



International Organization for Migration (IOM)
The UN Migration Agency

IOM Bangladesh: Rohingya Humanitarian Crisis Response

EXTERNAL UPDATE

4 - 10 May 2018

687,000

New Rohingya arrivals
since 25 August 2017 in Cox's Bazar

905,418

Rohingya Population in Cox's Bazar

1.3 Million

People in Need in Cox's Bazar



Floating bamboo baskets constructed through cash-for-work to store vetiver submerged in water. ©IOM 2018

Key Features

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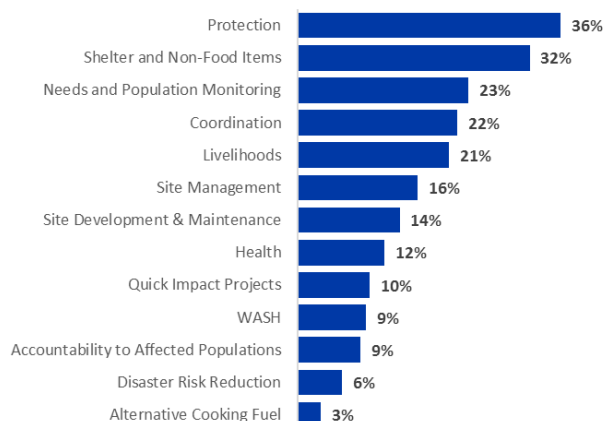
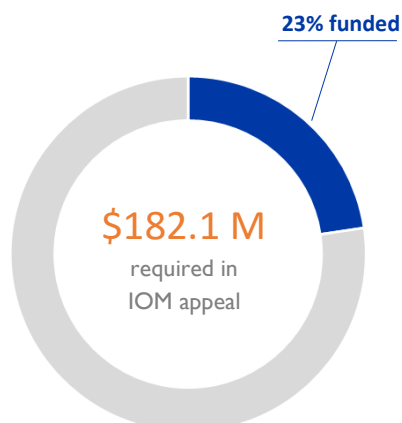
Situation Overview

Since 25 August 2017, an estimated 687,000 Rohingya have crossed into Bangladesh fleeing violence in Myanmar's Rakhine State, increasing the total Rohingya population in Cox's Bazar to over 905,418. New arrivals are living in spontaneous settlements with an increasing need of humanitarian assistance—including shelter, food, clean water, and sanitation.

Additionally, with the rainy season fast approaching, there is an urgent need to continue strengthening preparedness measures and raise awareness among the refugee population regarding potential landslide and flood risks.

In order to respond to these risks collectively and comprehensively, IOM continues to work closely with the Government of Bangladesh and the humanitarian community. IOM and its partners continue to scale up operations to respond to the needs of new arrivals, existing Rohingya, and affected host communities.

Funding received to date for March to December 2018



IOM Response



Monsoon Preparation

As Bangladesh's annual wet season approaches, IOM is also working to secure infrastructure and strengthen preparedness measures.

34,123 families have received Upgrade Shelter Kits (USKs)

39,817 households have received community training on shelter upgrade and Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR)

9,600 refugees have provided feedback that is being analysed to prepare messages for the monsoon season

30 field staff trained on cyclone season message delivery

650 refugees and local community members are being trained in first aid, search & rescue and fire safety via partnerships with the Bangladeshi Fire Service & Civil Defence (FSCD), American Red Cross and Cyclone Preparedness Programme (CPP)

5 mobile medical teams are being trained to provide primary lifesaving health care services to displaced populations during the monsoon season

20,000 Acute Watery Diarrhea Kits, **9.8** million Aquatabs and **360,000** hygiene top up kits are prepositioned and being distributed through the WASH common pipeline

"Living on the Edge"

Click [here](#) to watch IOM short video on the monsoon preparation.



Accountability to Affected Populations



Around the world, refugees consistently nominated radio as a preferred method of receiving information. IOM has purchased and is distributing 60,000 small solar powered and hand crank radios, and 600 larger community radios throughout the camps.

A total of 34 IOM staff attended BBC Media Action Training on how to facilitate radio listening groups so that people listen to themed radio programs on issues that affect them, and then discuss the topic. This deepens and enriches the information flow between IOM and the camp residents.

