**Highlights**

- The tropical cyclone named REMAL made landfall between Kolkata (India) and Patuakhali (Bangladesh) from **26 May midnight to early morning of 27 May 2024**. Maximum wind speed was 111 km/h during its high impact time.  
- Bagerhat, Barisal, Bholu, Borguna, Khulna, Patuakhali and Shatkhira are the most severely-affected districts.  
- Eleven (11) people are reported to have died due to the cyclone. Around 3.8 million people have been affected, with **150,000 houses partially or fully damaged**.  
- Due to the heavy rainfall, landslides are forecasted for Cox’s Bazar, Chattogram and the hill districts including Rohingya camps, with around **27,000 Rohingyas at risk of landslides**.  
- UNICEF through its partners in Barishal and Khulna division mobilized communities on preparedness and early actions based on the guidance provided by UNICEF and worked with Disaster Management Committees (DMCs) in disseminating life-saving messages.  
- A total of **1,521 medical teams** are working around the clock to provide services and all health services are continuing from the health facilities in Khulna, Barishal and Chattogram Division.  
- A meeting of the inter-agency Needs Assessment Working Group (NAWG) was held to plan and initiate a comprehensive assessment of the Cyclone Remal impact to identify response needs.  
- Based on the NAWG assessment reports, UNICEF contingency partnerships with civil society organizations (CSOs) will be activated.  
- **Four contingency Programme Documents (PDs)** are ready for activation for the cyclone response in Khulna, Cox’s Bazar and Chattogram.  
- About **$1.26 million worth of supplies** have been prepositioned in 35 warehouses countrywide. As an initial response, UNICEF can reach up to **156,000** people including Rohingya Camps (50,000) and Cox’s Bazar (15,000). Additional resources are required to support the women and children impacted by the cyclone.  
- **19 UNICEF staff** are ready to be deployed in case of emergencies.

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1 NAWG 25 May 2024  
2 State Minister for Disaster Management and Relief
Cyclone Remal Impact

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- Preliminary assessment reports eleven (11) deaths due to the cyclone. Approximately 3.8 million people have been affected, with 150,000 houses partially or fully damaged.
- In total, over 800,000 people were moved into the cyclone shelters. Food for children, cattle-feed, cash for buying roofing sheets and house-making materials and dry foods have been identified as immediate needs.
- Around 27,000 Rohingya refugees are at risk of landslides due rains influenced by Cyclone Remal.
- The offshore chars (islands) of Monpura, Tozumuddin and Daulatkhah Upazila of Bhola district are lying under tidal water at 6-8 feet in depth, posing risks to the lives of communities in these areas. Embankments protecting the mainland of Barguna district are broken due to the force of strong tidal surges and winds.
- Three districts (Bhola, Barguna and Patuakhali) of Barisal division have been adversely impacted by damage to houses and erosion of riverbanks due to the cyclone.

**UNICEF Preparedness and Response**

**Program Update**

- The Emergency Preparedness and Response Plans (EPRPs) for 2024 have been updated in all field offices.
- In Dhaka, the Emergency Task Force has been activated, while in Cox’s Bazar Field Offices, the Emergency Response Team is active and held a meeting to review the preparedness status.
- In Khulna, Barisal and Chattogram Field Offices, UNICEF staff are in the field undertaking assessments on the impact, and constantly monitoring the situation on the ground in coordination with partners and the Disaster Management Committees.
- In Chittagong, pre-prepositioned stock of WASH, Nutrition and Education supplies are available for the response.
- UNICEF-led clusters (WASH, and Child Protection) organised cluster meetings to coordinate response actions to mitigate the impact of Cyclone Remal.
- Four contingency Programme Documents (PDs) are ready for activation for the cyclone response in Khulna, Cox’s Bazar and Chittagong.

