



Anjona Bishwash (32), carries her five-year-old daughter, to the shelter at their neighbor's house after Cyclone Remal damaged and flooded their home in Mongla Union, Bagerhat District. © UNICEF/UNI583161/Satu

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*Situation Report on
Cyclone Remal No. 4
2nd June 2024*

Highlights

- Cyclone Remal made its landfall in Patuakhali district, Bangladesh, **on 26 May 2024** with a maximum wind speed of 111 km/h. The storm surge, accompanied by extremely heavy rainfall, caused flooding of 5-8 feet and a 2.2-meter storm surge in the coastal districts.
- A needs assessment by the inter-agency Needs Assessment Working Group (NAWG) was concluded and results shared **on 31 May 2024**.
- The NAWG report shows that **4.6 million people** were impacted by the cyclone across **19 districts (2.24m women, 1.79m children ages 0-19, 61,889 pregnant women and 65,422 persons with disabilities)**². **3.3 million** people have been severely affected, with **173,866 houses** partially or fully damaged³. Up to **sixteen (16) deaths**⁴ have occurred due to the cyclone.
- Approximately **198,400 children (50% girls) in 992 cyclone-damaged Government Primary Schools (Barishal-745), Khulna-169, and Chattogram-78) have been impacted by damage to schools**.
- With UNICEF support, the Department of Public Health Engineering (DPHE) has distributed **475,902 Water Purification Tablets (WPTs), 4,788 Jerry Cans, 578 water buckets and 627 Hygiene Kits** in the affected locations (Bagerhat, Sathkira, Barguna, Khulna, Bhola, Patuakhali, Noakhaliand, Pirojpur districts) and in the evacuation points and shelters to prevent the outbreak of water-borne diseases.
- With UNICEF support, **1,930 pregnant women** have received **US\$ 51 (60% of MEB⁵)** as multipurpose cash transfers to facilitate their access to a range of critical goods and services, and protect themselves from negative coping mechanisms related to financial hardship such as high levels of household debt, child labor, child marriage, school dropouts among others.
- The HRP is being developed through the Resident Coordinator's Office (RCO).
- **\$1.26 million worth of supplies from 35 warehouses** countrywide have been deployed for the response. These supplies will provide up to **156,000** people with life-saving interventions. Additional resources are required to support the women and children impacted by the cyclone.

Situation in Numbers¹



**4.6
Million**

People affected in Bangladesh



**1.79
million**

Children (0-19) affected in Bangladesh



**1.3
Million**

People are in Need of humanitarian assistance (NAWG, 31 May 2024)



979,306

Rohingya population in need of assistance (UNHCR, 30 April 2024)

¹ NAWG Rapid Assessment of Cyclone REMAL 2024, 31 May 2024.

² Ibid.

³ State Minister for Disaster Management and Relief

⁴ <https://www.bbc.com/news/articles/ckvv8q10vxvo>, <https://www.reuters.com/world/asia-pacific/millions-without-power-cyclone-remal-pounds-bangladesh-india-2024-05-27/>

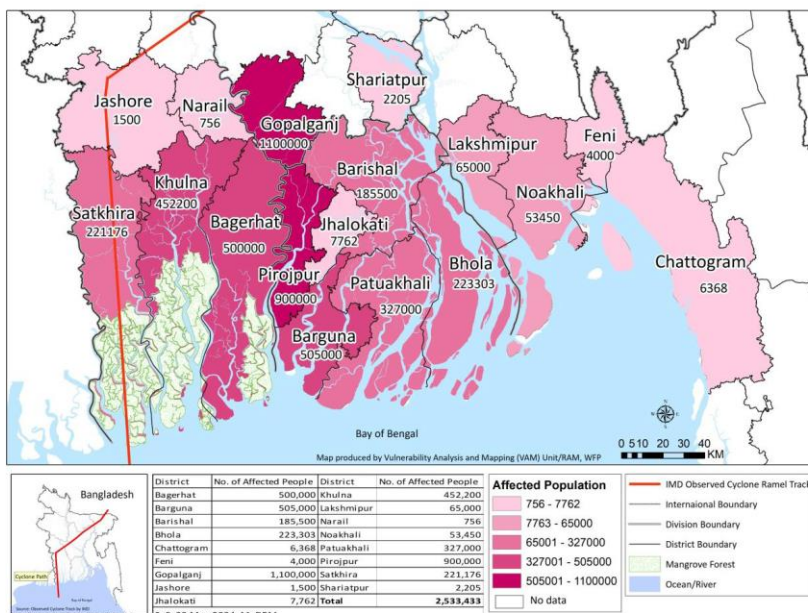
⁵ Minimum Expenditure Basket.

