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As floods, cyclones, landslides, and multi-hazards events become increasingly frequent and sever in Bangladesh,exacerbated by climate change, the unwavering commitment and collaboration of all partners are crucial for a resilient future



Create safer communities through disaster risk reduction and collective emergency preparedness for response actions in high-risk districts of Bangladesh.

Context

Bangladesh is one of the most disaster-prone countries in South Asia, experiences frequent natural disasters such as floods, cyclones, landslides, fire outbreaks, and the looming threat of earthquakes each year. These disasters pose significant risks and threat to its population of 170 million. Historic cyclones like those in 1970 (which claimed 500,000 lives), 1991 (138,866 lives lost), SIDR in 2007 (resulting in 3,447 fatalities), along with cyclone Amphan in 2020 and Remal in 2024, have caused widespread damage to both the economy and livelihoods. Climate change has compounded these risks, intensified disasters and placed immense pressure on communities striving to overcome these adversities. As Bangladesh continues to be adversely impacted by this complex disaster landscape, the commitment and collaboration of all partners remain crucial.

Bangladesh Preparedness Partnership (BPP)

The Bangladesh Preparedness Partnership (BPP) is a strategic and innovative initiative designed to support the Government of Bangladesh in implementing its flagship policy, the Standing Order on Disaster (SOD) 2019, through a multi-stakeholder partnership model at the national and sub-national level. This program seeks to strengthen disaster management coordination across the country by employing a 'Whole-of-Society' approach. By uniting government agencies, non-governmental organizations, civil society organizations, academic institutions, and the private sector, the BPP aims to significantly bolster disaster preparedness and response efforts. Spearheaded by the Ministry of Disaster Management and Relief (MoDMR), the initiative receives technical guidance from the Asian Disaster Preparedness Center (ADPC) and financial backing from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation.

Together, we foster resilient communities and societies, turning shared challenges into collective strengths



Evolution

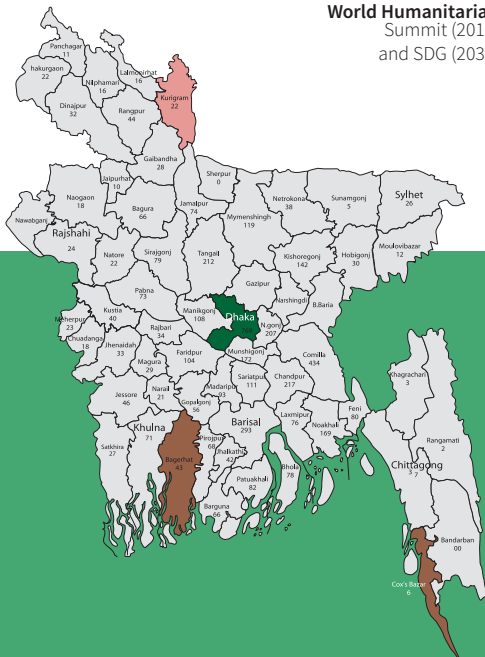
The Bangladesh Preparedness Partnership (BPP), launched in 2018, aligns with key frameworks such as the National Plan for Disaster Management (2021-2025), the World Humanitarian Summit (2016), the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), the Standing Orders on Disaster (SOD-2019) and Asian Preparedness Partnership (APP). Its mission endorses a "Whole of Society" approach, emphasizing inclusivity and ensuring that 'Leave No one Behind,' while focusing on coordination, preparedness, response, risk reduction, community engagement, and capacity building. In phase 1 (2018-2023), BPP has successfully brought together a diverse group of partners, forming a multi-sectoral partnership for emergency preparedness and response.



Mr. Md. Kamrul Hasan, ndc, Honorable Secretary, MoDMR (4th from the left in the first row) joins BPP partners during a meeting for BPP stakeholder coordination

Building on this success, Phase 2 (2023-2026) facilitates collaboration among diverse national stakeholders to ensure a unified approach to disaster management. It enhances preparedness at the sub-national level by targeting local communities for hazards such as cyclones, floods, and landslides. This phase accelerates operationalization of the SOD-2019, establishes a formal governance structure, and implements a comprehensive operational framework for long-term sustainability. It aims to improve operational and technical capacities, advance research, enhance knowledge-sharing, and deepen its impact through increased diversity, gender integration, and expanded sectoral reach.