Radio listening groups can be held by listening to off air programs – downloaded on a USB and plugged into portable speakers the size and style of carry on luggage. IOM has distributed 14 of these to its camps for listening groups and public announcements.

IOM places value on quality not quantity – the new facilitators are asked to commit to holding one listening group session as week – as they become more confident and skilled, they will facilitate additional sessions. Each listening group takes about 2 hours – a brief discussion, a 30-minute listening session, followed by a 60-minute discussion about the topic – following a set of guidelines and issues surrounding the program content.

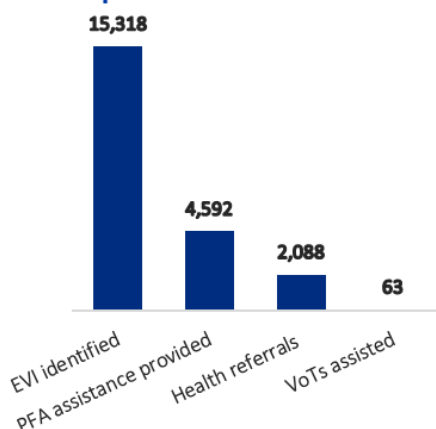
Facilitators attend a monthly "facilitators meeting" in the first week of each month to share any stories, experiences and challenges they have with running their groups.

Facilitators report on what was being said in the group, what people understood or were more interested in, what actions they thought possible, and how they could share the information that they learned with members of their community. IOM collects this data as part of its feedback and complaints collection process and as part of its commitment in lessening the information gap within communities.



Protection

Individuals assisted by protection activities



In Cox's Bazar, IOM is responding to Gender Based Violence (GBV), Child Protection (CP), Counter Trafficking (CT), and general protection issues.

This week, 8 people received Psychological First Aid (PFA) by trained case workers and two health referrals were made. In regards to CT activities, three new Victim of trafficking (VoTs) were identified and assisted.

IOM Protection team and staff from the NGO PULSE together with Site Management Team continue to work together to identify EVIs and support the relocation of households from areas deemed at high risk of flooding and landslides.

Considering the vulnerability of the Rohingya population to trafficking and exploitation, IOM continues to raise awareness and educating community leaders and members of the community on CT related risks and prevention. During the reporting week 40 Majhees, Para Development Committee members, parents, and host community members were sensitized informally and informed of IOM's CT activities.

This week, a Monitoring and Evaluation Day was conducted to evaluate the Creative Arts Therapy Workshop that took place in the previous week. The participants included GBV staff and Rohingya women & girls who attended the workshop.

Finally, women and girls participated in several recreational and creative activities in Leda Safe Space and Kutupalang-Balukhali Expansion Site.



Resilience and Disaster Risk Reduction

21,400 beneficiaries have received micro-gardening kits since March 2018 (18,000 Rohingya refugees and 3,400 host community members)

IOM is currently working on a livelihoods and social cohesion project jointly with the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) that aims to improve food and nutrition security to host community and refugee populations in Cox's Bazar. To date, 18,000 Rohingya refugees and 3,400 host community members received micro gardening kits and food storage drums. The kits include vegetable seeds, spades, watering cans, ropes, vermicomposting and silos to help the beneficiaries increase food security for their households. A total of 25,000 refugee households and 25,000 host community members were selected to receive micro-gardening kits through Community Agriculture Rehabilitation and Implementation Committees, using level of vulnerability as a criteria for the final selection.

Additionally, 20 power tillers were distributed this week to targeted farmers in Teknaf Upazila and another 20 in Ukhia Upazila were distributed last week. To date, a total of 1,600 farmers as part of 74 farmers groups have been supported with agriculture training and tools in both Ukhia and Teknaf Upazilas. Training on Commercial High Value Crop Production Techniques is currently ongoing targeting four farmers' groups consisting of 80 farmers each.

Additionally, an agreement was formed with the Bangladesh Tropical Forest Conservation Foundation also known as the Arannayk Foundation in an attempt to start reforestation. Nine nurseries were established in Cox's Bazar district; with grass and shrubs to be planted in May and June 2018. IOM, through FAO, is also currently conducting and irrigation infrastructure assessments and a Market Study & Supply Analysis in both Ukhia and Teknaf Upazilas.

