



**World Food Programme Bangladesh
Weekly Flood Update 06
5 August-10 August 2005**

Summary of the present situation:

The overall flood situation in Bangladesh remains normal for this time of the year and within local coping capacity. Localised flood conditions are improving in most places. The Government and relief agencies are monitoring the situation and in contact with key disaster players at the field and central level.

General:

- Rainfall and river level patterns in the next two weeks will be critical in determining the impact of this year's flooding.
- According to the Bangladesh Meteorological Department, the monsoon is fairly active over Bangladesh and moderate over North Bay.
- The FFWC daily bulletin of 9 August reported that the water level of the major rivers (Brahmaputra-Jamuna and Ganges-Padma) rose at the upstream while the rivers in the southeastern hill basins receded. Only one river is flowing at risky level.
- River erosion in North Bengal has become serious and affecting livelihoods of a large number of people. Cultivable land is being eroded and people are forced to leave their houses. Scarcity of food and pure drinking water is reported in the river erosion areas.
- Heavy rainfall has been reported in North Bengal and damaging vegetables
- A number of villages have submerged in Nilphamari district in the northern part of Bangladesh due to release of huge water from upstream across the boarder. According to FFWC, this flash flood situation will improve within next 2/3 days.
- Low-lying cultivable lands in some areas of southeastern parts of Bangladesh have submerged due to excessive rain.
- According to the Indian Meteorological Department, heavy rainfall in forecasted over the northeastern states, West Bengal and Sikkim of India. This might cause heavy rain in South West and Northern part of Bangladesh.

The GoB Action:

- The District/Upazila (sub-district) Disaster Management Committees are monitoring the situation and prioritising and coordinating Government response when needed.

Proposed Actions/Measures taken:

- DER orientation for Assessment Teams started on 28 July 2005. Three briefing sessions have been organised and will be completed in August.
- The first phase of NGO pre-qualification was completed on 8 August and a short list developed from 217 applications received.

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