

# BANGLADESH

## FLOODS

Heavy rains during the monsoon season, which typically occurs from June through October, caused extensive flooding in western Bangladesh during FY 2001. Poor drainage and the release of water from dams and reservoirs in neighboring India intensified flood levels. Furthermore, the extent of flooding was exacerbated in

October 2000 when a tropical depression swept over the country.

The districts of Magura, Satkhira, Jessore, Kushtia, Meherpur, Chuadanga, and Jhenaidah were most adversely impacted by the flooding. According to the U.S. Embassy in Dhaka, floodwaters killed 130 people and affected more than three million residents. The floodwaters also damaged or destroyed more than 200,000 houses, 174,000 hectares of rice and subsidiary

