

AGENCY EMERGENCY RESPONSE CAPABILITIES AND CONSTRAINTS

To be updated in 2004

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GoB						
DMB	DG, DMB	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Data-base of experienced disaster managers for i) needs/ damage assessment during disaster, and ii) local action planning to cope with disaster - DMB WAN linkage with EOC - MIS/GIS Unit support to EOC/MDMR with Data collection/ information mgt. - Local development action plan (LDAP) as input resource to develop any future mitigation programme both in rural & urban areas 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - LDAP exists for 776 unions in 84 Upazilas of 29 districts ensuring community coordination mechanism - 23,000 GOB and Union officials trained in disaster management issues - 35,000 trained community volunteers in the coastal belt under cyclone preparedness programme 	DMB website activated to provide information received from EOC/MDMR, every 24 hours during disaster	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Institutional: DMB acts through various committees with no financial, material, or physical resources to accommodate to any special or specific needs during disaster 	DMB is a project of MDMR and acts as the GOB Disaster Preparedness / Mitigation Focal Point. Its primary role is disaster preparedness/ non-structural mitigation and <i>not</i> emergency response or disaster relief
DRR	DG, DRR	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Nationwide network of experienced personnel - Logistic facilities - Food, transport, tarpaulin etc - cash contingency - Go-down for non-food items 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 1 District Relief & Rehabilitation Officer in each district - 1 Project Implementation Officer in each Thana - Other DRR HQ Officials deputed during major disaster as per need - No fixed amount. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Assessment 24 hrs - Allocation within 24 to 48 hrs 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Political considerations 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - DRR is the operational wing of MDMR - All allocations based on MDMR sanction of resources as per need and intensity / urgency of disaster
EOC	Deputy Secretary, MDMR	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Data & information from the Deputy Commissioners in affected districts 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Information sharing 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Operating 24 hrs to collect & disseminate data & information in three shifts 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Shortage of trained personnel in times of disaster 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - EOC is the information coordination centre within MDMR. - During emergency, draws on additional staff from other sections within MDMR
Bilateral Donors						
AusAID	Humanitarian & Emergency Section at HQ	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Cash for immediate emergency relief assistance, in the past AUD100,000 (US\$......) for immediate relief through NGOs - Food Aid during severe disasters (i.e. 1998 flood) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - No fixed amount - Level subjected to i) nature & severity, ii) availability of emergency funds, & iii) consideration of disasters in other parts of the world. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 4 – 6 weeks Duration is based on assessment in the first 1 – 2 weeks 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Emergency fund is global with HQ - Unable to commit any assistance immediately after the occurrence of disaster 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> GOB delays in launching a formal appeal and to provide timely assessment creates problem in understanding GOB capacity to deal with the situation and the exact need of external assistance

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CIDA	Resources under local fund mechanism in Dhaka Multilateral relief & rehabilitation resources in HQ	- Administrative staff - Cash for non-food relief and rehabilitation	Local fund: CDN \$ 50,000 (US\$.....) per NGO for relief & rehabilitation Multilateral: CDN \$ 499,000 (US\$.....) from HQ for relief through partner NGOs with a Canadian sister NGO	2 weeks Duration Relief: 0-12 months Rehabilitation: 0-12 months with possibility of extension in time	- NGO Affairs Bureau approval for relief and rehabilitation assistance to NGOs (No GOB request for NGO assistance) - No food resource	GOB appeal to be responded to in the same way as NGO relief response
DFID	Cash amounts up to GBP 7.5 million (US\$.....) in Dhaka	- Financial resources - Needs assessment - Disaster expert (1/2) from UK during major emergency - UK Armed Forces for national emergency (e.g. 1991 Cyclone) - Multi-sector team of four persons in Bangladesh	- No fixed allocation - Provision to make fund available from Country frame-work - Extra money from HQ in case of major disaster - amounts vary depending on severity of disaster from GBP 200,000 to GBP 6 million (floods 2000) to GBP 21 million (floods 1998)	Assessment from day 2 to day 7 Release of funds about 1 week depending on the urgency of the disaster Duration Relief assistance from Day 4 to 90 days following assessment	- No major constraints	Other DFID staff become involved only during major emergencies
DANIDA	Each grant below DKK 3.0million (US\$327K) in Dhaka. HQ in case grant amount exceeds DKK 3.0ml	- Financial only - Multi-sector team during major disaster - Forecasting support through FFWC and SWMC	-No fixed amount funds vary -HQ funds available depending on urgency & severity of disaster	- Assessment: 2 to 8 days - Relief: 3 to 90 days - 2 days to one week from locally managed funds	-No major constraints	- Supports through various partner NGOs - Danish NGOs can apply for funds from HQ for the purpose
Dutch Emb'sy	Hague approval for unspecified more substantial amount	Financial resources for quick assistance to local organisations	NLG 100,000 (US\$.....) Without approval from Hague	- Quick assistance about one week - Substantial assistance from Hague 2-3 months	Written appeal from GOB required for substantial assistance from Hague	
German Emb'sy	HQ if requirement exceeds locally managed funds	Financial resources	-No fixed allocation -Funding depends on severity of disaster	About a week	No major constraints	
EC Food Security Unit		-2-3 part time Advisors on food security, targeting, vulnerability & Project Mgt. Issues - Emergency food aid -Food aid & Cash for rehabilitation activities	-Depending on magnitude of operation (eg. 2 million EURO in 1998, also emergency food aid 100,000 Mt and rehabilitation food aid 75,000 Mt.)	-At least 1 day, depending on physical availability -In kind emergency response at least 1 month, release 3 months after response, -In kind rehabilitation response 2 months, release 2 months -Rehabilitation response for cash: 2 months, release 2 months after response	-Request from implementing agency	-EC-FSU response to emergency is not immediate

