



# ADRA | BANGLADESH



Photo Credit: Atlantic Council



**COVID-19**  
CORONAVIRUS

## SITUATION REPORT # 3

(AS OF 10 MAY, 2020)

**ADVENTIST DEVELOPMENT AND RELIEF AGENCY (ADRA)**

149, Shah Ali Bagh, Mirpur-1, Dhaka-1216, Bangladesh

[www.adrabangladesh.org](http://www.adrabangladesh.org)

*Justice.  
Compassion  
Love*

## SITUATION OVERVIEW

### Information on the Emergency

The Coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak began in Wuhan Province, China when 44 patients were reported to show symptoms of an unknown disease in December 2019. On 11 March 2020, the World Health Organization declared COVID-19 a pandemic. As of 3 May 2020, according to WHO, the number of confirmed cases globally has risen to more than 3,497,047 individuals, 244,876 deaths and recovered 1,126,291.

### Country Situation Highlights

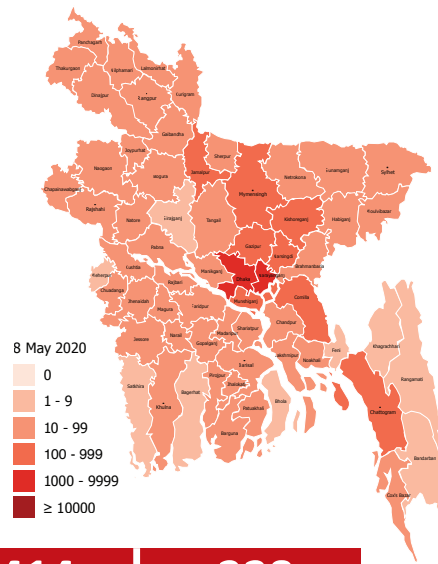
- ◆ Total confirmed case as for today: 14,657, Deaths: 228, Recovered: 2,414, Active: 12,015.
- ◆ Bangladesh Government again extended the lockdown period until 16 May.
- ◆ People are not allowed in the road after 6 pm to 6 am except emergency.
- ◆ Government allows some Garments Company to open with safety conditions.
- ◆ The day labors and low-income people are suffering the most, the need mainly food because of no income due to lockdown.
- ◆ The government and some NGOs are providing food and hygiene kits to the most vulnerable HHs in different areas of Bangladesh.
- ◆ Security forces (Army, Police, and RAB) are still controlling and warning people to stay at home.
- ◆ Government has declared all the educational institutions will be closed up to September 2020.
- ◆ A low-pressure area has formed over South-East Bay of Bengal.

### Current Measures

#### Health, Safety & Security

All ADRA Bangladesh staff are fine and following safety instructions while staying at home. They all are continuing working from home - all projects are closed until May 16 according to government instruction. All workers are regularly informed about the COVID-19 situation in the country through email and mobile phone communication. Once a week Country Office meets with all project managers to know about them and their staff's situation and their activities in the field. Currently in Bangladesh monsoon season is going on. So, ADRA country office has provided safety instruction to all project offices. ADRA emergency team is monitoring and updating current cyclone information which has formed over South-East Bay of Bengal.

## COVID-19 AFFECTED DISTRICTS OF BANGLADESH



**14657**  
CONFIRMED  
CASES

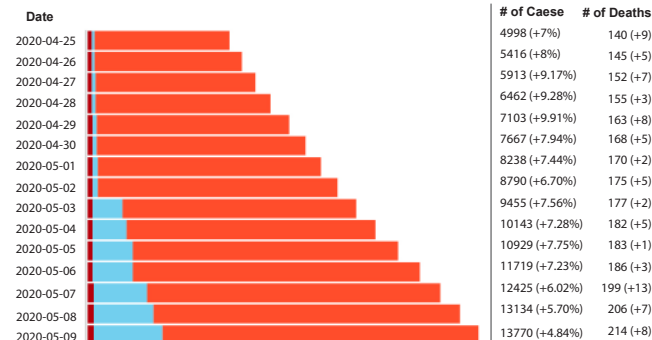
**2414**  
TOTAL  
RECOVERED

**228**  
CONFIRMED  
DEATHS

### COVID-19 Cases in Bangladesh

■ Deaths ■ Recoveries ■ Active Cases

March - April - May **Last 15 Days**



Sources: <https://corona.gov.bd> | <https://m.bdnews24.com> | <https://www.thedailystar.net>

## ADRA'S RESPONSE

### Needs Assessment

Due to the lockdown situation, ADRA has been unable to carry out its needs assessment physically. In this regard, ADRA has been in frequent contact with the government officers who have fetched the needs for the Districts that have not yet been met. But last week ADRA Bangladesh did a small survey in three project areas Khulna, Mymensingh, and Manikganj through mobile communication with the beneficiaries regarding their problems and needs.

