

**WFP Rangpur Sub Office**  
**Situation Report on Cold Wave in North West**  
**14 January 2007**

About 75 lakh extreme poor in 16 districts under Rajshahi division (roughly 25 percent<sup>1</sup> of total population) are still struggling to survive the severity of cold wave. The seedbeds of BORO paddy have already turned in yellow color. Scarcity of fertilizer and fuel in some areas (Pabna, Kurigram) make the situation more critical.

Due to the heavy cold and foggy weather there is no employment opportunities in the remote char areas under Kurigram district. The cost of essential goods has increased. Extreme poor families are taking loan at a high interest and/or selling labor in advance at a cheap rate. The GoB and some NGOs are distributing blankets and warm clothes among the cold stricken people. However those does not reach up to the people living in the remote chars like Char Natarkandi of Austomirchar under Chilmari Upazila of Kurigram district.

The district wise status of relief distribution, as of 14 January 2007 is shown in the Table below:

Sl No.	District	Affected Population (25% of total Population)	Suffering from cold related diseases	No. of Deaths	GoB Response		NGO Response		
					Item	Quantity	Name of NGO/others	Item	Quantity Distributed
1.	Rangpur	6,33,500	20	-	Blanket+Cash	8000+ 50000/-	Jivita Bangla	Cloths	4 cartoons
2.	Kurigram	4,45,500	181	06	Blanket	8050	Bangladesh Army, RHD, RDRS, Zibika, Chinno Mukul, Mozida Colleague & BNCC.	Blanket+ Cloths	14980+3200
3.	Lalmonirhat	2,72,250	63	01	Blanket	6000	RDRS	Blanket	735
4.	Nilphamari	3,87,750	Unknown	-	Blanket	8000	RDRS	Blanket, Cloths	625+276
							Asha, Leprosy Mission & Local elites	Blanket, Cloths	<sup>2</sup> 30+ 1220
5.	Thakurgaon	2,99,000	Unknown	03	Blanket	6000	RDRS,	Blanket, Cloths	400+200
							ESDO	Cash	15000/-

<sup>1</sup> Rate of hard core poverty, CBN (Cost for Basic Needs) method, HIES 2005, BBS.

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6.	Panchagarh	2,07,250	Unknown	07	Blanket	6000	RDRS BRAC ESDO	Blanket, Clothes Blanket, Clothes Sweters	400+200 1125+600 4123
7.	Dinajpur	6,54,500	Unknown	-	Blanket	8000			
8.	Gaibandah	5,29,500	Unknown	09	Blanket+ Cash	6000+ 50000/-	GUK Jivita Bangla	Clothes+ Blanket Clothes	1300+100 1500
9.	Bogra	7,47,000	Unknown	03	Blanket	4000			
10.	Sirajganj	6,76,750	Unknown		Blanket	2000			
11.	Pabna	5,38,500	Unknown		Blanket+ cash	5000+ 7000/-	CCDB	Clothes	770
12.	Natore	3,80,250	Unknown		Blanket	3500			
13.	Joypurhat	2,11,250	Unknown		Blanket+ Clothes	1500+ 900			
14.	Noagaon	5,94,250	02	03	Blanket	4000	Local people	Clothes	102
15.	Rajshahi	5,65,500	06		Blanket	2125			
16.	C. Nawabganj	3,54,750	03		Blanket	3705			

**Recommendation: Warm clothes, Blankets, HEB etc. may be distributed among the cold wave victims. Organizations may jointly respond to address the situation.**