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Thousands Displaced by Flooding in Bangladesh in Danger of Water-borne Disease

BRAMPTON, Ontario -- While heavy rains are common this time of year in Bangladesh, unusually high volumes have caused devastation across the northern regions of the country. Major rivers have been overwhelmed by water levels and have swept through communities, destroying homes and forcing families to find higher ground. For the thousands of people that have been displaced, the short-term needs are critical. Partners International is serving in partnership with the [Bangladesh Baptist Church Fellowship \(BBCF\)](#) to help in the least reached, least resourced communities through the passionate service of national workers. Partners International has learned that the national workers living in these communities have all reported as safe, but the BBCF has advised as they mobilize to respond that there is a great need emerging for those who have escaped the flood waters.

“Many of these families are without food and clean drinking water” says Leor Sarkar, the director of the BBCF. “They now live on highways and high embankments in makeshift tents and are forced to leave everything behind. Without food and clean water the effects of this flooding can become much worse. We are already beginning to see the dangers of water-borne diseases.”

Sarkar and his team are moving in cooperation with local authorities to distribute food packets and water purifying tablets to those in need. The BBCF has been involved in the region for many years through the [Adopt-A-Village program](#) where national workers enter and provide holistic transformation to the communities. Many of the workers homes have been damaged along with community buildings such as schools and churches. “The rehabilitation phase will be critical. Many families will need help rebuilding and we will provide them with the tools to return to their lives, but right now the urgent need is for food and clean water” says Sarkar.

Leor Sarkar is available for interviews.

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