

# **Overview of Hazard Incidences in August 2021**

In August 2021, 9 different hazards took place across Bangladesh i.e. Covid-19, riverbank erosion, boat capsize, heavy rainfall, embankment collapse, lightning, bridge collapse, flood, and fire. Among them, the most devastating **COVID**-

19 affected a total of 2,50,065 persons across the country among which 5,510 persons died and 3,47,776 persons recovered according to the national report of August 2021. In terms of death, Lightning was another severe hazard that took the life of 25 persons and injured 21 in 9 districts. NDRCC Disaster Situation Report and different dailies reported a total of 272 incidences of Fire in which 7 people died and 8 sustained injuries. Bridge collapsed in one district which resulted in the death of 1 person while injured 4 more.

In 8 districts, 27 people died and 11 people went missing due to **Boat Capsize**. **Riverbank Erosion** took place in Potuakhali, Jhalokathi, Bhola, and Lalmonirhat districts with huge loss of lives, properties, crops, and croplands. Moreover, **Heavy Rainfall** in 5 districts and caused severe waterlogging and huge loss of croplands, and millions of taka loss due to flooded fish ponds. **Embankment Collapsed** in Feni, Bogura, and Rangpur districts. Due to the **Flood** in 4 districts- Rajbari, Cox's Bazar, Bogra, and Kurigram, a total of 18765 households were affected along with an embankment and 30 km of road damaged partially.

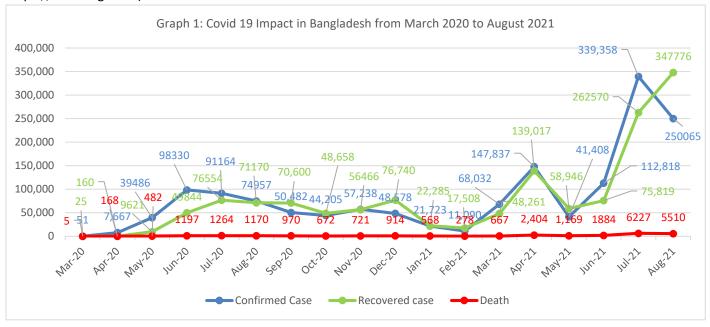


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# **Description of Hazard Incidents in August 2021**

## Covid-19 Pandemic in Bangladesh

The number of newly identified patients with Covid-19 was **2,50,065** from 1<sup>st</sup> August to 31st August 2021. In this month **3,47,776** persons recovered and total death was **5,510** which indicate both the number of death and the confirmed case is declining. From the very first case identified on March 8, 2020, the total number of Covid-19 patients is **15,02,681** among which **26,240** persons died and **14,26,596** persons recovered up to August 31, 2021. (Source: https://corona.gov.bd).



#### **Heavy Rainfall**

Heavy rainfall took place in 5 districts i.e. Cox's Bazar, Bandarban, Khulna, Chandpur, and Sunamganj and caused severe waterlogging and huge loss of croplands. 500 fish ponds in Chandpur were flooded which amounts to be a loss of 10 million taka. While 30 fish ponds flooded in Sunamganj sadar. (Source: prothomalo.com August 11, 2021). 100 Rohingya families were moved to the shelter center due to heavy rainfall while 1600 households became waterlogged in 18 villages in Teknaf. Moreover, 100 hectares of seedbed were fully damaged and 960 hectare seedbed inundated in Khulna, and in Chattogram inundated seedbeds counts 100 hectares more. (prothomalo.com August, 2021).

