



## Overview of Hazard Incidents in January 2021

In January 2021, seven devastating hazards took place across Bangladesh i.e. Covid-19 pandemic, fire, wall collapse, boat capsize, cold wave, bridge collapse, wild animal attack.

In January 2021, Covid-19 affected a total of 21,723 persons across the country among which 568 persons died and 22,285 persons recovered. From March 08, 2020 to November 30, 2020, the total number of Covid-19 patient is 535,139 among which 8,127 persons died and 479,744 persons recovered.

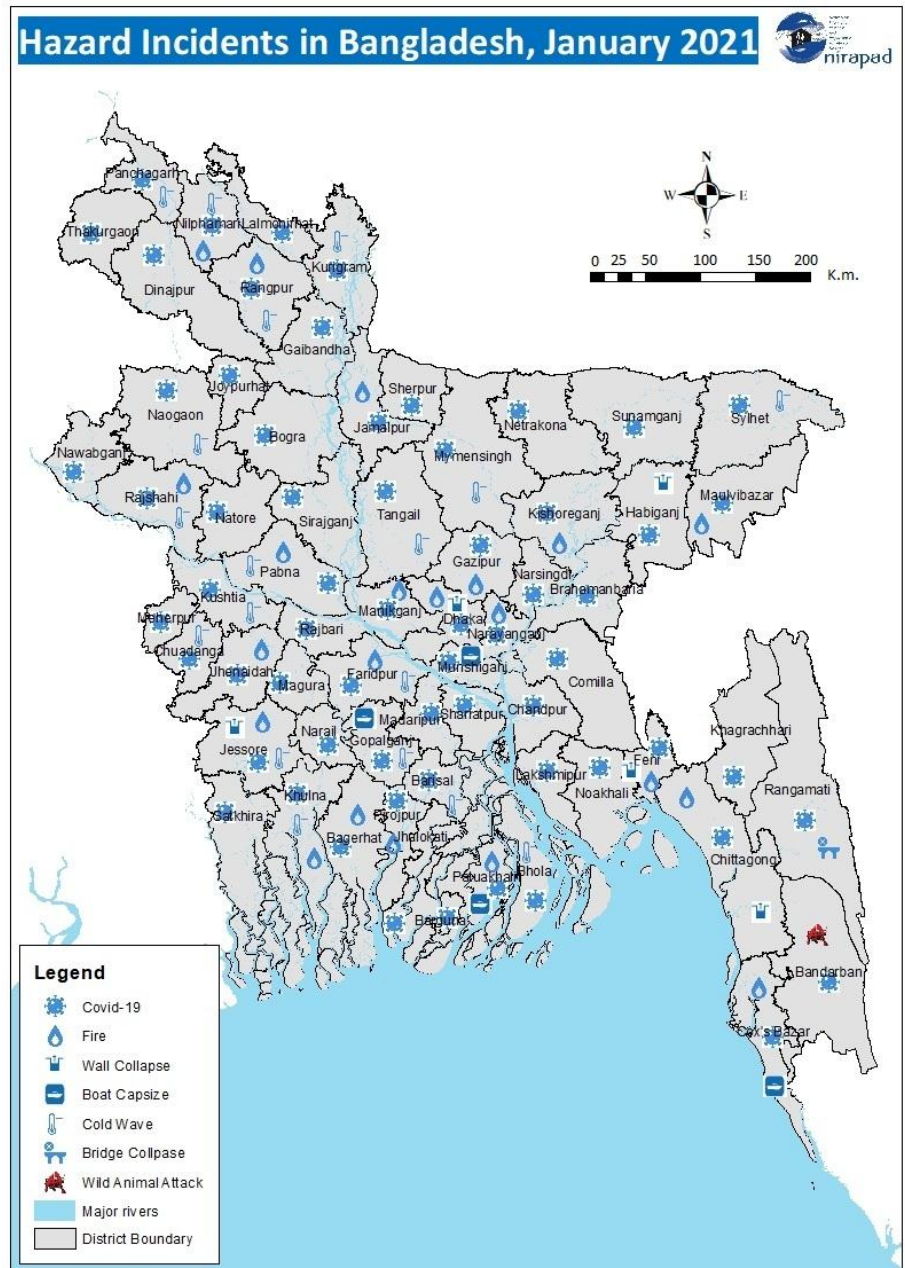
37 incidents of fire took place which killed 17 persons and injured 54 persons. However NDRCC reported 691 incidents throughout the country in which Dhaka division faced 204 incidents and Chattogram division faced 130 incidents of fire in January 2021.