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EC Humanitarian Aid Office	Country office with approval from HQ in Brussels	-1 person available for assessments, monitoring -Food aid, medical assistance, shelter, watsan activities via NGOs -Funding for usage of emergency equipment	-Depending on the needs of overall response (eg. 10 million EURO in 1998)	-Immediately if person in the Country, otherwise 2-3 days -First 1-2 weeks used for assessments, with start-up collaboration with ECHO partners to start assistance immediately if justified -Release of funds within 1 month via HQ in Brussels after the signing of contract with NGO -In kind contributions channeled through NGOs for 1 to 4 weeks depending on their stocks.	-EC-ECHO is mandated to work through EU-NGOs and international humanitarian organizations, with which partnership agreement exists	-Financial eligibility can be given from the onset of emergency if found applicable -Emergency response is limited to a period of 2-4 months.
EC Dev. Section	HQ in Brussels	-1 Expatriate & 1 National Officer, if necessary, from Dev. Budget line available for assessments, monitoring -Cash from rehabilitation budget line	-Depending on magnitude Of operation (eg. 1.146 m EURO in 1998 & 10m EURO in 1999)	-Human/personnel resource 2 weeks for assessment & rehabilitation assistance recommendation as required by the situation - Rehabilitation response at least 2 months following proposal -Release of funds 6/7 weeks after contract for proposal below 1m Euro	-Dependence on others for rehabilitation needs assessment -Normal approval procedure, as for development project, applies to Rehabilitation assistance activity	-Local NGOs are eligible to receive funds for implementation of rehabilitation programmes
JICA	Japanese Ministry of Foreign Affairs & JICA Headquarters	-Relief goods (tent, blanket, medicine etc) -Disaster relief team (rescue & medical teams)	-No fixed allocation	As soon as possible after receipt of official request from GOB	Assistance is subject to official GOB request and on the decision by Govt. of Japan	Medium-term cooperation i) Water mgt. & Dev. Expert for BWDB, ii) Weather warning services/ Flood forecasting system, iii) Multi-purpose cyclone shelter construction, iv) Dev. studies for FAP, 1990.
USAID	Locally, release of resources through CARE & World Vision. Additional commodities & non-food items may be mobilized rapidly through consultation with HQ in Washington	-Financial resources -food and non-food items -4 staff members available for assessments -Additional experts available for major disasters	-Up to US \$150,000 may be immediately mobilized through CARE. -Approx. 1,200 mt wheat, 36 mt oil and 72 mt lentils may be mobilized through World Vision. -Add. resources as needed	-Less than 24 hrs. for locally controlled resources -1 to 3 days for resources requiring consultation with Washington.	No major constraints	-Have resident Food Security & Disaster Mgt. Team - Development resources may be redirected for rehabilitation response beyond 90 days