		Tabl	e 1: Impact of hea	avy rainfall incidences in August , 2021	
Date	Data			Impact	Source
Date	Division	District	Upazila	iiipact	Source
August 01	Chattogram Cox's Bazar		Teknaf	18 villages inundated 1600 households became waterlogged	prothomalo.com August 1, 2021
		Bandarban	Naikhongchari	40 houses damaged 100 Rohingya families moved to shelter center	prothomalo.com August 1, 2021
August 02	Khulna	Khulna	Dacope	100 hectare seedbeds fully damaged 960 hectare seedbeds inundated	prothomalo.com August 2, 2021
August 08	Chattogram	Chandpur	Sadar	Different parts of the town became waterlogged	prothomalo.com August 8, 2021
August 09	Chattogram	Chandpur	Matlab uttar	100 hectare seedbeds inundated	prothomalo.com August 9, 2021
August 10	Sylhet	Sunamganj	Sadar	30 fish ponds flooded 1 market place and 50 households inundated	prothomalo.com August 10, 2021
August 11	Chattogram	Chandpur	Matlab uttar	500 fish ponds flooded, Loss of 10 million taka	prothomalo.com August 11, 2021

## **Lightning**

Due to lightning In 9 districts, across the country, 25 people were killed and 21 were injured. The affected districts are namely Joypurhat, Chuadanga, Nawabganj, Natore, Mymensingh, Netrokona, Kishoreganj, Dinajpur, Rajbari. Among the districts, 5 women died in Nawabganj alone. (Source: https://modmr.gov.bd and National Dailies of August 2021).

		Table 2	: Impact of lightr	ning incidences in August 2021	
Data		Location		Immost	Source
Date	Division	District	Upazila	Impact	Source
August 02	Rajshahi	Joypurhat	Panchbibi	2 men (55, 53) died 4 men (aged 16, 22, 27, 55) injured	prothomalo.com August 2, 2021
	Khulna	Chuadanga	Jibonnagar	1 man (50) died 1 Injured	NDRCC, August 3, 21
August 04	Rajshahi	Nawabganj	Sadar	5 women (aged 34, 60, 45, 30, 25) & 12 men (aged 42, 22, 35, 40, 70, 40, 15, 22, 45, 40, 24, 50) died 12 people injured.	prothomalo.com August 4, 2021.
	Dhaka	Kishoreganj	Sadar	2 men (aged 26, 32) died & 2 injured	NDRCC, August 5, 21
August 08	Mymensingh	Mymensingh	Sadar	1 man died	NDRCC, August 12, 21
August 11	Rajshahi	Nature	Boraigram	1 man (18) died	
	Mymensingh	Netrokona	Purbadhala	1 man (65) died	
	Mymensingh		Sadar	1 man (49) died	
		Mymensingh	Ishwarganj	1 man (16) died	
August 23	Rangpur	Dinajpur	Sadar	3 teenage boys (aged 10,11, 13) & 1 girl (10) died. 2 men (17, 18) injured.	NDRCC, August 24, 2021
			Chiribandar	3 men (aged 26, 27, 30) died 1 injured	
	Sylhet	Sunamganj	Dharmapasha	2 men (aged 17, 32) died	
26 August	Dhaka	Rajbari	Gualandha	1 man died (15) and 1 injured.	<u>Prothomalo.com</u>

## <u>Fire</u>

From NDRCC Daily Disaster Reports and different dailies, 273 fire incidents was found among which 17 were reported in which 9 people died, 15 people were injured and 6 shops, 20 houses, , 11 warehouses burnt due to fire throughout this month. 3 cars were fully damage due to fire incidences. The estimated loss was 4 core 16 lakhs. Maximum damage of property and human death recorded in Dhaka division. In Sylhet , Rangpurand Rajshahi division where no impact were recorded due to fire incidences throught this month.

	Table 3: Impacts of Fire incidences of August					
Division	No. of Incidents	Impacts				
Barishal	10	No Impact Recorded				
Chattogram	52	2 people injured, 6 shops and 3 cars fully damage, 8 houses burnt Losses of 16 lakhs tk				
Dhaka	101	12 people injured 9 people died, 11 warehouse of Jhut and 12 houses burnt, 4 crore tk losses				
Khulna	24	No Impact Recorded				
Mymensingh	17	1 person injured				
Rajshahi	25	No Impact Recorded				
Rangpur	25	No Impact Recorded				
Sylhet	19	No Impact Recorded				
	Note: More details are given in Annex -2					

## **Boat Capsize**

In 8 districts, all over Bangladesh, namely Dhaka, Sunamgonj, Chattogram, Cox's Bazar, Faridpur, Brammanbaria, Barisal, and Rajbari - 27 people died and 11 people went missing due to Boat Capsize. Details of boat capsize incidences are given below.