Wall collapse happened in 5 districts with 5 incidents which killed 7 persons and injured 4 persons.

Boat capsize took place in 4 districts with 5 incidents in which 7 person were killed and 11 were persons injured.

A mild cold wave is blowing over Rangpur division, Naogaon, Mymensingh, Tangail, Faridpur, Gopalganj, Kushtia, Khulna, Barisal, Bhola, Jashore, Panchagarh, Nilphamari, Kurigram, Chuadanga, Pabna and Srimongol from January 15.

3 persons were killed by bailey bridge collapse in Rangamati and 2 persons were killed and 1 person was injured by wild animal attack in Bandarban.



Source: NDRCC Report and National Dailies, January 2021

January 2021						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
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Index	COVID 19	Fire	Boat Capsize		Wild Animal Attack	
		Wall Collapse	Cold Wave		Bridge Collapse	

## Description of Hazard Incidents in January 2021

### Covid-19 Pandemic in Bangladesh

The Covid-19 pandemic had affected with high impacts throughout this month in all the 64 districts across Bangladesh. In January, 2021, the number of identified patients with Covid-19 is 21,723 persons among which 22,285 persons recovered and 568 persons died. From the very first case identified in March 2020, the total number of Covid-19 patient is 535,139 among which 8,127 persons died and 479,744 persons recovered up to January 31, 2020. Though government has taken steps to minimize movement of people the situation may become worsen if health guidelines by the Director General of Health Services (DGHS) are not maintained properly.