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NGOs						
Action Aid	Additional funding support up to GBP 50,000 (US\$.....) from HQ in UK	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Financial (in-built fund mechanism) - skilled human resources - Skilled persons for in partner NGOs - Internal roster of skilled personnel - Provision to i) deploy personnel from one NGO to another, and ii) seek expertise from other Action Aid Country Programmes. 	GBP 150,000 (US\$.....)	<p>2-3 days, quicker depending on the situation of disaster</p> <p>Duration Depending on availability of funds</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Responds only in existing working area - The present ad-hoc arrangement in the absence of separate dept. responsible for emergency response, creates problem for staff in prioritization of work. 	Restructuring of present ad-hoc arrangement is being discussed
CARE		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Cash - Kind - Skilled personnel - Institutional facilities 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - US \$ 50,000 - Seek additional external funds considering severity and devastation of disaster specifically from USAID (OFDA) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Approximately 3 days depending on the ground situation - Initial relief assistance is 60 days depending on situation 	No major constraints	Needs to improve Coordination and Information sharing among stakeholders involved
Concern		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Financial resources - 4 skilled persons in Disaster Unit - 400 staff of local partner NGOs - Disaster expert from Dublin during major disaster - Vehicle, motorcycles, rescue & speed boat - Kind donation based on assessment survey 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - BDTk 6.0 million (US\$.....) for immediate response - No fixed allocation - During intervention funds available from existing resources - In case major event any amount can be asked from HQ as per severity of disaster 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 24 hours to start with immediate relief funds depending on the urgency of disaster - 2 working days to release the fund 	Local partner NGOs need close super-vision because of their limited capacity	
MSF-H		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Experienced local counterparts - Expatriate Logistician & medical person - Cash for assessment only - Medical & watsan items 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Minimal core stock of equipment, basic watsan items & medical supplies - Limited human resources for assess-ment & start-up intervention 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Assessment response immediately - Initial response for 1- 2 weeks 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Internal agreement for participation - Limited medical & national staff - No national network 	

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BDRCS/ IFRC	Secretary General (BDRCS) HoD (IFRC)	<p>BDRCS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - DMD Division with skilled personnel: CBDP, CPP and Relief. - Trained doctors, paramedics and FA volunteers - Blood collection, processing and supply facilities - General Hospital (Dhaka) - Institutional needs/vulnerability assessment and relief implementation capacity in all Units of the country - Network of >450,000 volunteers, at national, Unit and community level - Disaster Contingency Plans and limited, local Disaster Emergency Funds in many Districts - Warehouses at national and Unit level <p>IFRC Delegation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - DP, Relief/Reporting and Financial Delegates in-country - Rapid recruitment and deployment of expatriate Relief, Procurement, Logistics Delegates etc., as and when required - Rapid access to DREF Funds - Rapid access to international FACT and ERU Teams - Access to additional funds, via GVA Appeal. 	<p>DREF Funds up to CHF 40,000 (US\$. . . .) within 3-7 days</p> <p>Delegation may formulate and request GVA HQ to launch an International Appeal (unlimited)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Initial assessment within 6-36 hours - Access to DREF Funds within 48 hours - Launch of International Appeal: 1-2 weeks - Deployment of national and/or Unit personnel, volunteers and immediately available material resources within 24 hours - Access to FACT Teams: 2-4 days - Access to ERUs: 24-48 hours 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Very limited 'buffer stocks' and only at national level - 'Top down', centralised decision making process- restricts Unit autonomy for response initiatives - Complex relief procurement procedures 	