	Table 4: Impact of boat capsize incidences in August, 2021								
Date		Location		Impact	Source				
Date	Division	District	Upazila	impact	Source				
August 02	Dhaka	Dhaka	Keraniganj	2 child died & 23 injured	prothomalo.com August 3, 2021				
August 05	Sylhet	Sunamganj	Dirai	2 girls died	prothomalo.com August 6,21				
August 12	Chattogram	Chattogram	Sadar	2 died	jagonews24.com August 16, 21				
August 16	Chattogram	Cox's bazar	Teknaf	7 missing	jagonews24.com August 17, 21				
August 25	Dhaka	Faridpur	Sadar	2 missing	jagonews24.com 25 August 21				
Assessed 27	Chattogram	Brahmanbaria	Bijoynagar	22 Died	NDRCC, 28 August 2021				
August 27	Barisal	Barisal	Sadar	1 missing	jagonews24.com 27 August 21				
August 31	Dhaka	Rajbari	Goalanda	No impact recorded	jagonews24.com 31 August, 21				

### Flood

Due to the flood in 4 districts namely Rajbari, Cox's Bazar, Bogra, and Kurigram a total of 18,765 Households got affected along with the damage of embankments and 30 km of road. According to NDRCC daily disaster situation report, 73,995 people were affected due to the flood in Rajbari and Bogra district.

	Table 5 : Impact of flood incidences in August , 2021								
Date			Location	luunaat	Source				
	Division	District	Upazila	Impact	Source				
August 9	Chattogram	Cox's bazar	9 Upazila, 50 Unions, 500 village Affected	30km road damaged.13 km embankment damaged,	jagonews24.com				
August 23	Dhaka	Rajbari	5 Upazila, 13 Unions, 67 Village Affected	7515 households became marooned 28795 people affected	NDRCC, August 25, 21				
August 28	Rajshahi	Bogra	2 Upazila, 16 Union	11150 HH affected, 45200 people affected 115 Ha. Crops damaged	NDRCC, 29 August,21				
August 30	Rangpur	Kurigram	2 Upazila affected	100 HH affected	NDRCC, 31 August, 21				
August 31	Dhaka	Tangail	3 Upazila Affected	212 household affected	NDRCC, 1 Sep, 2021				

#### **Riverbank Erosion**

Riverbank erosion affected with huge loss of lives, properties, croplands as well as crops in 4 districts i.e. Potuakhali, Jhalokathi, Bhola, and Lalmonirhat. 200 houses in Jhalokathi, along with 500 houses in Lalmonirhat and 10 houses in Patuakhali went into the river. (source: prothomalo.com, August 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2021 & jagonews24.com, 29th August, 2021). According to NDRCC Disaster Situation Report on August 25, 2021, 1 boy went missing, while 1 cyclone shelter and 1 mosque washed away into the river. 8 km of Tetulia river bank in Bhola and around 7 km area in Jhalokathi has been

	Table 6: Impact of flood incidences in August, 2021						
Date		Location		lmnast	Source		
	Division	District	Upazila	Impact	Source		
August 03	Barishal	Patuakhali	Dumki	10 households swept into the river 19 families displaced.	prothomalo.com August 3, 21		
August 06	Barisal	Jhalokhati	Sadar	200 houses eroded into rivers, 1500 acre cropland eroded into river.	jagonews24.com		
August 07	Barishal	Bhola	Sadar	8 km of tetulia river bank is being eroded	prothomalo.com August 7, 21		
August 09	Barishal	Jhalokathi	Rajapur	Around 7 km area is being eroded	prothomalo.com August 9, 21		
August 24	Barishal	Jhalokathi	Sadar	1 cyclone shelter and 1 mosque washed away into the river 1 boy missing	NDRCC, August 25, 21		
August 29	Rangpur	Lalmonirhat	Kaliganj	500 houses washed away into river. 6 unions, 20 village impact	jagonews24.com 29 August 21		

eroded due to riverbank erosion. (Source: protnomalo.com, August /tn & אַנח, בעבד). Details of the riverbank erosion impacts were addressed in the below table.