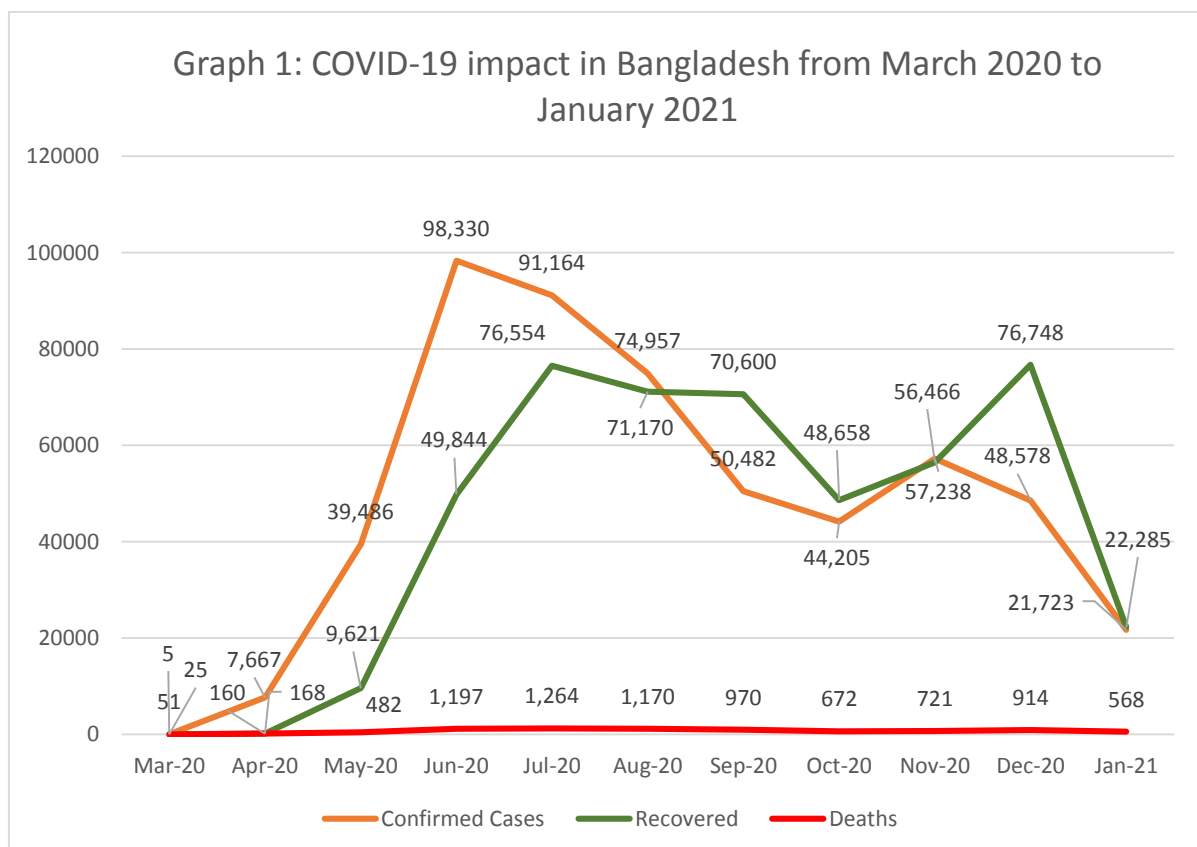


Table 1: Impact of COVID 19 in Bangladesh in January 2021				
Date	Confirmed Cases	Recovered	Deaths	Source
January 01	990	1,197	17	https://corona.gov.bd
January 02	668	964	23	
January 03	835	978	27	
January 04	910	917	24	
January 05	991	944	20	
January 06	998	1,021	17	
January 07	1007	966	31	
January 08	785	833	16	
January 09	692	785	22	
January 10	1,071	737	25	
January 11	849	917	22	
January 12	718	963	16	
January 13	890	841	14	
January 14	813	883	16	
January 15	762	718	13	
January 16	578	633	21	
January 17	559	681	23	
January 18	697	736	16	
January 19	702	682	20	
January 20	656	617	8	
January 21	584	602	16	
January 22	619	487	15	
January 23	436	338	22	
January 24	473	514	20	
January 25	602	566	18	
January 26	515	447	14	
January 27	528	509	17	
January 28	509	611	15	
January 29	554	414	7	
January 30	363	337	17	
January 31	369	447	16	
Total in January 2021	21,723	22,285	568	
Total in December 2020	48,578	76,748	914	
Total in November 2020	57,238	56,466	721	
Total in October 2020	44,205	48,658	672	
Total in September 2020	50,482	70,600	970	
Total in August 2020	74,957	71,170	1,170	
Total in July 2020	91,164	76,554	1,264	
Total in June 2020	98,330	49,844	1,197	
Total in May 2020	39,486	9,621	482	
Total in April 2020	7,667	160	168	
Total in March 2020	51	25	5	
Grand Total as of January 31, 2021	535,139	479,744	8,127	

### **Fire**

37 incidents of fire took place which killed 17 persons and injured 54 persons. However NDRCC reported 691 incidents throughout the country in which Dhaka division faced 204 incidents and Chattogram division faced 130 incidents of fire in January 2021. 500 houses were burnt and 30 persons were injured in Rohingya camp, Nayapara, Teknaf under Cox's bazar district, on January 13, 2021.