Number of People in Need (PiN) by District and Cluster (8 Districts - Assessed Districts)⁷

District	Population Total	No. of Affected People	People in Need (PIN)					
			Child Protection	Education	GBV	Health	Nutrition	WASH
Barguna	1,010,531	505,000	35,238	33,258	71,592	57,105	47,446	191,900
Bhola	1,932,518	223,303	16,536	21,369	38,787	15,901	44,692	118,351
Pirojpur	1,198,195	900,000	45,389	66,444	89,374	130,451	115,388	216,000
Satkhira	2,196,582	221,176	12,485	16,015	23,962	18,914	17,175	70,776
Patuakhali	1,727,254	327,000	19,474	22,451	52,143	56,610	40,946	124,260
Bagerhat	1,613,076	500,000	22,183	31,854	67,089	67,512	73,205	135,000
Barishal	2,570,446	185,500	6,386	11,266	23,923	23,101	23,624	50,085
Khulna	2,613,385	452,200	13,964	26,449	42,628	64,151	49,966	113,050
Total	14,861,987	3,314,179	171,655	229,106	409,498	433,745	412,442	1,019,422

- **4.6 million people** were impacted by the cyclone across **19 districts (2.24m women, 1.79m children ages 0-19, 61,889 pregnant women and 65,422 persons with disabilities)**⁸. **3.3 million people** have been severely affected, with **173,866 houses** partially or fully damaged⁹. Preliminary assessment reports **sixteen (16) deaths**¹⁰ have occurred due to the cyclone.

- **67 hubs damaged across the three divisions** Child Protection Community Hubs (CPCHs) supported by the Ministry of Children and Women Affairs (MoWCA) and UNICEF have been significantly damaged. Barishal experienced the most severe damage, with five hubs completely or severely damaged.



Map showing 19 districts impacted by Cyclone Remal in Bangladesh

- A report by the Government (Department of Public Health Engineering, (DPHE) initial assessment identified from **8 of the most-affected districts** which shows **20,260 water points damaged (1,536 fully damaged)** and **134,269 latrines damaged (24,407 fully damaged)**. Therefore, access to safe drinking water, the restoration of sanitation facilities and the availability of hygiene practice materials are the most urgent needs. Populations living in remote islands and low-lying areas of the targeted districts are also particularly affected.

⁶ NAWG, 25 May 2024

⁷ Data from the most impacted districts, Need Assessment Working Group (NAWG) 31 May 2024

⁸ NAWG Cyclone Remal Final Assessment Report 31 May 2024

⁹ State Minister for Disaster Management and Relief

¹⁰ <https://www.bbc.com/news/articles/ckv8q10vxvo>, <https://www.reuters.com/world/asia-pacific/millions-without-power-cyclone-remal-pounds-bangladesh-india-2024-05-27/>

UNICEF Preparedness and Response

- In Dhaka, the Emergency Management Team (EMT) convened an urgent meeting to review the progress of the UNICEF response and activated **six (6) emergency Programme Documents (ePDs)** with civil society organisations to accelerate the cyclone response in Khulna, Barishal and Chattogram divisions and deliver urgent WASH, Nutrition, Education, Social and Behaviour Change, and Humanitarian Cash Transfers to affected women and children.
- In Khulna, Barishal and Chattogram Field Offices are closely coordinating with Disaster Management Committees and District Relief and Rehabilitation officers (DRROs) to identify severely impacted areas and vulnerable populations to be prioritised.
- In Chattogram, Khulna and Barishal, pre-prepositioned stock of WASH, Nutrition and Education and Child Protection have been released for distribution.
- UNICEF-led clusters are regularly meeting to coordinate response actions to mitigate the impact of Cyclone Remal.