How BPP Emerged



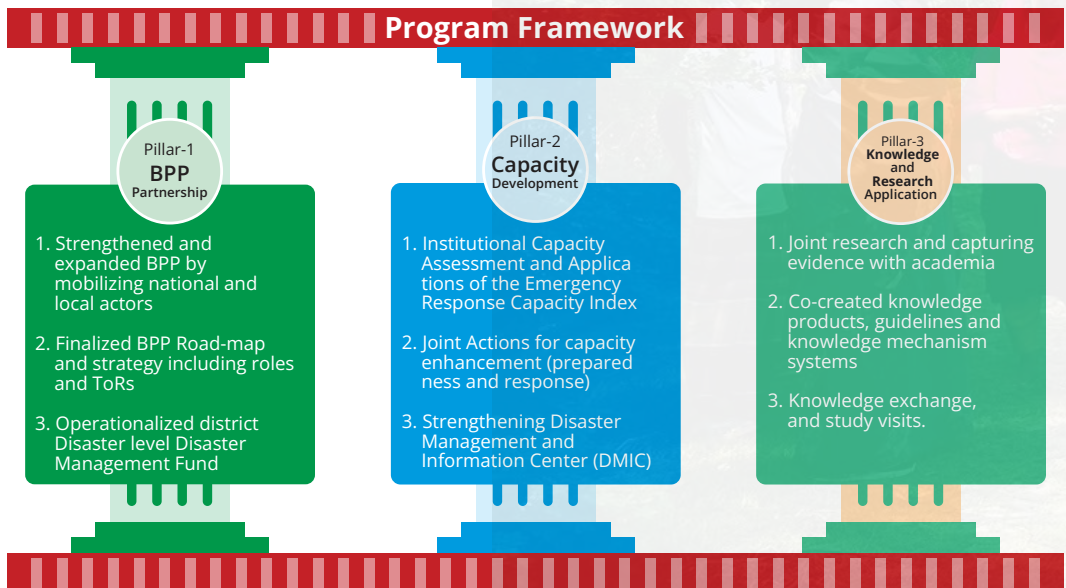
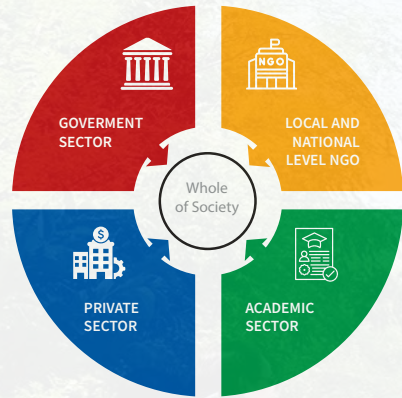
Working Area

- **Dhaka:** The BPP Mobilization Desk in the MoDMR functions as the central coordination unit for the BPP.
- **Kurigram:** One of the most flood-prone districts in the northern part of Bangladesh, frequently experiencing both regular and flash floods.
- **Bagerhat:** One of the most cyclone-prone districts in the coastal region situated in south - western part of Bangladesh.
- **Cox's Bazar:** One of the most disaster-prone coastal districts in Bangladesh, highly exposed to cyclones and landslides.

Key Focus

The BPP aims to create a robust multi-sector preparedness model based on a "Whole of Society" in line with the SOD 2019. In its current phase, BPP promotes a culture of preparedness that empowers local communities to address their unique vulnerabilities. Through joint research, knowledge sharing, and an emphasis on gender equity and social inclusion, BPP is building a resilient Bangladesh.

Additionally, the partnership enhances recovery capacity for institutions and vulnerable communities while facilitating knowledge exchange to inform evidence-based policy frameworks. It ensures the inclusion of marginalized groups—such as women, children, persons with disabilities, and the elderly—committed to 'Leave No one Behind' and facilitating access to essential information.



By bringing together various stakeholders, BPP aims to create a compressive framework for disaster risk reduction and emergency preparedness, ensuring a more secure future for high risk districts throughout Bangladesh. The outcome of BPP is to operationalize a multi sector Preparedness Partnership model at both national and sub-national levels to enhance disaster preparation, response and recovery in the country.



FBCCI hosts a group discussion to boost local disaster preparedness (left), while IDMVS of Dhaka University meets with the community for a baseline study to strengthen disaster resilience in Bangladesh (right).

BPP Partners

The BPP partnership comprises core member organizations representing government, academic institutions, the private sector, local NGOs, civil society organizations, and humanitarian organizations.



Government Sector

- Ministry of Disaster Management and Relief
- Department of Disaster Management
- Cyclone Preparedness Program (CPP)
- Bangladesh Fire Service and Civil Defense (FSCD)



NGOs & CSOs

- BRAC Humanitarian Program (BHP).
- Bangladesh Scouts
- Centre for Disability in Development (CDD)
- Dnet
- Foundation of Disaster Forum
- National Alliance of Humanitarian Actors in Bangladesh (NAHAB)
- Network of Information Research and Preparedness Activities in Disaster (NIRAPAD)



Private Sector

- Federation of Bangladesh Chambers of Commerce and Industries (FBCCI)



Academia Sector

- Institute of Disaster Management and Vulnerability Studies (IDMVS), University of Dhaka
- Department of Disaster Management, BRAC University

Overall Coordination

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