### Funding Opportunities

ADRA International, ADRA Network supporting offices, Private Donors, and ADRA Bangladesh Staffs' contribution.

### ADRA's Response Activities

While all ongoing projects have been stopped, Programs Team redesigns the activities to include COVID assistance. ADRA starts to help the projects beneficiaries with Food Packages and Hygiene Items.

Before the lock down, ADRA worked hard to raise public awareness sessions at all of its project offices across the country. ADRA in Bangladesh ensured masks and hand rubbing stuff in all of its project offices aiming to protect the highly tainted disease.

## IMPEDIMENTS

ADRA faces two major obstacles: the risk to get infected and to infect others and the government lockdown, which restricts the movement in the country.

## RISK ANALYSIS

### Potential Pandemic Impact to Project

- ◆ Active projects will not be completed in time and extensions are needed.
- ◆ ADRANZ/MFAT and ADRA GER project could not start in time.

### Risks

- ◆ Projects do not reach agreed goals in time.
- ◆ ADRA staff is afraid to work in the field.
- ◆ Project beneficiaries are afraid to attend group meetings.
- ◆ Economic collapse affects the well-being of beneficiaries and the implementation of the projects.

### Mitigation

- ◆ ADRA Bangladesh country office is communicating with donor offices to extend the time of the projects implementation and to revise existing budgets and implementation plans.
- ◆ ADRA staff works from home and communicates with beneficiaries and local authorities to update field information.
- ◆ ADRA staff is supported and encouraged through regular online conferences. Needed information and instructions are disseminated.
- ◆ ADRA is developing new activities to mitigate the effects of COVID-19 pandemic.

## RESPONSE COORDINATION

### Inter-Project Coordination

ADRA projects are coordinating with each other in the vulnerable community to mitigate the severeness of the deadly Coronavirus. Projects of ADRA in Bangladesh are sharing vital information, circulating the latest updates aiming to raise public awareness of COVID-19.

### Coordination with Government Officials

ADRA emergency team is coordinating with the government officials in the respective districts. ADRA emergency team has been in frequent touch with the government counterparts intending to understand the needs of the affected district.

### Coordination with ADRA Network

ADRA Bangladesh participates in weekly online coordination meetings with ADRA Asia and ADRA International.

# COVID-19 RESPONSE FROM ADRA BANGLADESH



Photo: © 2020 ADRA Bangladesh

ADRA Bangladesh in partnership with the Adventist Church supports poor families in Bangladesh with food packages.

Community Empowerment Project (CEP) – Gouripur, Mymensingh executed an assessment intending to address the needs of the people who are suffering due to the lockdown situation. CEP-Mymensingh project staff conducted the assessment by preparing a questionnaire and acquiring necessary information through mobile phone calls. This helps the emergency team of ADRA in Bangladesh to implement the relief distribution program among the afflicted community people.



Photo: © 2020 ADRA Bangladesh

Community Empowerment Project (CEP)-Manikganj participated in an emergency meeting called in by the Upazila Nirbahi Officer (UNO), Daulatpur. Naimur Rahman Durjoy, Member of Parliament (MP) attended the meeting as chief guest and discussed the needful to prevent COVID-19.

## CONTACT INFORMATION

### COUNTRY DIRECTOR

**Vitalie Zegera**

Email: [countrydirector@adrabangladesh.org](mailto:countrydirector@adrabangladesh.org)

Mobile: +880 1711 549 612

Skype: vitaliezgh

### ASST. EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT OFFICER

**Victor Boidya**

Email: [victor@adrabd.org](mailto:victor@adrabd.org)

Mobile: +88 01732 429 347

Skype: victor.boitya1

### PROGRAMS DIRECTOR

**Lucille Sircar**

Email: [lucille@adrabd.org](mailto:lucille@adrabd.org)

Mobile: +88 01759 315 686

Skype: lucillesircar

### COMMUNICATIONS & PR FOCAL PERSON

**Syed Abu Saleh Mahfuz**

Email: [mahfuz@adrabd.org](mailto:mahfuz@adrabd.org)

Mobile: +88 01725 859 546

Skype: syed.mahfuz3