**Table 2: Impact of Fire in Bangladesh in January 2021**

Date	Location			Impact	Source
	Division	District	Upazila/Thana		
January 02	Dhaka	Kishoreganj	Bajitpur	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1 person injured</li> <li>4 shops burnt</li> </ul>	<i>NDRCC Report, 3 January, 2020</i>
	Chattogram	Chattogram	Bashkhali	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1 person injured</li> <li>6 shops burnt</li> </ul>	<i>NDRCC Report, 3 January, 2020</i>
January 03	Dhaka	Narayanganj	Sonargaon	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Fire in a factory</li> </ul>	<i>www.prothomalo.com</i>
January 06	Rangpur	Nilphamari	Joldhaka	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>60 houses burnt</li> </ul>	<i>bangla.bdnews24.com, 07 January 2021</i>
	Sylhet	Moulvibazar	Srimangal	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>3 Auto CNG burnt</li> <li>Approx. loss of BDT 40 lakhs</li> </ul>	<i>bangla.bdnews24.com, 07 January 2021</i>
	Dhaka	Dhaka	Nababganj	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Approx. loss of BDT 2 lakhs</li> </ul>	<i>bangla.bdnews24.com, 07 January 2021</i>
	Barisal	Patuakhali	Badhghat	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>14 shops burnt</li> <li>Approx. loss of BDT 74 lakhs</li> </ul>	<i>bangla.bdnews24.com, 07 January 2021</i>
January 07	Dhaka	Dhaka	Dhaka Medical College	No impact reported	<i>www.prothomalo.com, 08 January</i>
	Dhaka	Narayanganj	Shonargaon	No impact reported	<i>www.prothomalo.com, 08 January</i>
January 09	Dhaka	Narayanganj	Bandor	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Fire in a factory</li> </ul>	<i>bangla.bdnews24.com, 09 January</i>
January 10	Rajshahi	Pabna	Ishwardi	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1 person killed</li> </ul>	<i>www.prothomalo.com, 10 January</i>
	Rangpur	Nilphamari	Saidpur	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>5 houses burnt</li> <li>Approx. loss of BDT 5 lakhs</li> </ul>	<i>www.prothomalo.com, 10 January</i>
January 11	Dhaka	Gazipur	Kaliakair	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>4 persons killed</li> <li>3 persons injured</li> <li>61 houses of 3 colony burnt</li> </ul>	<i>bangla.bdnews24.com, 11 January 2021</i>
	Khulna	Bagerhat	Mongla	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1 person injured</li> </ul>	<i>bangla.bdnews24.com, 11 January 2021</i>
	Dhaka	Kishoreganj	Bhairab	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1 person killed</li> </ul>	<i>www.prothomalo.com, 11 January</i>
January 12	Chattogram	Feni	Feni Sadar	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1 person killed</li> </ul>	<i>bangla.bdnews24.com, 13 January 2021</i>
January 13	Chattogram	Cox's Bazar	Teknaf	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>500 houses burnt</li> <li>30 persons injured</li> </ul>	<i>thedailystar.net, 14 January</i>
	Dhaka	Dhaka	Kamrangir chor	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1 person injured</li> </ul>	<i>NDRCC report, 14 January, 2021</i>
	Dhaka	Dhaka	Gulshan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1 person killed</li> <li>5 persons burnt</li> </ul>	<i>www.prothomalo.com, 14 January</i>
	Rajshahi	Rajshahi	Vodra	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>3 persons injured</li> <li>2 shops burnt</li> <li>Approx. loss of BDT 5 lakhs</li> </ul>	<i>www.prothomalo.com, 14 January</i>
January 16	Dhaka	Dhaka	Tejgaon	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>4 persons injured</li> </ul>	<i>bangla.bdnews24.com, 17 January 2021</i>
January 17	Dhaka	Manikganj	Singai	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2 persons injured</li> </ul>	<i>NDRCC report, 18 January, 2021</i>
	Khulna	Jhinedah	Shoilokupa	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1 person killed</li> </ul>	<i>NDRCC report, 18 January, 2021</i>
	Khulna	Jashore	Abhoynagar	No impact reported	<i>bangla.bdnews24.com, 18 January 2021</i>
January 18	Rangpur	Rangpur	Pirgacha	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2 persons killed</li> </ul>	<i>www.prothomalo.com, 18 January 2021</i>