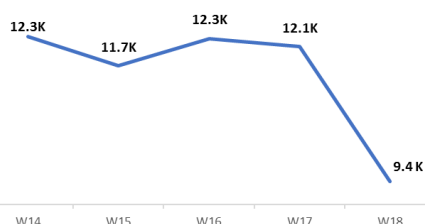
Finally, IOM completed community consultations and a needs assessment for emergency preparedness prior to the monsoon season in both Teknaf and Ukhia Upazila. Data validation and selection of priority infrastructure rehabilitation/enhancement is ongoing. Rehabilitation/enhancement work expected to start mid-May 2018.

Health

353,704 consultations held
since August 2017

6,371 patients have been triaged for
suspected diphtheria since December 2017

Outpatient consultations for the past 5 weeks



This week, 9,462 consultations took place in IOM health centers and IOM supported Government facilities, including 2,449 children below 5 years old and 1,893 between the ages of 6 and 18 years old.

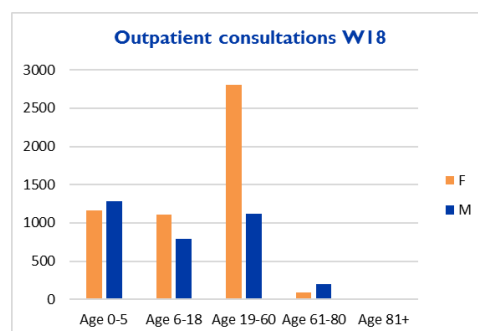
The reduced number of patient consultations this week can be explained by the celebration of international and national holidays.

In terms of Mental Health and Psychosocial Services (MHPSS), IOM provided specialised psychological support (individual consultations) and/or case management services to 63 people this week.

This week, 519 Antenatal Care (ANC) sessions were conducted within IOM and IOM supported government facilities, in addition to 33 deliveries and 135 Post-Natal Care (PNC) sessions. Additionally, two awareness sessions to promote bonding and good parenting practices with a group of pregnant women in Leda were conducted by the MHPSS team.

The two Oral Rehydration Points (ORP) at Kutupalong Primary Healthcare Centre and Leda PHCC have treated a total of 84 Acute Watery Diarrhoea (AWD) cases (10 cases at D4 and 74 cases at Leda) in the last week.

A training on operationalization and Infection Prevention and Control (IPC) measures of ORP has been held this week at Kutupalong D4 with the facilitation of UNICEF and WHO. This pilot training will serve as a base to design a Training of Trainers (ToT) by the sector for ORP focal points.



Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH)

291 Deep Tube Wells (DTWs) completed
since August 2017

2,480 emergency latrines & mobile toilets
constructed since August 2017

566 wash rooms constructed
since August 2017

47,922 hygiene kits distributed
since August 2017

IOM's water supply project in collaboration with the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) and Bangladesh Department of Public Health Engineering (PDHE) is ongoing. The borehole drilling is completed, reaching a depth of 402m. Currently, IOM is undertaking borehole development and is planning to conduct pump testing next week to ascertain the yield of the borehole.

IOM has established a WASH common pipeline that includes 360,000 top up hygiene kits and 73,000,000 Aquatabs. Each hygiene top up kit includes bathing soaps, laundry soaps, pairs of sandals for adults and children, and toothbrushes with toothpaste for adults and children. IOM continues to reach out to additional partners to join the WASH common pipeline while encouraging existing partners to request, collect and distribute hygiene top-up kits to beneficiaries. A total of 47,922 hygiene top-up kits have been distributed through six partners, reaching 239,610 beneficiaries.

The construction and installation of 91 Deep Tube Wells DTWs is ongoing in Balukhali-Kutupalong Extension Site (KBE) and in host villages Chapotkhali, Dhakkin Pannasia, and Tolatoli. This week, 41 DTWs were officially completed by one IOM implementing partner, bringing the number of DTWs completed to 291. The completed DTWs are serving approximately 145,500 beneficiaries.

A total of 566 wash rooms have been constructed to date in Camps 12, 17, 18, 20, 1E, 1W, 2W and the Hindupara host community. The construction of an additional 10 wash rooms is ongoing in Camp 18.