## **Embankment Collapse**

In August 2021, embankments collapsed in 3 districts – Bogura, Rangpur, and Feni. 300 families were affected in Feni due to embankment collapse. In Sunamganj district 50 houses, 100 shops were damaged and 30 ponds were overflooded in an embankment collapse. Moreover, 100 families became Waterlogged when 50m of and an embankment collapsed in Rangpur. (source: jagonews24.com August 15, 2021)

Table 7: Impact of embankment collapse incidences in August , 2021								
Date		Location		Impact	Source			
	Division	District	Upazila					
August 09	Rajshahi	Bogura	Dhunat	40 meter of embankment collapsed	prothomalo.com August,2021			
August 10	Sylhet	Sunamganj	Sadar	50 houses, 100 shops damaged. 30 ponds fish have been washed away.	<u>prothomalo.com</u>			
August 15	Rangpur	Rangpur	Sadar	50 m embankment collapsed. 100 families became Waterlogged .	jagonews24.com August 15			
August 29	Chattogram	Feni	Sonagazi	300 family Affected	NDRCC 30 August, 21			

### **Bridge Collapse**

On August 10<sup>th</sup>, 2021, in Shariatpur, 1 man died while 4 others were injured due to Bridge collapse. (source: <u>bdnews24.com</u> August 10, 2021)

Table 8: Impact of bridge collapse incidences in August, 2021								
Date		Location	lunnont	Carrea				
	Division	District	Upazila	Impact	Source			
August 10	Dhaka	Shariatpur	Shariatpur sadar	1 man died 4 people injured	bdnews24.com August 10, 2021			

## **GoB Response in August 2021**

#### Response to Covid-19 up to August 31, 2021

The government managed to vaccinate 1st dose of covid-19 vaccines till 28<sup>th</sup> August 2021, to 180,70,967 (corona.gov.bd) people starting from January 27, 2021, to August 2021. From April 08, 2021, to August 2021, a total of 76,39,793 2nd doses vaccines were administered. As of 28<sup>th</sup> August 11,767 general beds, 594 Intensive care unit (ICU) beds, 299577 Oxygen cylinders, 1926 high flow nasal cannula, 112 central oxygen lines, 2,320oxygen concentrators are available in the hospitals across the country, reports in dedicated government website for covid-19.

#### **Response to Heavy Rainfall**

• 2000 packets of dry foods were distributed on 2nd August in Chandpur. (NDRCC Disaster Situation Report, August 3, 2021)

#### **Response to Lightning**

In 5 districts, the government allocated and distributed a total of BDT 670,000 to the families of the deceased and BDT 30,000 to the injured in August, 2021. See more details in the table below:

Table 9: Government response to lightening in August 2021								
Date	District	Types	of aid	Source				
Date	District	Cash for deceased HH	Cash for injured HH	Source				
August 23	Dinajpur	1,50,000 (25000*6 HH)	30,000 (10,000*3HH)	NDRCC, August 24, 2021				
	Sunamganj	50,000 (25,000*2HH)		NDRCC, August 24, 2021				
August 04	Nawabganj	4,00,000(25,000*16HH)		NDRCC, August 5, 2021				
	Kishoreganj	50,000(25,000*2HH)		NDRCC August 5, 2021				
August 26	Rajbari	20,000		Prothom Alo, 27 August 2021				

#### **Response to Boat Capsize**

 BDT 4,40,000 was distributed to 22 families of the deceased each receiving BDT 20,000. (NDRCC daily disaster situation report, August 28, 2021)

## **Response to Flood**

- 1,500,000 taka, 2500 packet dry food 300 MT GR rice have been distributed in Cox's Bazar district on 9<sup>th</sup>
  August (NDRCC Disaster Situation Report, September 01, 2021)
- 1,000,000 taka and 213 MT Rice has been distributed in Rajbari district on 25<sup>th</sup> August. (NDRCC Disaster Situation Report, September 01, 2021)
- 70 MT Rice has been distributed in Bogura district on 27<sup>th</sup> August. (<u>NDRCC Disaster Situation Report</u>, September 01, 2021)

### **Embankment Collapse**

- 300 Packets of dry food were distributed among affected families at Sonagazi Upazilla in Feni district.
- 300 GO bags were allocated for the event of the 15<sup>th</sup> August embankment collapsed in Rangpur district.