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3 NAWG, 25 May 2024
4 State Minister for Disaster Management and Relief
- WASH, Child Protection, Education, Nutrition and SBC have prepositioned supplies for up to 156,000 people, including 50,000 Rohingya and 15,000 host communities in Cox’s Bazar.
- Emergency Medicines and other supplies are available at the Medical Sub-Depot at the Division level and the list is circulated to the districts for sending their demands.
- Additional information can be found in Emergency preparedness factsheet - April 2024.pdf (sharepoint.com)

**Key highlights from different Sectors responses**

**WASH**
- The Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene (WASH) situation of communities have been severely impacted.
- Regular water sources are at high risk of contamination and if not addressed, this may lead to widespread contamination and the risk of outbreak of waterborne diseases.
- Women and adolescent girls impacted by the cyclone are experiencing challenges in maintaining personal hygiene as a result of the cyclone.
- Preliminary assessment has immediate needs for: safe drinking water supply and basic sanitation facilities, water Quality Testing to monitor adherence of water to quality standards for drinking, restoration/operation & maintenance of water systems and disinfection support of water points in the households, installation of new water points/tube-wells and repair/reconstruction of damaged latrines and construction of new latrines.

**Health**
- UNICEF Field Offices are coordinating with the Divisional Directors Health in Barisal, Khulna and Chattogram to assess needs.
- A total of 1,521 medical teams are working round the clock to provide services and all health services are continuing from the health facilities in Khulna, Barishal and Chattogram Divisions. Meanwhile, 11 deaths have been reported due to the cyclone.
- In Sarankhola Upazila, one pregnant woman was transported to Sarankhola Upazila Health Complex from a Cyclone Shelter and delivered her baby safely at the UHC.
- There has been an outage of electricity in many Upazilas from the 26th of May. Vaccines in these Upazilas have been kept in vaccine cold boxes to maintain the cold chain. Meanwhile, no damage to vaccines and medicines has been reported so far.
- All health facilities are functioning including the community clinics, providing critical health services to cyclone survivors. Routine EPI outreach sessions have however been disrupted in all Upazilas (sub-districts) due to bad weather.
- The boundary wall of one health facility was damaged, resulting in the facility being inundated and hampering emergency services.
- No shortage of drugs, IV fluid, WPT, ORS or other medical equipment has been reported.

**Nutrition**
- Therapeutic milk stock has been prepositioned at the medical sub-depot in Chattogram (F-75: 100 tins and F-100: 48 tins) including nutrition kits and anthropometric tools for emergency use.

**Education**
- The Ministry of Primary and Mass Education (MoPME) has issued instructions to the Directorate of Primary Education (DPE), Bureau of Nonformal Education (BNFE), District Primary Education Officers (DPEOs), Shishu Kalyan Trusts, and the District Management Committees (DMCs) to suspend regular schooling and convert the schools along the coastal belt areas into cyclone shelters. This is in line with the Government’s Standing Order on Disaster (SoDs) and the UNICEF-supported Standard Operational Procedures (SOPs) for cyclone response in schools.
A total of 3,419 Government Primary Schools and 1,111 secondary schools have been closed, with most of them being used as cyclone shelters in Khulna Division.

In Chattogram, 200 Education in Emergency Kits (EIE) Kits and ‘School in a box’ have been prepositioned in warehouses for the cyclone response.

Government officials have conducted a rapid assessment and are collating information on the schools impacted.

Child Protection

In partnership with Department of Social Services (DSS), a total of 26 Social Workers across Khulna, Bagerhat and Satkhira are supporting the identification of vulnerable children and women for case management.

In partnership with the Ministry of Youth and Sports (MoYS), community mobilizers and community facilitators are raising awareness on drowning prevention, Child Helpline 1098, and on disaster prevention and response in cyclone shelters in Barishal, Barguna, Patuakhali, Bholu, Khulna, Chattogram and Cox’s Bazar as well as referring people to the cyclone centres for their safety.

Working with the Ministry of Women and Children Affairs (MoWCA), community-led discussions are being held across 358 Child Protection Community Hubs (CPCH) in Barishal, Barguna, Patuakhali, Khulna, Bagerhat, Satkhira, and Bholu. These discussions focus on drowning prevention, preventing family separation, and addressing issues of gender-based violence (GBV) and violence against children (VAC).

UNICEF plans to distribute essential supplies including family kits and dignity kits in the affected locations to vulnerable girls and women.

