

# BANGLADESH FLOOD UPDATE



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Since we sent the last email the latest reports from Bangladesh have indicated that the results from flooding has worsened due to ongoing monsoon rains as the death toll has risen to 564 people.



Currently over 10 million people in 39 districts of Bangladesh have been affected by flooding from severe monsoon rains over the past several weeks. As the rivers in central Bangladesh continue to recede from the severe flooding, the shortage of food and especially, safe drinking water, has caused thousands across the country to be hospitalized from water-borne diseases. WRC's microfinance program in the Natore district was devastated by the flooding and there is a desperate need to help the 1,500 families, including women and children, who have been forced from their homes.



Specifically, we are calling on your support to assist the flood-affected families of the Women's Microfinance Program at Kalam in the Natore District of Bangladesh. These women and their families have lost all their belongings as their houses have been washed away and crops and gardens have been damaged. Interest-free loans as well as food and medicine will be provided to these people as we are beginning post flood rehabilitation.

WRC has committed \$50,000 to this crisis and we are urgently calling on your immediate support to assist these families in need! To donate online go to [www.wrcanada.org](http://www.wrcanada.org) and click on "Donate Now" or call 1-800-567-8190.

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