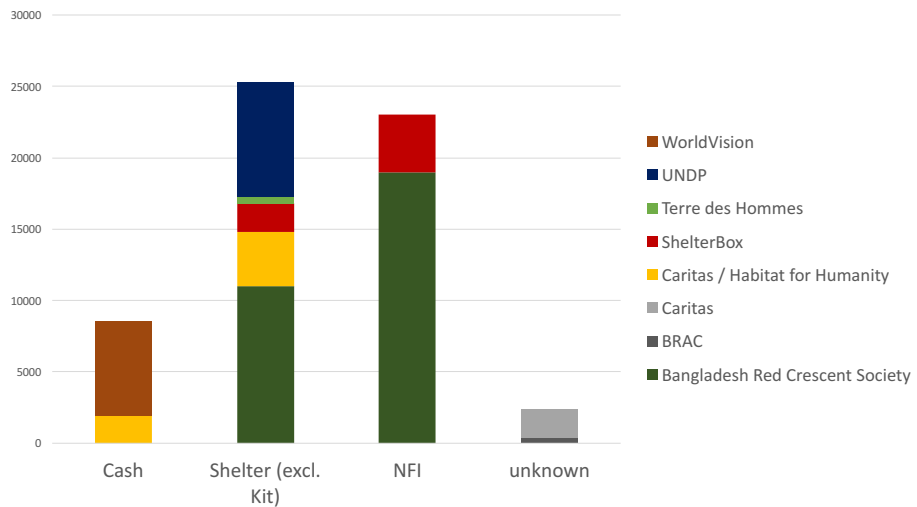
Organization	HH	People	BDT	Dollars	% of Target
Caritas	2000	10000	40.000.000	483.644	16,1%
UNDP	8000	40000	40.000.000	483.644	16,1%
Habitat for Humanity	1900	9500	34.200.000	413.516	13,8%
WorldVision	6632	33160	33.160.000	400.941	13,4%
Bangladesh Red Crescent Society	2000	9500	30.000.000	362.733	12,1%
ShelterBox	3000	15000	12.000.000	145.093	4,8%
IFRC	7000	35000	10.480.000	126.715	4,2%
BRAC	419	2095	3.352.000	40.529	1,4%
Terre des Hommes	450	2250	697.500	8.434	0,3%
TOTAL			203.889.500	2.465.248	82,2%
Gap				534.752	17,8%

