The COVID-19 pandemic has affected Bangladesh greatly, with over 469,423 reported cases and 6,713 deaths as of December 2020. The fatality per one million population was 40 as of December 2020. This presents Bangladesh as one of the worst-hit countries in Asia and Mercy Relief’s list of affected countries.

As a consequence of the high cases, hospitals faced the brunt of the crisis, with health workers experiencing severe shortages in Personal Protective Equipment (goggles, face-shields). The shortage of PPE supplies have placed health workers at great risk. According to the Bangladesh Medical Association (BMA), 8,160 healthcare workers, including 2,892 doctors, 1,983 nurses and 3,285 other healthcare workers have been infected. The BMA also reported the deaths of 130 medical doctors as of January 2021.
RESPONSE AREAS:

- 8 Government Hospitals
- 2 National institutions
- MOH in Dhaka

RELIEF AID:

PPE:
- 2,550 Eye Goggles
- 4,250 Face Shields

Additional aid, arranged with ground partner:

T-Shirt, Hand Sanitizer, Mixed Nuts, Tea Pack, Reusable Mask, N95 Mask

BENEFICIARIES:

4,250 Healthcare workers in COVID-19 treatment frontlines in Dhaka