January 20	Dhaka	Jamalpur	Jamalpur Sadar	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1 child injured</li> </ul>	NDRCC report, 21 January, 2020
January 21	Dhaka	Dhaka	Bangshal	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Fire in a battery factory</li> </ul>	bangla.bdnews24.com, 22 January, 2021
	Dhaka	Dhaka	Hatirpool	No impact reported	bangla.bdnews24.com, 22 January, 2021
January 22	Dhaka	Naryanganj	Rupganj	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>4 persons killed</li> </ul>	NDRCC report, 23 January, 2021
January 24	Dhaka	Dhaka	Kamlapur	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Fire in a garment</li> </ul>	www.prothomalo.com, 25 January, 2021
	Dhaka	Dhaka	Uttara	No impact reported	bangla.bdnews24.com, 25 January 2021
January 27	Chittagong	Cox's bazar	Cox's Bazar Sadar	No impact reported	bangla.bdnews24.com, 27 January
January 28	Dhaka	Jamalpur	Shahpur	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1 persons killed</li> </ul>	NDRCC report, 29 January, 2021
	Khulna	Khulna	Daulatpur	No impact reported	bangla.bdnews24.com, 29 January 2021
January 29	Barisal	Pirojpur	Pirojpur sadar	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Approx. loss of BDT 40 lakhs</li> </ul>	bangla.bdnews24.com, 30 January 2021
	Dhaka	Faridpur	Modhukhali	No impact reported	bangla.bdnews24.com, 30 January 2021
January 30	Barisal	Pirojpur	Press club	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>3 warehouse burnt</li> <li>7 shops burnt</li> <li>Approx. loss of BDT 1 crore</li> </ul>	bangla.bdnews24.com, 31 January 2021
Total	Total 691 incidents happened throughout the month; 17 persons killed and 54 persons injured; 566 houses, 26 shops and 3 warehouses burnt.				

### **Wall Collapse**

5 incidents of Wall Collapse took place in 5 districts, i.e. Feni, Dhaka, Jashore, Habiganj and Chattogram. Total 7 persons killed and 4 persons injured in these events.

**Table 3: Wall Collapse in Bangladesh in January 2021**

Date	Location			Impact	Source
	Division	District	Upazilla/ Thana		
January 02	Chattogram	Feni	Najir Road	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1 person killed</li> <li>2 persons injured</li> </ul>	bangla.bdnews24.com, 02 January 2021
January 12	Dhaka	Dhaka	Savar	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1 child killed</li> </ul>	bangla.bdnews24.com, 12 January 2021
January 18	Khulna	Jashore	Nilganj	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1 child killed</li> </ul>	bangla.bdnews24.com, 19 January 2021
January 28	Sylhet	Habiganj	Chunarughat	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2 persons killed</li> </ul>	www.prothomalo.com, 29 January 2021
January 29	Chattogram	Chattogram	Agrabad	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2 persons killed</li> <li>2 persons injured</li> </ul>	bangla.bdnews24.com, 30 January 2021
Total	Total 5 incidents happened throughout the month. In which 7 persons killed and 4 persons injured.				

### **Boat capsized**

5 incidents happened in 4 districts, i.e. Patuakhali, Gopalganj, Munsiganj and Cox's bazar in which 7 persons were killed and 11 were persons injured. On January 23, a boat capsized in Bay of Bengal where 4 persons were killed and 8 persons were missing.



**Table 4: Boat Capsize in Bangladesh in January 2021**

Date	Location			Impact	Source
	Division	District	Upazilla/ Thana		
January 10	Barisal	Patuakhali	Baufol	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ 1 person killed</li> <li>▪ 2 persons injured</li> </ul>	<a href="http://www.prothomalo.com">www.prothomalo.com</a> , 10 January 2021
January 15	Barisal	Patuakhali	Mirzaganj	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ 1 person killed</li> <li>▪ 7 persons injured</li> </ul>	<a href="http://www.prothomalo.com">www.prothomalo.com</a> , 16 January 2021
January 16	Dhaka	Gopalganj	Gopalganj Sadar	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ 1 person killed</li> <li>▪ 1 person missing</li> </ul>	<a href="http://bangla.bdnews24.com">bangla.bdnews24.com</a> , 16 January 2021
January 18	Dhaka	Munsiganj	Munsiganj Sadar	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ 1 person missing</li> </ul>	<a href="http://www.prothomalo.com">www.prothomalo.com</a> , 19 January 2021
January 23	Chittagong	Cox's Bazar	Saint martin's Island	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ 4 persons killed</li> <li>▪ 8 persons missing</li> </ul>	<a href="http://www.prothomalo.com">www.prothomalo.com</a> , 24 January 2021
Total	Total 5 incidents happened throughout the month. In which 7 persons killed, 11 persons injured and 8 persons missing				

