



CANADIAN HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE FUND 2017 BANGLADESH FLOODS RESPONSE

**HUMANITARIAN
COALITION**



PEOPLE ASSISTED: 10,000

FUNDS PROVIDED: \$ 350,000

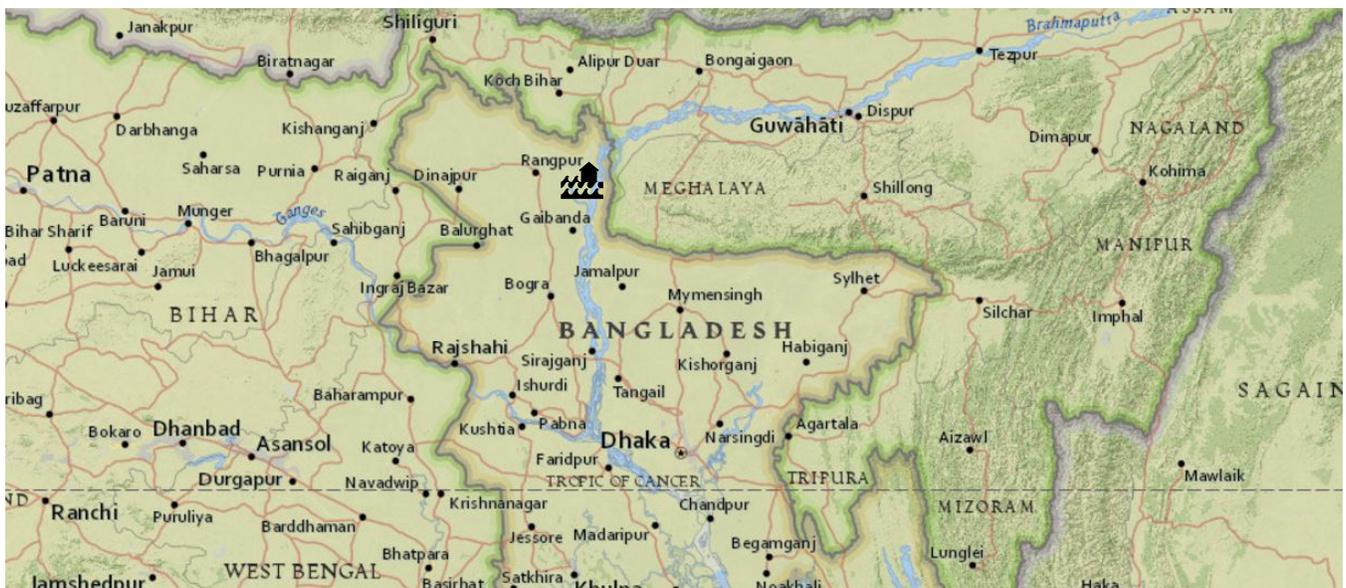
ASSISTANCE PROVIDED: water, sanitation and hygiene services; shelter materials; and livelihood support



August 2017

BACKGROUND

A third bout of monsoon rains in August has affected close to 6.9 million people in Bangladesh. Rising waters began on August 11 and by August 15 one third of the country was submerged.



OUTLINE OF NEEDS

The floods have killed at least 115 people and displaced close to 200,000 people from their homes. In some parts of the country, up to 80% of sanitation and water facilities have been affected. More than 700 shelters have begun taking displaced people, but reports show many lack the ability to provide adequate food, water, hygiene and protection, putting children, adolescent girls and women at risk. Most of the affected people are day labourers, relying on agriculture to meet their basic needs. This increases the risk of resorting to negative coping strategies, such as borrowing at high interest rates, selling assets, limiting food intake, putting their well-being at risk. The extent of the disaster has increased the risks of serious disease outbreaks; children dropping out of school; and violence, neglect, abuse and exploitation of children and women.

ORGANIZATIONAL CAPACITY

Plan International has been operating in Bangladesh since 1994, implementing programs related to children's rights, health, safe water, sanitation, livelihoods and protection. They have strong partnerships with national and local-non-governmental organizations. Plan International has extensive emergency response and disaster risk management experience in Bangladesh, having responded to disasters such as the cyclones in 2007, 2013, 2015 and 2017, as well as monsoon flooding.

PROPOSED RESPONSE

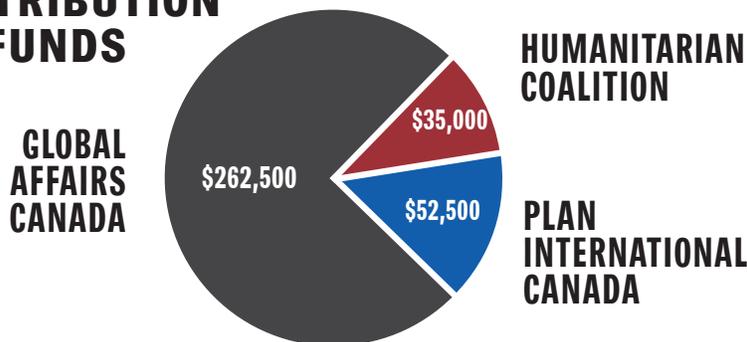
Objectives

Increase access to safe water, sanitation services and hygiene items

Activities

- Test, repair and disinfect 300 wells.
- Repair and replace latrines in 1,400 households.
- Distribute hygiene kits containing essential items such as towels, sheets, candles, plastic buckets, jugs, shovel, sandals, mosquito nets and toys.
- Conduct hygiene and disaster preparedness sessions with beneficiaries and students.

DISTRIBUTION OF FUNDS



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