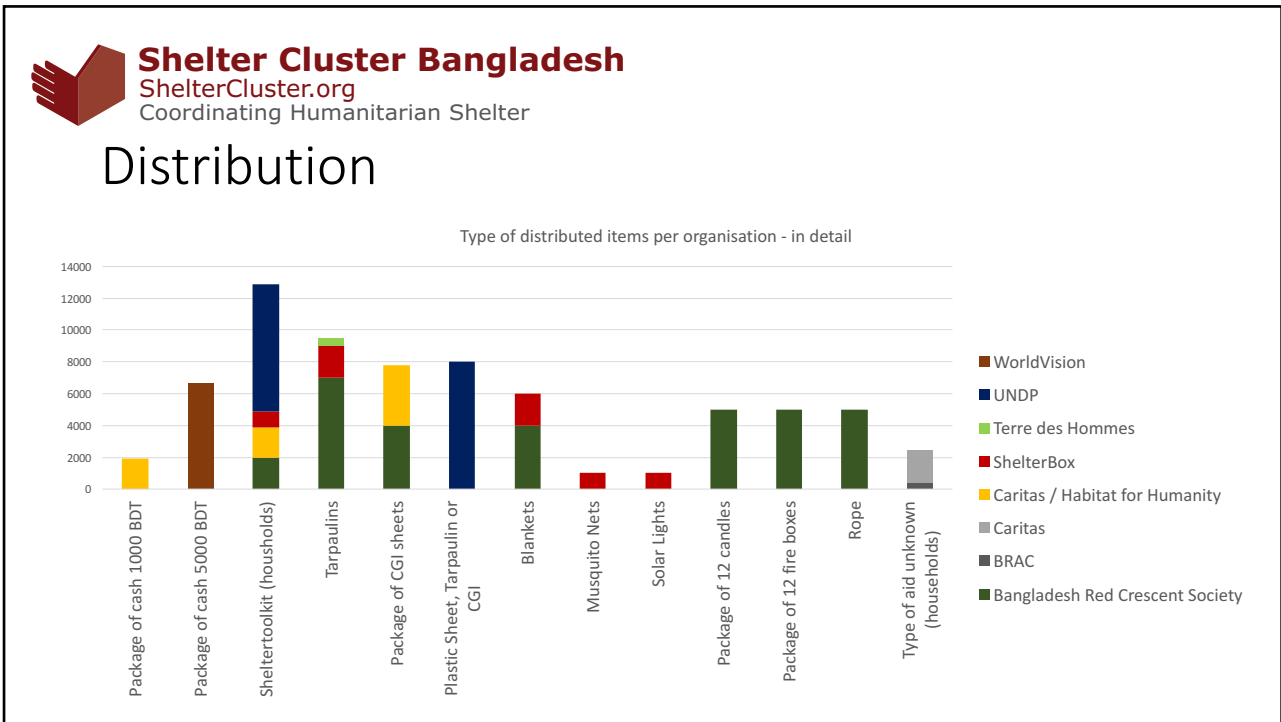


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Distribution

Type of distributed items per organisation





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Last Update: 09/10/2017

27% of planned emergency shelter...
 516 fully damaged houses
 618 partly damaged houses

8 organisations

Mainly emergency shelter...

Detailed distribution per organisation (per household)

District (Sh...)	Implementing Part...	Count
Null	Null	
Bogra	Bangladesh Red Cr...	100
Dinajpur	Bangladesh Red Cr...	1.525
	Caritas	1.250
	UNDP	3.500

SAMPLE AND DEMONSTRATION OF TABLEAU INFORMATION, SOON TO BE ADDED TO THE SHELTER CLUSTER WEBSITE



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How do we get a better picture of ongoing needs?

- Damage assessment and other information is outdated and does not reflect current needs on the ground.
- Need to better understand:
 - How many people still displaced & where?
 - What are the remaining emergency needs?
 - Are there major gaps in the shelter recovery response & funding?
 - Which agencies have capacity to scale up if further resources are available?
- Discussion: Possible rapid assessment to help fill knowledge gaps.



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Shelter IEC materials

- Shelter Cluster Dropbox folder – request access from Quinten (im1.bd@sheltercluster.org)
- Most materials were developed for cyclone-prone areas
- Some are generic (eg IFRC shelter tool kit).
- Partners are encouraged to share what they have.
- Cluster can support with technical reviews, possibly translation of key docs.
- Technical working group – **proposed for last week of November**



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Winterisation

- Cooler temperatures in December-Feb for northern areas:

Saidpur	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Min (°C)	11	13	17	21	24	25	26	26	25	23	18	13
Max (°C)	23	26	31	33	32	32	32	32	31	31	29	25

- Are Shelter Cluster partners planning for this?
- What will your response consist of?



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Gender and Diversity issues

- New Information Brief under preparation
- Key information about how emergencies impact women and vulnerable groups in Bangladesh
- Practical ways to integrate gender and diversity into shelter programming including:
 - ✓ Assessments
 - ✓ Emergency shelter design
 - ✓ Site planning, communal shelters
 - ✓ Construction and repair
 - ✓ Participation and consultation
 - ✓ Gender based violence
- Input from partners is needed
- Will be available in English and Bangla
- Possibility for partners to request training or other support for staff/volunteers in Dhaka or field level.



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Gender and diversity in emergency shelter programming



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Other possible training and information

- Shelter kit training
 - When & where? (Nov / Dec, Dhaka?)
 - Include more women or women-only training?
- Participatory Approach for Safe Shelter Awareness (PASSA) ToT for urban areas
 - When & where? (January, Dhaka?)
- Housing, land and property issues
 - Need for further information / resources on this?
- Other needs / ideas?