## **Conclusion**

A total of 9 hazards took place this month with multiple casualties of life and assets across the country. These incidents caused a huge loss of lives and properties and disrupted daily activities. Govt. took initiatives to minimize the losses and also undertook necessary steps to provide support to the distressed people.

Annex 1: COVID 19 impacts in Bangladesh in August 2021

Date	Confirmed Case	Recovered	Death	Source
1-Aug	14,844	15,054	231	
2-Aug	15,989	15,482	246	
3-Aug	15,776	16,297	235	
4-Aug	12,744	16,112	241	
5-Aug	12,744	15,786	264	
6-Aug	12,606	15,494	248	
7-Aug	8,136	16,383	261	
8-Aug	10,299	16,627	241	
9-Aug	11,463	14,411	245	
10-Aug	11,168	14,903	264	
11-Aug	10,420	13,313	237	
12-Aug	10,126	13,990	215	
13-Aug	8,465	11,457	197	
14-Aug	6,885	7,805	178	
15-Aug	6,684	11,371	187	
16-Aug	6,959	9,268	174	Corona.gov.bd
17-Aug	7,535	12,950	198	Corona.gov.bu
18-Aug	7,248	12,112	172	
19-Aug	6,566	10,153	159	
20-Aug	5,993	10,578	145	
21-Aug	3,991	7,666	120	
22-Aug	4,804	8,453	139	
23-Aug	5,717	8,982	117	
24-Aug	5,249	8,907	114	
25-Aug	4,966	7,808	114	
26-Aug	4,698	8,314	102	
27-Aug	3,525	6,485	117	
28-Aug	3,436	4,861	80	
29-Aug	3,948	6,466	89	
30-Aug	3,724	6,186	94	
31-Aug	3,357	4,102	86	
Total in August 2021	250,065	347,776	5510	

Annex 2: Fire incidences in Bangladesh, August 2021

Date	Location			Impact	Source
	Division	District	Upazila		
August 04	Dhaka	Narayanganj	Rupganj	No impact record	NDRCC, August 5, 2021
August 05	Dhaka	Dhaka	Savar	No impact	prothomalo.com August 5, 21
August 06	Dhaka	Dhaka	Jatrabari	No Impact	Ittefaq.com August, 6 2021
August 09	Dhaka	Gazipur	Sadar	No impact	bdnews24.com August 9, 21
	Chattogram	Chattogram	Hathajari	2 people injured	NDRCC, August 11, 21
August 12	Dhaka	Gazipur	Sadar	6 warehouse of Jhut and 12	bdnews24.com August 12, 21
				houses burnt 5 warehouses.	
August 13	Chattogram	Chattogram	Halishahor	No Impact Recorded	jagonews24.com 13 August 21
August 15	Chattogram	Cumilla	Daudkandi	6 shops and 3 cars fully damage	jagonews24.com August 15, 21
	Dhaka	Gazipur	Sadar	No Impact	jagonews24.com 15 August, 21
August 16	Chattogram	Noakhali	Companiganj	8 houses burnt Losses of 16 lakhs th	jagonews24.com August 16, 21
August 21	Dhaka	Dhaka	Banani	No impact	NDRCC, report, August 21, 21
August 22	Dhaka	Dhaka	Banani	2 died	jagonews24.com 22 August, 21
August 24	Dhaka	Gopalganj	Kotalipara	4 crore tk loss	jagonews24.com 25 August, 21
August 25	Dhaka	Dhaka	DNCC	7 people injured	NDRCC, August 26, 2021
	Mymensingh	Netrokona	Sadar	1 person injured	
August 26	Dhaka	Dhaka	Mirpur	7 people injured	jagonews24.com 26 August, 21
August 29	Dhaka	Narayanganj	Sadar	No impact	jagonews24.com 30 August, 21