

UK announces 6crore in aid for flood-affected communities in Bangladesh

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The Daily Morning Voice Online Desk: The United Kingdom has announced an additional £500,000 (Tk 60.6 million) in humanitarian support in response to last year's flood in the Sylhet region, in which 7.2 million people were affected. Delivered by BRAC, this funding will provide water, shelter, livelihood opportunities, and improved nutrition for people affected in Sunamganj, Sylhet, reports UNB.

UK Development Director in Bangladesh, Matt Cannell, said last year's devastating floods in the Sylhet region underline that Bangladesh remains vulnerable to the impacts of climate change. "This new funding provides vital water, nutrition, shelter and livelihood opportunities to some of the worst affected communities in Sunamganj, Sylhet. The UK is proud to partner with BRAC to deliver this support," he said. This new UK support will ensure safe water and shelter for nearly 1,000 affected households and restore livelihoods and food security for more than 5,000 affected households.

BRAC Executive Director, Asif Saleh, said the floods in northeastern Bangladesh, which affected over 7.2 million people in June 2022, were the worst to hit Bangladesh in the last two decades. "They left a trail of destruction in nine districts, with Sunamganj being the worst affected. Significant efforts were undertaken to provide emergency response to meet immediate needs, but sustained humanitarian support is direly needed to help people recover and rebuild their lives. This partnership between the British High Commission and BRAC will be crucial in standing beside the people in Sunamganj and being a partner in their journey to build back better," he said.