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2. Shelter response in Cox's Bazar

Information provided by the Shelter Sector Coordination team in CXB



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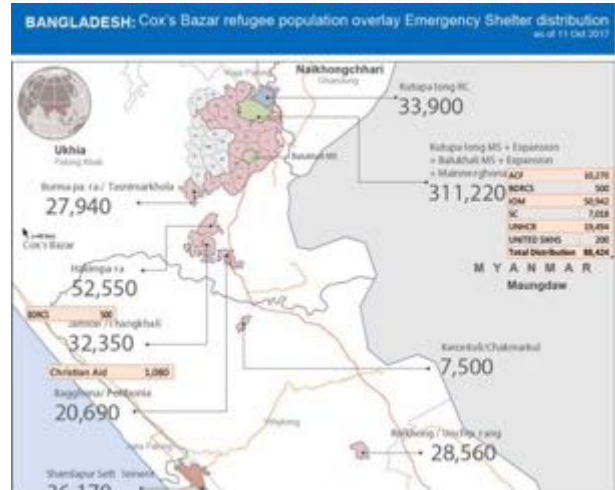
Shelter /NFI needs:

- Based on Situation Report update dated 19 October, a total 801,505 people require assistance.
- The overall objective of the sector is to meet the needs of 948,000 individuals within 6 months including host communities.
- The pipeline for tarps and most of the NFIs to reach the targeted 948,000 is robust with much of the goods and materials arriving over the next 6 weeks.
- More kitchen sets and mosquito nets are required.
- Anecdotally, partners are reporting that culturally appropriate clothes are being requested – further assessments required.



Shelter response

- Agencies responding: ACF, BRCS, Bastob, BRAC, CARE Bangladesh, Christian Aid, Global Unnayan Seba Sangstha (GUSS), IOM, Save the Children, Solidarités International, UNHCR, United Sikhs
- In this reporting period, nearly 26,000 households have received acute emergency shelter kits
- NFIs have been distributed to 6,800 HHs



Shelter / NFI Item	Distributed (HHs)	Distributed (Indvs)	Total Refugee Population *	%age Served	HRP Target (incl. host & contingency)	%age Served	Distributed	In Country Stocks	Pipeline	TOTAL (HHs)	%age of HRP Target	COMMENTS
Tarpaulins	109,521	547,605		73%	948,000	58%				254,441	134%	CONTINGENCY STOCKS/REPLENISHMENT STOCKS
Blankets	42,570	212,848	748,200	28%	948,000	22%	42,570	14,058	255,360	311,987	165%	If Average 2 per HH
Sleeping Mats	22,697	113,485	748,200	15%	948,000	12%	22,697	12,105	183,210	218,012	115%	If Average 2 per HH
Kitchen Sets	14,717	73,585	748,200	10%	948,000	8%	14,717	2,330	141,030	158,077	83%	Gap = 31,523 HHs
Mosquito Nets	19,057	95,283	748,200	13%	948,000	10%	19,057	10,800	105,270	135,127	71%	If Average 2 per HH
					189,600					54,474		Gap = 54,474 HHs or 110,000pcs



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Gaps / constraints

- There are reports that extremely vulnerable HHs, HHs living long distances from the distribution points or in remote locations or persons with limited mobility have not yet been reached with distributions. Agencies are being requested to pay particular attention to these groups, and adjust delivery mechanisms to meet the needs of these groups.
- Identified potential gaps in the NFI pipeline include kitchen sets, mosquito nets and clothing.
- Other NFIs such as solar lamps, dignity kits and hygiene kits are needed and the relevant Sector Coordinators should be contacted for standards, specifications etc.
- Preliminary gap analysis seems to indicate that communities in the following areas have been under-served: Hakimpara, Shamlapur, Jamtoli, and Baggoha/Potibonia
- HOWEVER, agencies are encouraged to reference the 4W for planned interventions in these areas and coordinate at the field level with each other and local authorities.



