

Case Study of Flash Flood in Bangladesh in 2017

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Flash Flood Vulnerability



- Flash flood mainly occurred in the North eastern (NE) Haor area in Bangladesh (mainly in Sunamganj, Sylhet, Netrokona, Habiganj, Sherpur and Molvi Bazar districts).
- Rainfall hit the Northeastern zone at the end of March, 2017.
- The flash flood was triggered by high intensity rainfall in Bangladesh and the neighboring Indian catchments located in Meghalaya.
- Flash floods in the months April and May damage Boro rice paddy just before the harvesting.
- Rising water overflow and breeched embankment in many places and inundated vast areas of croplands.

Date and Time: 2 April, 2017 at 00:00 UTC

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- Is addition rainfall expected?
- Is the soil moisture above 50%?
- Are the FFG values fairly low?
- Are there areas where you would be concerned for flash flooding?
- Specify location of concern

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Consider the following questions:

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- Is addition rainfall expected? YES
- Is the soil moisture above 50%? YES
- Are the FFG values fairly low? YES.
- Are there areas where you would be concerned for flash flooding? YES
- Specify location of concern: North eastern basins in Sunamganj and Sylhet



Meteorological Conditions...



Has there been any rainfall?







What type of system is prevailing?





Is there indication that the system is strengthening or weakening?

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Include forecaster remarks about confidence in precipitation estimates.



Hydrologic Conditions...



What are the soil moisture saturation levels?



What is the trend in soil moisture? (Drying/wetting)



Is the area(s) flash flood prone?

Remarks on steeps slopes, soil type, shallow soils



The north-eastern zone of the country mainly has silty clay, clayey soil. Some basins with sandy, sandy clayey loam, loam are also present.



Are there streamflow records in this area? What is the trend in streamflow?



Is rainfall expected to continue? Is the system strengthening or weakening? What is the outlook beyond 6 hours?



What are the values of FFG?



Are there areas with relatively low FFG?





Does the expected rainfall exceed the FFG?





Comparison between MAP and Gauge Precipitation accumulation







The 03-hr PFFT at 00:00 UTC = 03hr Merged MAP at 00:00 UTC - 03hr FFG at 00:00 UTC, (considered valid at 03:00 UTC) The 06-hr PFFT at 00:00 UTC = 06hr Merged MAP at 00:00 UTC - 06hr FFG at 00:00 UTC, (considered valid at 06:00 UTC)

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Thank you