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OXFAM	Quick assistance funds at Regional Office in Dhaka	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Cash - 25 disaster prepared-ness partners in DPA (disaster prone areas) - 20 emergency stores with basic emergency materials valued at GBP 20,000 in DPA - Rescue boats and flood shelters - Trained human resources, volunteers, community people and community-based disaster committees - Separate disaster mgt. programme resources in DPA 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - GBP 30,000 (US\$......) for quick assistance - About GBP 20,000 (US\$......) for quick response with 8 local partners - More support from Catastrophe Fund of OHD in UK and through new appeal in case situation is beyond the capacity of local people and the Govt. 	24 hours for quick assistance	-Targeting beneficiaries in non-partner areas	Donors and local level coordination is essential for better response
SCF-UK		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Financial resources - Skilled personnel: logistics, nutrition and participatory assessment - Linkages with local NGOs at field level 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - GBP 25,000 under C/Budget - Seek funding from SCF-UK's global emergency fund and DFID depending on scale of disaster 	GBP 25,000 within 3 days Duration: Relief 90 days depending on situation	No major constraints assuming current normal functioning of telecommunications	
SCF-US		Trained & experienced personnel in response planning, logistics, need assessment, distribution of relief, procurement, health physicians (6)	No fixed allocation	12-24 hours within the existing working area with existing working partners	For disaster beyond existing working areas it depends on nature of disaster and funds from external sources (i.e. DFID funds in 1998 Flood)	An independent Section "Disaster Mgt. Program Section" introduced effective 01 April '01
World Vision Bangladesh		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Cash - Kind - Trained staff: 400 - Trained volunteer: 10,000 - Institutional facilities (18 shelters & also 135 School- cum disaster shelter) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - US \$ 200,000 non food items USAID Fund - \$ 1,112,631 WVB (private funding) - Seek additional external funds considering severity and devastation of disaster specifically from USAID (OFDA) and WVI support offices 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Approximately 72 hours depending on the disaster situation - Initial relief assistance is 30-45 days depending on situation 	No significant Constraint	Coordination and Information sharing among stakeholders should be strengthening

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UN Agencies						
Asian Dev. Bank		-longer-term rehabilitation assistance including credit	- Amount determined after assessment of disaster losses	-Post flood rehabilitation needs assessment -Subject to completion of approval formalities	-Disaster response restricted to long-term rehab. & reconstr. issues -GOB formal request needed	
FAO	HQ's approval	- Financial resources - Technical support	- No fixed amount - HQ resources through emergency project depending on the nature and severity of disaster	- Assessment in two weeks - Six weeks to approve the project	-Written request from GOB required -Assistance for only immediate rehab. programme	FAO provided around US \$ 800,000 in 1998 flood and approx. US \$ 700,000 in 2000 flood.
UNDP	HQ's approval	- Cash for assessment, emergency relief & rehabilitation. - Skilled personnel from ongoing projects if situation demands - Updated roster of skilled personnel - If necessary experts from other country offices, HQ or OCHA	US\$50,000 US\$50,000 (in kind) Provision to redirect unspent resources from ongoing projects	- Release of assessment staff within one week - Approval 2- 4 weeks from the day of occurrence - Release of funds 2-4 weeks from date requested/approved	-Written GOB request required -Country office has no funds specified for emergency -Funds from other sources takes time	Work -plan is adjusted in consultation with GOB to meet emergencies in case unspent resources from ongoing projects are used,
UNICEF	HQ's approval	-Cash funds to GOB agencies depending on situation -H&N, WES, E/ Mgt. personnel -Health & WES equipment depending on type & nature of emergency -In kind (medical supplies, e/ food for children, t/well, sanitation items) -non-food items (shelter & education materials depending on situation)	-\$100,000 decided locally -Sectoral programme sections can use unspent resources according to need	-72 hours of the occurrence of emergency depending on GOB appeal and nature of emergency	-GOB formal request	-Sectoral programme sections can adjust annual work plan in agreement with GOB to meet emergencies -UNICEF Bangladesh has its own emergency preparedness and response plan
World Bank		-Loans in post disaster situations -Modify ongoing projects for emergency support -Credit on a fast-track basis for balance of payment support (1998 Flood)	- Amount determined after assessment of disaster losses	-Subject to completion of GOB/Bank approval formalities	-Disaster response restricted to medium and longer term rehabilitation and reconstruction issues -GOB formal request needed	Bank has established a Disaster Mgt. Facility recognizing that natural and human-made disasters cause increasingly greater human and economic losses

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WFP	HQ's approval	Food and support cost	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Immediate response: US \$ 200,000 -EMOP: need based, also possibility for additional immediate response up to US\$ 2 million - Provision of using up to 7% of the local country programme budget resources for immediate relief. -Provision of donor funded locally produced high energy biscuits fortified with minerals and vitamins 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Immediate response: 2 to 3 Days -EMOP approval 4 – 6 weeks -Foodgrains borrowed from GOB on pledges 6 - 8 weeks -Non-cereal food purchased locally/ imported 8 to 12 wks - Available within hours when non-food assistance are being organized. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Internal processes, procurement & import time lag -GOB formal request required -Procurement number time lag (to and fro between various entities in HQ and Country Office -Replenishment of the ready stock 	MoUs exist with selected NGO partners for immediate relief response