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WFP Sylhet Sub-office

In June 2022, heavy monsoon rains inundated large parts of northeastern Bangladesh, leaving an estimated 7.2 million people affected by sudden flooding. The devastating flooding was the third major flood to occur this year within the same communities that were still recovering from unseasonal floods in April and May.

WFP Sylhet sub-office has been operational since 2022 and covers all four districts under the Sylhet division. It is situated in the northeastern part of the country and bordered by the Indian States of Meghalaya, Assam and Tripura to the north, east and south, respectively.

Currently, WFP is providing in-kind food and cash assistance in 6 sub-districts of Sunamganj and 3 sub-districts of Sylhet districts, in response to the floods in the northeastern part of the country which led to extensive losses in income and livelihoods. Sunamganj district has been completely disconnected from the rest of the country. In contrast, Sylhet and Netrokona districts have been severely impacted by the disrupted power supply, transportation, education, and health facilities.

Together with partners and other UN agencies delivering support, WFP maintains a comprehensive system to ensure

well-coordinated assistance to flood-affected populations.

With local-level coordination and capacity support by the Department of Women Affairs (DWA), WFP is supporting the government in implementing the Mother and Child Benefit Programme (MCBP) in 1 sub-district (Goainghat) and Investment Component Vulnerable Group Development (ICVGD) programme in all 4 districts of Sylhet division. WFP also provides capacity-strengthening support to local-level government and implementing partners for Emergency Preparedness and Response Planning (EPRP).

Supported 90,000+ people with cash assistance



Provided 784 mt of food to 93,600 flood-affected people



Provided immediate response to 34,000 flood-affected households with 85 mt of fortified biscuits



ACHIEVEMENTS

- WFP finalized beneficiary selection criteria for flood response and incorporated it into MODA (Mobile Operational Data Acquisition), its digital tool to support beneficiary monitoring and provided an orientation on its digital solutions (SCOPE and MODA) for all UN and NGO partners.
- WFP has also provided technical support to participating UN agencies in preparing the common beneficiary database for flood response.
- WFP convened 67 community consultations and meetings with government disaster management committees at the union and sub-district levels. Additional meetings were held with the Deputy Commissioners of the Sylhet and Sunamganj districts.
- WFP provided 784 mt of food to more than 18,000 flood-affected households, and each household received 40 kg rice and 4 kg lentils and BDT 2,500 (approximately USD 30) to cover their immediate needs.
- WFP facilitated the Disaster Management Committee meetings (DMCs) at the district, sub-district and union levels to finalize the area targeting and beneficiary list of Sylhet flood response.
- WFP supported local government officials on beneficiary enrolment and verification, organizing training sessions and awareness campaigns for the government Mother and Child Benefit programme.

WFP PLANS

- To support additional 5,732 households under northeastern flood response in Sylhet, Sunamganj and Netrakona districts.
- To support district and sub-district level government stakeholders and enhance stakeholder collaboration to implement social safety net programmes.
- To actively engage in emergency response and emergency preparedness actions in partnership with government and standby NGO partners.
- To facilitate capacity-strengthening activities on digital financial inclusion and women's economic empowerment under Vulnerable Women Benefit programme.



Photographs (WFP/Sayed Asif Mahmud):
Page 1: Flood-affected child carrying WFP emergency biscuit rations back to his family.
Page 2: A woman collects water after the severe 2022 flooding in northeastern Bangladesh.

