

UK Provides £30,000 in Humanitarian Aid to Bangladesh Flood Victims

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In response to the devastating floods that have impacted over 14.8 million people in Bangladesh, the UK government has announced a £30,000 humanitarian aid package to support affected communities in Sylhet.

The funding will be managed by Start Fund Bangladesh and implemented by Caritas Bangladesh, providing essential aid such as cash assistance, clean drinking water, sanitation, and hygiene supplies. This assistance will complement the ongoing efforts of the Bangladeshi government to address the flood crisis.

In addition to the direct aid, the UK is also a major contributor to global humanitarian pooled funds, including the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies' Disaster Response Emergency Fund (DREF) and the UN's Central Emergency Response Fund (CERF). These funds are allocating a total of £5.9 million to support flood-affected populations in northern Bangladesh with food, water, sanitation, shelter, health care, and cash assistance.

Sarah Cooke, British High Commissioner to Bangladesh, said: "The UK stands beside all of those affected by the current flooding in Bangladesh. I am pleased to announce the UK is providing humanitarian assistance to support those affected."

"This includes £30,000 (BDT 4.5 crores) through START Fund Bangladesh to provide vital supplies to over 5,000 people in Sylhet, as well as contributions to pooled funds that are supporting those in the north of the country. This contribution complements the Government of Bangladesh's response."