Key highlights from different Sectors responses

WASH

- With UNICEF support, the Department of Public Health Engineering (DPHE) has distributed **475,902 Water Purification Tablets (WPTs), 4,788 Jerry Cans, 578 water buckets and 627 Hygiene Kits** in the affected locations (Bagerhat, Sathkira, Barguna, Khulna, Bhola, Patuakhali, Noakhali and Pirojpur districts) and in the evacuation points and shelters to prevent the outbreak of water-borne diseases.
- The DPHE, also with support from UNICEF, deployed **10 Mobile Treatment Plants** in Barishal, Barguna, Pirojpur, Sthakira, Khulna and Bagerhat to provide safe drinking water to affected families.



UNICEF-NFI Hygiene kit distribution through Union Member -Shariful islam Shobuz and Female UP member- Ms. Tania Begum., Ward#04, Union: Dargapur, Upazila: Asashuni, District Satkhira.

Health

- Routine EPI sessions are being conducted in many Upazilas.
- Solar fridges are being used to store the vaccines in affected Upazilas. However, in some Upazilas, vaccine cold boxes are being used.
- A joint meeting was conducted between health cluster lead WHO, UNICEF and DGHS accelerating strengthening of the cyclone response.

Nutrition

- The Nutrition emergency program document (ePD) has been activated in Dhaka, Barishal, Chattogram and Khulna.
- In Khulna, the Nutrition team held meetings with partners and agreed to commence activities with technical guidance being provided by UNICEF.

Education

- Approximately **198,400 children (50% girls)** in **992** cyclone-damaged Government Primary Schools (**Barishal-745**), **Khulna-169**, and **Chattogram-78**) have been impacted by damage to schools. The damage or loss mainly includes school infrastructure and loss of education materials including text books, stationery items, teaching learning materials at school.
- An additional **688** government primary schools have been used as cyclone shelters in the affected districts (in Khulna) and require support for repairs, cleaning and replenishment of teaching and learning materials.
- The Government has declared the reopening of schools, although some schools still remain closed as they are being used as shelters by families' whose homes were inundated during the cyclone.

Child Protection

- **579** social workers and **10** psychosocial counsellors, in a partnership between UNICEF and the Department of Social Services (DSS), have been deployed across the three affected divisions to support the identification of vulnerable children and women for case management. **5 expert** consultants from UNICEF and DSS have been deployed.
- The DSS workforce provided referral services to **1,183** children and reached up to **10,750** people with protection messages on drowning prevention, **promoting Child Help Line (CHL) 1098**, and preventing family separation. Calls from cyclone-affected areas to **CHL 1098** increased by **33%**.
- A coordination meeting with **200** DSS and UNICEF officials was organized to enhance the identification of children, referral services, and distribution of **2,761** Family Kits and **1,050** Dignity Kits.
- In partnership with the Ministry of Women and Children Affairs (MoWCA), **3,118** awareness sessions on child protection and emergency preparedness were conducted, reaching **71,824** children, adolescents, and parents, including **31,679** girls, **23,852** boys, **11,478** women, and **4,815** men. The sessions focused on preventing drowning, avoiding family separation, informing local support centres, providing psychosocial support, and referring to social workers and CHL 1098.
- Special help desks were set up at **15** police stations to provide information and assistance, and to report family separation, loss of women and children, and other risks and harms.
- A **CPIE Working Group** meeting with partners in Khulna, Satkhira, and Bagerhat was held on May 29th to review response updates, locations, gaps, and challenges.



