
Highlights

- On 3 May 2019, Cyclone Fani passed through Bangladesh. Although impact was less than forecast, the event nevertheless reinforced the need for the humanitarian community to continue working collaboratively on logistics preparedness initiatives to strengthen national emergency response capacity.
- Preparation has begun for the simulation-based logistics gap analysis workshop planned for the end of August 2019.
- A Bangladesh National Logistics Cluster Meeting was held on 2 May. A Technical Working Group meeting with logistics experts was held on 20 May. Minutes available [here](#).

Background

Bangladesh is one of the world's most vulnerable countries to the risks posed by natural hazards. To help strengthen the capacity of the national supply chain to prepare for and respond to humanitarian crises, Bangladesh was selected as a high-priority country by the Global Logistics Cluster field-based Preparedness Project. Overall, the project's objective is to enable and support local governments, national and international NGOs, UN agencies, development partners and the private sector, to have a coordinated approach towards improved local supply chain resilience and ensure actors are well prepared for joint humanitarian logistics responses and information exchange in emergency-prone countries.¹

In March 2019, a Preparedness Expert was deployed to Bangladesh to commence the process of mapping national logistics capacities and stakeholders. Based on this, he will work with national responders to augment information sharing and exchange and assist in the organisation of a large-scale simulation-based logistics gap analysis workshop to take place in August 2019.



Bangladesh National Logistics Cluster meeting held in Dhaka.

Coordination

- On 3 May Cyclone Fani passed through Bangladesh after making landfall in India (Odisha Coast) on 2 May 2019. The cyclone was classified as 'extremely severe' while crossing the Indian Ocean in north-western direction. However, upon reaching Bangladesh it had weakened to a standard storm.

¹ see <https://logcluster.org/document/logistics-cluster-field-based-preparedness-concept-note>

- The cyclone highlighted the importance of continuing to work with the humanitarian community on logistics preparedness initiatives, strengthening national emergency response capacity through improved coordination and timely sharing of relevant information.
- The Concept Note for the logistics simulation-based gap-analysis workshop planned for 27-29 August 2019 was approved by the Ministry of Disaster Management and Response. The event is in full preparation. Up to 90 participants and observers from the humanitarian logistics sector (government, NGOs, UN Agencies and private sector) are expected to attend the event, including decision makers from different departments and ministries from the Government of Bangladesh.
- A Bangladesh National Logistics Cluster meeting with participants from 13 different organisations was held on 2 May 2019. A Technical Working Group meeting with logistics experts from 10 different organisations was held on 20 May. Minutes available [here](#).

Information Management

- Three new documents were uploaded on the [Bangladesh Preparedness webpage](#).
- At the Bangladesh National Logistics Cluster Meeting, phase 1 of the national rollout for the Logistics Cluster Preparedness and Response Platform was discussed. This included discussions on fact finding and data collection.

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