Site Management & Site Development

IOM is coordinating the Site Management and Site Development Sector

Conducted three combined meetings with 68 Majhees and 49 Fire safety Volunteers to inform them about landslide, flood risk, cyclones as well as emergency communication channel/focal points, early messaging, rapid assessment, safe haven, emergency distribution points and medical facilities.

~40 acres of land is being developed to facilitate relocation of households (HHs) away from the areas at threat from natural hazards.

Site Management/Site Development team is coordinating with sector coordinators to ensure an adequate number of community services for the estimated number of HHs.

The construction of pedestrian crossings, excavation of drains, and slope stabilization works are ongoing.

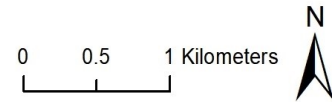
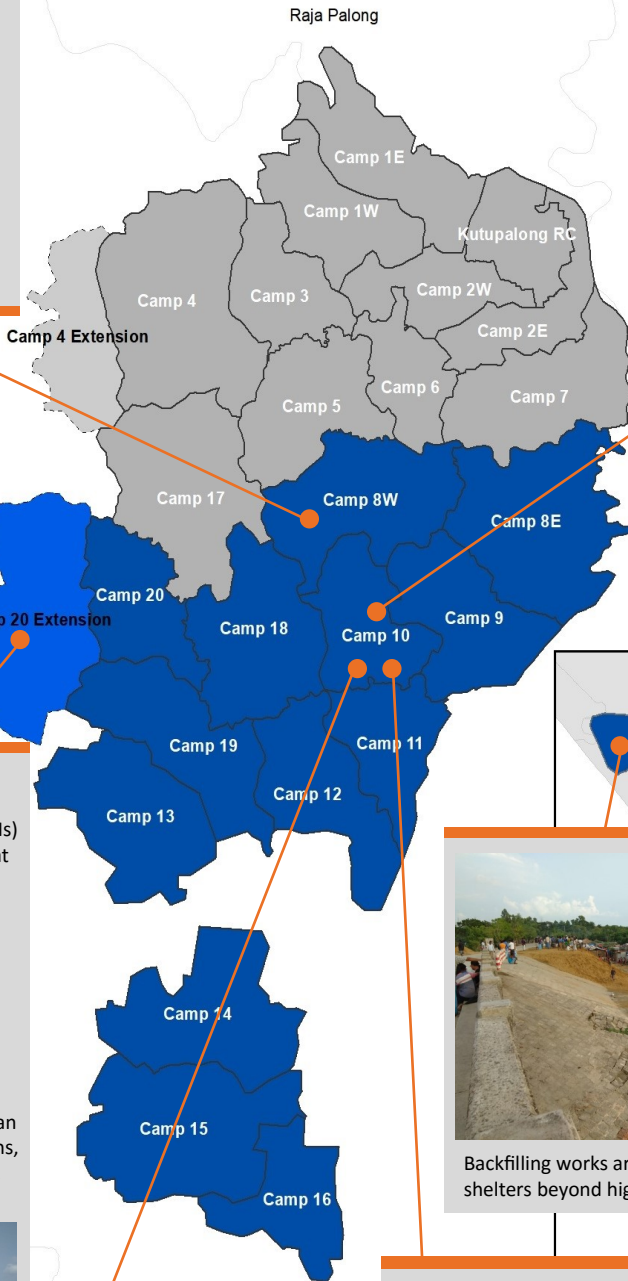


50 Rohingya refugees have been engaged in cash-for-work while having cleaned around 950 meters of drainage as well as garbage, plastic bottles, and polythene in Camp 10.

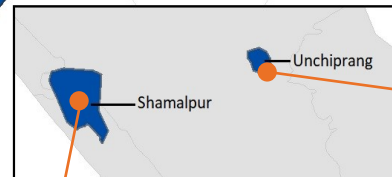
Overall, ~4,500 cash-for-work labourers are working across all 8 camps where IOM is doing direct implementation and ~2,500 where IOM is contributing to the Site Management Engineering Project (SMEP) activities in the Camp 20 Extension.

Area Of Responsibility

■ IOM
■ UNHCR



Pipe culvert for Football Field Road Extension is under construction.



IOM established four radio listening groups in each block with youths and adults (for more information about radio listening groups, see page 2).



Backfilling works are ongoing to elevate shelters beyond high water levels.

