



## News Release

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### **UNITED KINGDOM GIVES AN INITIAL £10M (TK 110 CRORE) FOR FLOOD VICTIMS**

The UK Government, through its Department for International Development (DFID), is providing £10 million (Tk 110 crore) for the flood affected people in Bangladesh. The funds, available to organisations involved in relief work, will be channelled through the World Food Programme (WFP) and the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP). WFP will co-ordinate funds for food assistance and UNDP for non-food assistance. The focus of initial response will be on emergency assistance for food, shelter, medicines, clean water and other essential supplies.

Bangladesh is experiencing severe monsoon flooding, the worst since the 1998 floods. The UK is concerned about the deteriorating flood situation in Bangladesh and stands ready to assist, in support of the effective systems rapidly mobilised by Government, to reduce the impact of the floods on those affected.

On behalf of DFID, WFP and UNDP will process proposals received from organisations with a strong track record of effective disaster relief management in Bangladesh. This exercise will be carried out within the planning framework established by the Disaster Emergency Response (DER) group.

The UK is well aware that when the waters recede there will be a great need for recovery assistance to enable those affected by the flood to restore their livelihoods. The UK stands ready to provide further support for post flood recovery.

#### **Note to the Editors**

1. The Department for International Development's programme for Bangladesh is run from its office in Dhaka.
2. Since 1996 DFID has provided over £500 million in development assistance to Bangladesh.
3. DFID will not be assessing proposals for flood operation directly so all enquiries should be sent to UNDP and WFP Dhaka directly.

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