

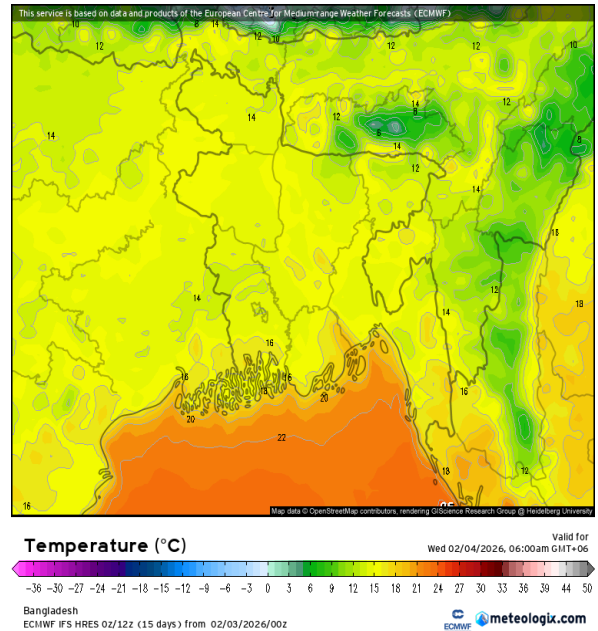
# Cold Wave/Winter Response Overview- 2

## Shelter Cluster Bangladesh

05 February 2026

**Overview:** Bangladesh experienced several mild cold waves in January 2026. According to the Bangladesh Meteorological Department, another mild cold wave is expected to affect parts of northern, western, and northwestern regions during the first half of February. Temperatures in some areas may drop to between 8.0°C and 10.0°C; however, no severe or prolonged

cold spell is anticipated. While certain locations may continue to feel cold, both daytime and nighttime temperatures are forecast to gradually rise and remain above normal throughout the month, suggesting that winter conditions will gradually ease rather than intensify. Moderate to dense fog may develop over river basins during the early morning hours, and light to moderate fog could occur in other parts of the country during the first half of the month.



According to DGHS, between 01 November 2025 and 03 February 2026, a total of 176,120 cases of cold-related Acute Respiratory Illness (ARI) and diarrheal diseases were reported nationwide, resulting in 72 deaths.

The extended cold conditions have disrupted daily life and increased hardships, particularly for low-income individuals who spend most of their time outdoors. In response, the Government and humanitarian organizations have stepped forward to assist vulnerable communities and help them cope with the harsh weather.

### Key figures (Winter Disease Report between 01 November 2025 and 03 February 2026)

#### Acute Respiratory Illness



**54,632**

Case Reported



**65** Deaths

#### Diarrhea



**121,488**

Case Reported



**7** Deaths

### Summary of Cold Wave/Winter Response (As of 05 February 2026)



**42,500** Blankets

Mobilized by Government



**176,937** Blankets Mobilized

By Humanitarian Agencies



**USD\$ 717,591**

Mobilized by Humanitarian Agencies

## Response Details:

- **Ashroy Foundation** distributed 350 blankets within Khulna City Corporation and mobilized USD 1,167.
- **Sajida Foundation** distributed 5,200 blankets across Sirajganj, Jamalpur, Chuadanga, Jhenaidah, Kishorganj, Pabna, and Kushtia districts, mobilizing USD 21,733.
- **World Vision** distributed 84,144 blankets across the districts of Rangpur, Kurigram, Satkhira, Barguna, Bagerhat, Khulna, Naogaon, Netrokona, Nilphamari, Mymensingh, Barishal, Bandarban, Dinajpur, Cox's Bazar, Pirojpur, Dhaka, and Sylhet, mobilizing USD 279,439.
- **Bangladesh Red Crescent Society (BDRCS)**, with support from International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC), Danish Red Cross, Qatar Red Crescent Society, Swiss Red Cross, Comic Relief, British Red Cross, and American Red Cross, is distributing 34,700 blankets nationwide through its 68 branches. To facilitate this initiative, BDRCS has mobilized USD 144,583.
- **BRAC** distributed 37,486 blankets across the districts of Gazipur, Naogaon, Gaibandha, Natore, Nilphamari, Meherpur, Panchagarh, Bogura, Thakurgaon, Dinajpur, Rajshahi, Chapai Nawabganj, Chuadanga, Jamalpur, Lalmonirhat, Kurigram, Sirajganj, Gopalganj, Joypurhat, Jhenaidah, Rangpur, Pabna, Kushtia, and Khulna. Additionally, 726 shawls were distributed in Bogura district. In total, BRAC mobilized USD 98,290 for its winter response.
- **Caritas** distributed 6,000 blankets to 6,000 families in 15 Districts. In addition, Caritas will provide unconditional cash assistance to 1,020 of these families, with each receiving BDT 1,000 (approximately USD 8.3). Overall, Caritas is mobilizing a total of USD 40,000.
- **Disable Development & Educational Foundation (DDEF)**, with support from Global Giving Inc. USA, distributed 300 blankets in Barguna district and mobilized USD 850.
- **Gana Unnayan Kendra (GUK)**, with support from Concern Worldwide and Shahjalal Bank PLC, distributed 1,050 blankets in Lalmonirhat and Gaibandha districts and successfully mobilized USD \$6,083 to support ongoing relief efforts.
- **Integrated Development Forum (IDF)**, with support from Orphan Support International, Human Relief Foundation, and Zymaal Relief Foundation, distributed 560 blankets across Lalmonirhat, Kushtia, and Rajbari. Additionally, IDF provided 60 teddy bears and footballs to families and successfully mobilized USD 2,167.
- **Islamic Relief Bangladesh (IRB)** provided winter packages to 1,750 families. Each package included two blankets, one shawl for woman, one shawl for man, and one sweater for children. The distribution took place in Kurigram and Rangpur districts, with IRB allocating USD 46,779 for this initiative.
- **Muslim Aid Bangladesh Field Office** provided winter relief packages to 3,647 families. Each package included one blanket, four cardigans/sweaters, four monkey caps, four pairs of woolen socks, and 200 ml of petroleum jelly. The distribution took place in Kurigram, Lalmonirhat, Gaibandha, and Sirajganj in partnership with local organizations MJSK, SKS Foundation, and UDDIPAN. A total of USD 76,500 was mobilized for this initiative



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