

Number of Cases (as of 28 May 2020)

40,321 cases, 559 deaths and 8,425 recoveries officially reported. (Population: 165 million)

Source: Directorate General of Health Services, Bangladesh

The number of COVID-19 cases is doubling every five days, as the government scales up testing facilities. Bangladesh's case-growth rate is faster than those of Indonesia, Malaysia, Thailand and Sri Lanka.

Country Overview

Cyclone Amphan slammed ashore on 20 May along the coastline of Bangladesh, claiming a reported 22 lives. More than 2.4 million people and half a million cattle took refuge in 14, 636 cyclone shelters in 19 districts in a frantic evacuation made all the more challenging by the coronavirus pandemic.

The cyclone affected more than 1 million people in nine districts of Khulna and Barishal divisions. Some 200,000 hectares of crops were destroyed. Damage to shrimp cultivation and fresh water fisheries alone are initially calculated at a loss of BDT 32.5 million.

Similar to the rest of the country, people in coastal districts have suffered a livelihood crisis since March due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Following the cyclone, their coping strategies have fallen apart, making them even more vulnerable.



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“Dad beats us when we ask for more food. He is frustrated and angry.”

— Kabita (not her real name), 12, whose father lost his job as a rickshaw puller due to COVID-19 lockdowns.

Lessons Learned, Best Practices and Innovations

- Staff teams provided masks for 500 residents staying in a shelter in Chittagong during Cyclone Amphan. They set up a hand washing station and took individuals' temperatures as they entered the shelter.
- World Vision drew global attention to the compounded crisis of COVID-19 and the cyclone through media interviews in [Australia](#), [Canada](#), [New Zealand](#) and the [U.K.](#), conducted by Rohingya Response Director, Rachel Wolff.

Advocacy

- A recent [Deutsche Welle](#) on-line video story highlighted World Vision Bangladesh's child protection work as part of a focus on World Vision's [COVID-19 Aftershocks](#) report. The report warns that millions of children around the world face the threat of violence because of the coronavirus crisis. It estimates that lockdown measures enacted to protect children are putting them at greater risk. The widely-viewed media story was the result of collaboration between World Vision Germany and World Vision Bangladesh Communications departments.
- Some 306 Rohingya refugees are currently being held in quarantine on Bhasan Char, an island in the Bay of Bengal. They were rescued from boats earlier this month, having tried to reach Malaysia.

COVID-19 Emergency Response | Highlights



1.5 million
beneficiaries reached



664,055
children reached



150,000
registered children



USD 10 million
targeted budget

OBJECTIVE 1: Promote preventative measures to stop or slow COVID-19 spread.



954,701
people reached with prevention hygiene information.



12,575
people received prevention materials (hand sanitizer, soap, masks).



43,240
handwashing supplies (soap, buckets) distributed.



1,282
faith leaders engaged in disseminating prevention information.



649,635
comprehensive hygiene kits distributed.

OBJECTIVE 2: Support health systems and workers.



1,334
medical personnel in health facilities provided personal protective equipment.



473,160
face masks distributed to health facilities, health workers, caregivers.



560
health facilities assisted, including hospital, clinics.



462
disinfectant kits distributed to health facilities. (This period)

OBJECTIVE 3: Provide children and families with multi-sector support.



68,937
people (children, families) reached with prevention information.



USD 5.4 million
total value of cash/vouchers distributed.



128,693
individuals receiving cash disbursements/vouchers.



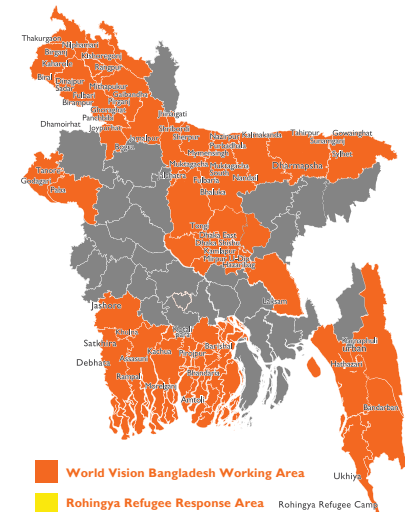
12,438
people supported with food security assistance.



119,377
children supported with child protection programming.



547
frontline actors trained on child protection programming.





Suborno Chisim/World Vision

Cash transfers enable people to buy medicine, food.



Rohingya women produce masks to help protect refugee camps.



Dewan Md. Elius/World Vision



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Cyclone Amphan destroyed thousands of trees across Bangladesh.

Area Programmes



More than 10,400 vulnerable people affected by COVID-19 received unconditional grants from World Vision this month. Beneficiaries were selected in partnership with local governments and received their cash directly on their mobile phones through Bkash. Families in rural areas received the equivalent of USD37 each, and those in urban areas USD63 per household. Families can use the money as they choose, which respects their dignity and fosters empowerment. Most use the funds for food, medicine and other household needs.

“My family has not had any income for two months,” says Morjina, mother of six-year-old Abir, a registered child, who lives in Rampal. “This money from World Vision will allow me to pay my bill at the grocery store.”



Sewing machines are humming as 24 Rohingya women learn to stitch cloth masks that will help protect Rohingya families from COVID-19. The women and other students will produce 41,000 masks over the next six months as part of a World Vision project funded by USAID’s Food for Peace. The small stipend they receive for the work will help support their families.



As of 26 May, 26 cases were confirmed in the camps and 462 cases in the surrounding host communities. The late on-set of COVID-19 in the camps can be credited in part to the humanitarian community’s hard work since March to prevent and slow the virus’s spread.



World Vision received two new grants from UNICEF to provide WASH services, and education and child protection for adolescents and children. Both project designs are modified to address COVID-19.



Nobo Jatra—New Beginning USAID’s Development Food Security Activity

Cyclone Amphan caused critical damage to homes, trees, drinking water sources, agricultural lands and ponds in the Noba Jatra operational area, according to a rapid assessment conducted by World Vision and the local government. A reported 67,560 people in four sub-districts covered do not have access to sufficient safe and nutritious food following the cyclone.



World Vision will provide 8,579 at-risk households with a one-time digital cash transfer of BDT 3,000/USD36 to support families’ resilience as incomes and livelihoods are disrupted.



World Vision will also distribute sanitation kits to 10,000 families and 1,115 health service delivery points, such as community clinics, expanded programme for immunization sites, and union-level health and family welfare centres.

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