In addition, a national-level Child Protection cluster coordination meeting was convened to strengthen coordination and collaboration among partners for a coordinated response.

UNICEF, UN Women, and UNFPA convened a meeting to discuss the Gender in Humanitarian Action (GIHA) impacts resulting from Cyclone Remal. During the meeting, it was agreed to proceed with a Rapid Gender Assessment (RGA) to identify and address these impacts effectively.

Social and Behaviour Change (SBC)

Social Listening update on the impact of Cyclone Remal has been produced at Dhaka level based on the media monitoring data to inform the decision-making process for the design of the humanitarian response plan for UNICEF and ICCG/HCTT.

6 (six) District Information Offices (DIO) of Barishal division, 3 (three) DIO in Khulna division and 2 DIO in Chattogram division disseminated early warning and key messages through street miking in cyclone prone areas. UNICEF supplied standard messages that were used for promoting community awareness.

UNICEF through its partners in Barishal and Khulna division mobilized communities on preparedness and early actions based on the guidance provided by UNICEF and worked with Disaster Management Committees (DMCs) in disseminating lifesaving messages.

UNICEF, through its partners, is providing health education messages on essential services in cyclone shelters.

Community and regional radios stations in Barisal, Khulna and Chattogram divisions broadcast lifesaving Public Service Announcements (PSAs) based on the guidance and messages provided by the UNICEF to mobilize communities on early action.

Miking in communities prone to landslides is on in high-risk areas in Chattogram and Rangamati.

SBC section produced an emergency booklet with a set of lifesaving messages on health services among the partners in Barishal, Khulna and Chattogram.
Humanitarian Cash Transfer

- Approximately **11,4079 pregnant women** in 10 southern districts have been affected by Cyclone Remal.\(^5\)
- UNICEF has identified **14,280 households (about 57,000 people including 226 persons with disability)** with pregnant women in **six affected districts** (Patuakhali, Bhola, Barguna, Satkhira, Noakhali, Cox’s Bazar, and Khulna) as potential beneficiaries for multi-purpose cash transfers.
- Of these, UNICEF, with available funding is ready to provide cash assistance to **2,000 affected households (about 8000 people)** immediately as part of a rapid response.
- **Additional funding** is required to support the remaining **12,280 households** (approximately 49,000 people) with pregnant women.
- **Three Contingency PD partnerships** are in place and ready for activation to provide immediate support to affected households.

Supplies

- Minimum Preparedness Standard (MPS) 4: Supply and Logistics in emergency preparedness platform (EPP) has been updated.
- **Supplies (including for emergency response)** have been prepositioned in Cox’s Bazar Field Office. As an initial response, UNICEF is ready to reach **156,000 affected people** in early action.

HR

- Minimum Preparedness Standard (MPS) 3: Staff Capacities, Refocusing & Surge in Emergency Preparedness platform (EPP) has been updated.
- **19 UNICEF staff** are ready to be deployed in emergency response.

Communications

Press releases/statements:
The social media posts published so far on Cyclone Remal –

**Twitter:**
- [https://twitter.com/UNICEFBD/status/1794967380650807704](https://twitter.com/UNICEFBD/status/1794967380650807704)
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Government and other Partners’ Preparedness

- Rupantar, Shushilan Friednhip Hospital and other local NGOs have distributed dry foods, drinking water and other non-food items (NFIs) to several Cyclone Shelters in Sharankhola, Bagerhat and Shyamnagar as part of anticipatory action.
- The MoDMR has provided cash and food provisions to the many shelters occupied by cyclone survivors.

\(^5\) Need Assessment Working Group, 26 May 2024
**Humanitarian Leadership and Coordination**

The Inter-cluster Coordination Group (ICCG) under the Humanitarian Coordination Task Team (HCTT) met on the 26th of May 2024 and instructed the Needs Assessment Working Group (NAWG) to immediately commence a needs assessment of the impact of Cyclone Remal.

UNICEF will continue leading the Nutrition and WASH Sectors/Clusters, the 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$ 1.16 million** in internal resources to support immediate response to meet the priority needs of children, women, and people with disabilities. Information on the funding gaps will be shared after the needs assessment.

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