

Cyclone in Bangladesh

A cyclone is a tropical storm that brings a very strong circular wind and heavy rain which can cause extreme flooding. They are sometimes called hurricanes or typhoons.



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In May 2020 Cyclone Amphan hit Bangladesh and parts of neighbouring India.

The cyclone caused extreme flooding in communities already living in poverty. Bangladesh is home to the world's largest refugee camp. Almost 1 million people who fled from violence in Myanmar in 2017, now live there.

- Cyclone Amphan was one of the worst cyclones in Bangladesh's history.
- More than 2 million people were evacuated from their homes into temporary shelters
- The refugee camp was flooded by the cyclone leaving 650,000 people with no shelter.
- Over 100 people died
- Disease and viruses, including COVID19, spread rapidly in the temporary shelters

Shahin's story

Shahin and his family live in Satkhira district in Bangladesh. This area is on the coast and was hit hard by the cyclone. Dangerous winds destroyed homes and flooded the coastal areas.

This picture shows Shanin standing in front of the barn that was used for the cattle – the family's source of income. It was destroyed by the cyclone.

Restrictions (a transport ban, factory and school closures) were in place at the time due to the COVID19 pandemic, making the emergency response even more difficult.

SCIAF supported Caritas to help provide:

- Emergency cyclone shelter kits
- Emergency food and safe drinking water
- Cooking utensils like cutlery and pots/pans
- Hygiene kits – soap/masks/toothbrushes/baby nappies



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