

There is major deforestation in the upper drainage basin.

Jengul Sheket grows rice and vegetables. He uses most of the food to feed his family. If there is any left over, he sells it at the local market.

Mohammed Shah Jehan and his family live in a slum area on the outskirts of the capital city, Dhaka.

Newly deposited islands of silt are densely populated.

Snow melt from the Himalayas.

Mohamed Shah Jehan brought his family from the countryside after the disastrous floods of 1984. He was a landless peasant who rented farmland from a local landowner. He was evicted by the landowner when he couldn't afford to pay his rent.

Silt blocks the river channels.

Jengul Sheket is a farmer. He lives in Rangpur

Flooding occurs across the flood plain.

Typhoons are funnelled up the Bay of Bengal. A Typhoon is an intense tropical storm.

On September 7th 1999 a Tropical Cyclone hit the coast of Bangladesh. It brought winds of 225Km/h and waves over 7 metres high.

In the summer the whole of this part of Asia is hit by a climatic event called a monsoon. This is a period of very heavy and often intense rainfall. On average, the highest monthly monsoon totals reach 500 mm.