Case management service is providing by the Social Workers

Social and Behaviour Change (SBC)

- UNICEF, through its partners, organized **385** sessions with affected communities, caregivers, adolescents where **3,452 (Male-1240, Female-2212)** cyclone-affected community members were reached with key lifesaving information hygiene to prevent outbreak of diseases.
- UNICEF organized an orientation session for UNICEF partners to enable them design context-specific SBC and community engagement interventions in Barishal for cyclone-affected people.
- UNICEF contributed into the development of the AAP section of the Humanitarian Response Plan (HRP) as the co-lead of AAP WG.
- The **U-report** poll for rapid assessment on the cyclone Remal has been launched.

Humanitarian Cash Transfer

- **1,930 pregnant women** have received **US\$ 51 (60% of MEB¹¹)** as multipurpose cash transfers to facilitate their access to a range of critical goods and services, and provide a temporary income to offset negative coping mechanisms related to financial hardship such as high levels of household debt, child labor, child marriage, school dropouts among others.
- An additional **5,113 households** with pregnant women are due to receive cash transfers in the next days.
- HCT partners have started payment verification of transfer amount with beneficiaries.
- Altogether **12,350 pregnant women** have no access to cash transfers due to the limited funds available, and are therefore unable to strengthen their coping mechanisms after the cyclone.
- **3 emergency partnerships** have been activated to provide immediate support to affected households.

Supplies

- **700 Family kits** have been delivered to the Chattogram DPHE Warehouse to support the response.

HR

- **3 surge staff** have been deployed to Khulna and Barishal to support the response.

Communications

Press releases/statements:

A statement by the UNICEF Representative in Bangladesh published on the web and social media platforms and was picked by **47 media**.

Website link to the statement: <https://www.unicef.org/bangladesh/en/press-releases/32-million-children-are-risk-cyclone-remal-hits-hard-coastal-areas-bangladesh>

The social media posts published so far on Cyclone Remal –

Twitter:

<https://twitter.com/UNICEFBD/status/1794967380650807704>

<https://twitter.com/UNICEFBD/status/1794602118474838130>

<https://twitter.com/UNICEFBD/status/1794711972510064962>

Facebook:

<https://www.facebook.com/unicef.bd/posts/pfbid0KmXu6g86MosNH9UysDR3V1zfNjrcVBwAEGbwRPjYL6FiRAcsGxhQwuNbPfPdKeXaI>

<https://www.facebook.com/unicef.bd/posts/pfbid0j4a9D7b74UjvmAC4J3yH4EzozncNMogJ75LqfWtzAaRkB7QQUM9EVH6frdwFKjJ5I>

Instagram:

https://www.instagram.com/p/C7a_x70vgmN/?img_index=1

<https://www.instagram.com/p/C7bquUivxuU/>

https://www.instagram.com/p/C7de5xfyZtJ/?img_index=1

¹¹ Minimum Expenditure Basket

Humanitarian Leadership and Coordination

The Inter-cluster Coordination Group (ICCG) under the Humanitarian Coordination Task Team (HCTT) is meeting regularly to coordinate the response and to complement GoB-led response efforts. The Needs Assessment Working Group (NAWG) undertook a needs assessment in 8 severely impacted districts in Khulna and Barishal Barishal Divisions.

Health coordination meetings are ongoing in all three districts led by Civil Surgeons and response plans continuously reviewed. UN Women, UNFPA, and UNICEF, through the Gender in Humanitarian Action (GiHA), GBV Cluster, and Child Protection Cluster, are sharing strategies - assessing tools and approaches to guide in providing immediate safety and protection for women and girls in shelters. This collaboration ensures the security of shelters and other facilities to protect against gender-based violence (GBV).

The Resident Coordinator's Office is elaborating the Humanitarian Response Plan which will provide the framework for the development of a CERF proposal. UNICEF cluster leads are coordinating cluster inputs into this process.

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 (District Disaster Management Committees, 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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