The third phase of relocation in zone-B was completed. Until now, 188 HHs have been relocated. A remaining 12 HHs have already plots allocated and will be relocated early next week.



Concrete pedestal is under construction for sea containers (preposition of emergency supplies).

Leda

Nayapara



Shelter/Non Food Items (NFIs)

IOM is coordinating the Shelter/NFI Sector

34,123 households have received Upgrade Shelter Kits (USKs) since February 2018

39,817 households reached through shelter upgrade and Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR) orientation since February 2018

2,548 extremely vulnerable households supported with material transportation and shelter construction since February 2018, engaging **7,575** Cash-for-Work labourers

During the reporting period, IOM distributed 4,485 Upgrade Shelter Kits (USKs) in Camps 9, 10, and 18 of Kutupalong-Balukhali Expansion (KBE) Site as well as Leda, Shamlapur, and Unchiprang.

A total of 801 Rohingya refugees were engaged in Cash-for-Work (CfW) activities to transport USKs and construct shelter for 341 extremely vulnerable Rohingya households.

The Shelter/NFI team conducted structural assessments of 12 communal facilities in Camp 19 with a view to preparing them for by flood and landslide affected households as temporary shelter. A total of 60 buildings have now been assessed in five camps for physical reinforcement works.

After the rain and strong winds over the past week, three engineering teams were deployed to the affected communities and assessed 30 affected shelters in Camps 8W, 9, 10, 11, 12, 18 & 19.

In addition, 40 volunteers were trained on conducting rapid damage assessments. They will be deployed following an emergency situation to verify damage reports received from Majhees via Site Management.



A mother and her child stand in the doorway of their new shelter constructed by IOM after her previous shelter was damaged during a storm in Shamlapur.

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Inter-Sector Coordination Group (ISCG)

IOM is hosting the sector based coordination structure for the Rohingya

The Inter Sector Coordination Group (ISCG), hosted by IOM, is coordinating the overall Rohingya Humanitarian Crisis Response. ISCG facilitates timely, coordinated, needs-based, and evidence-driven humanitarian assistance for efficient use of resources and to avoid duplication, while producing regular Situation [Reports](#) and [4W maps and data](#). Over the past week, the ISCG met to discuss the harmonization of Cash for Work rates for both Rohingya refugees and Bangladeshi host communities amongst all partners. To date, rates for casual and unskilled labour have been agreed upon, and discussions will continue on sector-wide rates for semi-skilled and skilled labourers this week.

IOM in the news



100,000 Medical Consultations in 100 Days

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If Morisha's family had waited a matter of minutes before bringing her to the UN Migration Agency (IOM)'s health post in the Balukhali makeshift settlement, she would be dead. Full term, in her first pregnancy, the 20-year-old started experiencing severe convulsions and bleeding from her mouth two weeks ago.

Click [here](#) to read the full story.



First New Land Ready: Will Allow Rohingya Refugees to Move to Safer Ground Before Monsoon

IOM (8 May 2018)

Humanitarian agencies working in Bangladesh's Rohingya refugee camps today marked the completion of the first new plot of land prepared to relocate families most at risk of landslides during the upcoming monsoon season.

Click [here](#) to read the full article.

Resources

NPM and ACAPS Analysis Hub recent reports

- ◆ [Pre-Monsoon Review](#)
- ◆ [Cyclone Background](#)
- ◆ [Lessons Learned about the Impact of Cyclones](#)

Needs and Population Monitoring (NPM) Round 10 baseline survey

IOM Bangladesh NPM released its latest [Round 10 Site Assessment baseline survey](#), covering the 1 to 17 April 2018.

- ◆ [NPM Bangladesh has produced a number of tools based on its regular data collection activities and drone flights](#). Including:
 - ◆ SW Map package: for mobile use, this enables users to visualize the site maps and boundaries on their own mobile phone. Together with the relevant files, users can also find a manual showing step-by-step how to copy files from their own computer to an SW Map running on another portable device.
 - ◆ KMZ file: for desktop use, this enables users to visualize the site maps and boundaries on Google Earth. By adding or removing layers, it is possible to visualize each location assessed by NPM Baseline 10. These files are available on HDX.
- ◆ Additionally, NPM will be supporting the ISCG and Site Management Sector to conduct all emergency assessments throughout the monsoon season.

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