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Other information

- Terms of reference for the shelter/NFI sector co-chair coordination (expressions of interest sought)
- Technical working group for shelter upgrades (led by Save the Children)
- Issues with cooking fuel, wood fuel management and deforestation
- Upcoming assessments?



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3. Cyclone preparedness



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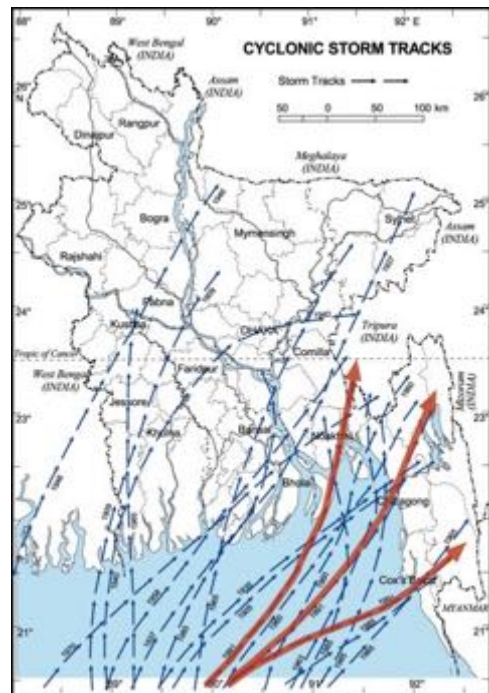
Cyclone preparedness

- Tropical cyclones generally strike Bangladesh in two seasons, March through July and September through December.
- **Greatest majority of storms arriving in October and May.**
- Especially relevant for new settlements near Cox's Bazar, but also elsewhere.

What could be done?

- Procuring / pre-positioning emergency shelter materials.
- Distributing IEC materials on cyclone resilient shelters to potentially vulnerable communities
- What else are your agencies doing?

(Note: Adjacent image is only current to 1991)





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Cyclone preparedness contingency stock mapping

- Will be circulated tomorrow.
- Agencies requested to complete and return by 1 November.

Cyclone Preparedness november 2017
Stock Contingency Overview
 Situation 23-10-2017

Reporting Date	Name of Organization	Cluster	Stock Type	Item Details	Unit	Quantity	Where? - Division	Remarks
27/9/17	International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies - IIRC	Dhaka/Nil	Emergency Shelter	Tarpaulin	Roll	25	Chittagong - 20	See and other details
28/9/17	International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies - IIRC	Dhaka/Nil	Emergency Shelter	Shelter Tarpaulin	Roll	30	Dhaka - 30	
3/10/17	Caritas - Caritas	Dhaka/Nil	Emergency Shelter	Roll	Roll	15	Barisal - 10	
3/10/17	International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies - IIRC	Dhaka/Nil	Emergency Shelter	Shelter	Roll	30	Chittagong - 20	
3/10/17	Caritas - Caritas	Dhaka/Nil	Emergency Shelter	Shelter	Roll	200	Rangpur - 15	Contains 8 number of items in the toilet
27/9/17	Islamic Relief Worldwide - (IRW)BD	Dhaka/Nil	Emergency Shelter	Shelter	Roll	500	Sylhet - 60	
28/9/17	Maddaya Sam Samadhiya - MSF	Dhaka/Nil	Emergency Shelter	Shelter	Roll	100	Chittagong - 21	For adult men and women
3/10/17	Save the Children - SCB	Dhaka/Nil	Emergency Shelter	Tarpaulin	Roll	80	Rangpur - 58	
3/10/17	CARE Bangladesh - CARE	Dhaka/Nil	Emergency Shelter	Tarpaulin	Roll	80	Sylhet - 65	
3/10/17	International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies - IIRC	Dhaka/Nil	Emergency Shelter	Kitchen Set	Set	500	Chittagong - 23	Contains 8 number of pots and pans, cooking items, etc.

Insert additional details and specifications which are important to know such as size