### **Cold Wave**

A mild cold wave is blowing over Rangpur division, Naogaon, Mymensingh, Tangail, Faridpur, Gopalganj, Kushtia, Khulna, Barisal, Bhola, Jashore, Panchagarh, Nilphamari, Kurigram, Chuadanga, Pabna and Srimongol from January 15. The lowest temperature was 6.5 °C in Bdalgachi, 7.6°C in Tetulia. The mild cold wave has transformed into intense cold wave in Rajshahi and Rangpur region which is blowing from 31 January. The notable temperatures of January 31 was 5.5°C in Kurigram, 5.7°C in Rajshahi, 6.2°C Chuadanga and Ishwardi, 6.5°C in Badalgachi and Saidpur. This cold wave may remain for 4-5 more days. (Source: [bangla.bdnews24.com](http://bangla.bdnews24.com))

### **Bridge Collpase**

3 persons were killed by bailey bridge collpase in Naniarchor, Rangamati on 12 January 2021 which was the only incident of bridge collpase in January 2021. (Source: [www.prothomalo.com](http://www.prothomalo.com), 13 January 2021)

### **Wild Animal Attack**

Only one incident of wild animal attack happened in Alikodom, Bandarban on 23 January, 2021 in which 2 persons were killed and 1 person was injured. (Source: [www.prothomalo.com](http://www.prothomalo.com), 24 January 2021)

## **GoB Response in January 2021**

**Response to Covid-19 up to January 31, 2021:** The mass people have been guided to maintain social distance in workplaces, public transports, and religious institutions and avoid any kind of public gatherings. DGHS has prepared guidelines for the organizations (both public and private) to be maintained during working hours. DGHS and IEDCR have undertaken necessary steps to test Covid-19 suspected patients in the test labs across the country which have already tested 3,651,722 samples as of January, 2021. A total of 10,331 general beds, 595 Intensive care unit (ICU) beds, 12,779 Oxygen cylinders, 715 high flow nasal cannula, and 660 oxygen concentrator are available in the hospitals across the country. DGHS and IEDCR have opened up hotline number (i.e. 16263, 333, 10655, 01927711784, 01927711785, 01937000011, 01937110011) for consultation with doctors through phone calls which already have attended 23,496,025 phone calls. Screening have been conducted of 1,621,269 persons in airports, railway stations, sea port and land ports. People (especially poor and ultra-poor) who are in need of foods, GoB arranged to provide food at their doorsteps by the local administrations (Source: DGHS Health Bulletin, January 31, 2021).

**Response to Fire:** Government responded to two incidents of fire. Each affected family received BDT 20,000 cash support in Kaliakair, Palli Bidyut area of Gazipur on 11 January. On the other hand, dry food, tin, cloths and blankets provided from local authority in Joldhaka, Nilphamari under Rangpur district on January 06.

**Response to cold wave:**

- BDT 3 lakhs allocated for winter clothing Moulvibazar district.
- BDT 4 lakhs allocated for winter clothing Netrakona district.
- BDT 77 lakhs allocated for the affected people of various disasters in 39 districts.
- BDT 4 lakhs allocated for winter clothing Jashore district.
- BDT 3 lakhs allocated for winter clothing Dhaka district.
- BDT 2 lakhs allocated for winter clothing Faridpur district.
- BDT 2 lakhs allocated for winter clothing Barisal district.
- BDT 3 lakhs allocated for winter clothing Nilphamari district.
- BDT 2 lakhs allocated for winter clothing Rajbari district.
- Total 57,700 packets of dry food allocated in 577 unions of 59 upazilas of 10 districts of Khulna division. 100 packets of food were allocated to per union.
- Total 35,100 packets of dry food allocated in 351 unions of 35 upazilas of 4 districts of Mymensingh division. 100 packets of food were allocated to per union.
- Total 56,500 packets of dry food allocated in 565 unions of 67 upazilas of 8 districts of Rajshahi division. 100 packets of food were allocated to per union.
- Total BDT 3 crore and 20 lakhs was allocated for winter clothing in all 64 districts of the country, BDT 5 lakhs in per district.

## Conclusion

A total of seven hazards took place in this month with several incidents across the country. These incidents caused a huge loss of lives and properties and disrupted daily activities of people. GoB took initiatives to minimize the losses and also undertook necessary actions to provide support to the distressed people.