

SIX YEARS ON, ROHINGYAS NEED INCREASED SUPPORT

As the crisis enters its seventh year, nearly a million Rohingya refugees in Bangladesh are trapped in a cycle of uncertainty and insecurity. IOM urges the international community to provide Rohingya refugees and host communities with humanitarian assistance and long-term support. On 25 August 2017, hundreds of thousands fled Rakhine, Myanmar, to Cox's Bazar, Bangladesh. Cox's Bazar has become the world's biggest refugee camp, with about one million refugees, half of whom are children. This year, humanitarian agencies have requested USD 876 million to help 1.47 million Rohingya refugees and local communities. However, the funds raised for this Joint Response Plan had only reached nearly 29 per cent of the target as of mid-year. This shortfall underscores the urgent need for unwavering and consistent financial support to the refugees, who almost entirely rely on humanitarian assistance. The crucial funding that sustains the hopes and aspirations of these refugees is dwindling, casting a shadow of uncertainty over their future. There is an increasing need to empower Rohingya refugees through improved access to education, skill development, and livelihood opportunities, which are vital components of this effort. There is a significant dependence on humanitarian assistance for basic needs arising from limited opportunities. Despite the shortfall in funding and other challenges, IOM and its humanitarian partners, in close coordination with the Government of Bangladesh, continue to deliver life-saving aid and essential services to refugees and host communities.

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962,416

Rohingya
population in
Bangladesh

199,857

Rohingya
families

931,960

Rohingya
population
in Cox's
Bazar

30,456

Rohingya
population
in Bhasan
Char

**1.4
million**

People in
need

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Rohingya Crisis
Response [here.](#)

HIGHLIGHTS IN JULY-AUGUST 2023



Completed the construction of 100 community clinics in Cox's Bazar

World Day Against Trafficking in Persons was observed

World Humanitarian Day was observed

Inauguration of Rebuilt Balukhali Health Sub-centre

DONOR VISITS IN JULY-AUGUST 2023

- Kazuya Endo, Director General of the International Cooperation Bureau of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan, visited the Rohingya camps and explored IOM's interventions.
- Sarah Cooke, British High Commissioner to Bangladesh, visited the Rohingya camps and explored IOM's interventions.
- Dr. Junichi Yamada, Senior Executive Vice President of Japan International Cooperation Agency, visited the Rohingya camps and explored IOM's interventions.
- Uzra Zeya, Under Secretary for Civilian Security, Democracy, and Human Rights of the US Department of State, and H.E. Peter D. Haas, Ambassador of the US Embassy in Dhaka, explored IOM's Rohingya Cultural Memory Centre.
- Nawaf Al Hammadi, Head of Operations and International Programme of Qatar Charity, visited the Rohingya camps and explored IOM's interventions.
- H.E. Kiminori Iwama, Ambassador of Japan to Bangladesh, explored IOM's innovative and cost-efficient nature-based solutions to meet humanitarian needs and protect the environment in Cox's Bazar.
- Eamon Gilmore, EU Special Representative for Human Rights, visited the Rohingya camps and explored IOM's interventions.
- Dr Parameswaran Iyer, Executive Director of the World Bank for India, Bangladesh, Bhutan and Sri Lanka, explored IOM's health interventions.
- US Congressman Ed Case and US Congressman Rich McCormick, along with representatives from the US Embassy in Dhaka and USAID, visited the Rohingya camps and explored IOM's interventions.

PROGRAMME UPDATE

SITE MANAGEMENT AND SITE DEVELOPMENT

30,025

complaints/feedback received; 19,702 referred; 19,416 replied; 4,912 considered resolved

26

drills on cyclone, monsoon preparedness, and fire safety conducted through DMU volunteers

4,768

different community engagement and participation activities conducted

2,403

women representatives attended 376 awareness sessions

941

Women Committee members participated in consultation meetings

455

radio listening sessions conducted

29,261 m²

of slope stabilized

382 m

of road repaired

3,366 m

of drainage cleared

4,030 m

of drainage installed/ repaired



SHELTER AND NON-FOOD ITEMS



1,743

families received Shelter Upgrade and Maintenance (SUM) assistance

1,313

families received emergency shelter support

1,255

beneficiaries received SUM training

166,580

LPG refills provided

6,015

families received gas stoves

3,986

extremely vulnerable individuals received porter support during LPG distribution

365

LPG kits, including cylinder, stove, regulator, hose, and training provided the refugee households

25,550

Borak bamboo poles treated

HEALTH

281,813

primary medical consultations conducted in IOM-supported facilities

273,793

door-to-door visits held as part of risk communication for infectious diseases

22,529

rapid diagnostic tests for dengue (6,010 positive and treated)

1,998

individuals received HIV counselling and screening (4 positive)

1,830

samples collected for COVID-19 (60 positive)

11,464

11,464 women received family planning services

1,251

facility-based delivery conducted

534

individuals referred and treated in CXB/CTG Sadar Hospital for secondary/tertiary level medical services

1,397

children received vaccination through Expanded Programme on Immunization

1,727

individuals received specialized services from psychiatrist and 582 from mhGAP trained doctors

21,450

individuals benefited from MHPSS community-based activities

1,825

individuals participated in 232 creative and art-based activities, rituals and celebrations, sports and recreational activities at the RCMC.





WATER, SANITATION AND HYGIENE

256,817

people are receiving continued life-saving WASH support

186

latrines upgraded with durable super structure

2

Decentralized Wastewater Treatment Systems constructed

478,817

soap bars distributed

19,599 kgs

of compost produced from solid waste generated in different camp

17,081 kgs

of compost distributed to the beneficiaries for farming

PROTECTION

350,857

beneficiaries reached with protection, child protection and GBV awareness messaging

20,997

individuals supported through GBV case management and psychosocial support

25,616

persons sensitized to counter-trafficking

679

Extremely Vulnerable Individuals (EVI) and non-EVIs were referred for further specialized services

91

victims of trafficking identified and directly assisted

866

children received psychological support

SOCIAL COHESION

518

Rohingya beneficiaries received different skills development training

8

cyclone centres' renovated and handed over to the government

3,401

host community individuals received training on business development

255

host community individuals received inputs support and 442 received cash grants

321

APBn officers received training on Protection, Social Cohesion and the policy of the Bangladesh Government in the refugee context

100

Rohingya individuals received input support for implementing improved skills

23

host community individuals received livelihoods skills development training



NEEDS AND POPULATION MONITORING

Macro Settlement Planning (MSP) and Solar Street light dashboards were developed and finalized

60 per cent of the Shelter addressing tagging was completed in camps 13, 14 and 15

7 weekly reports, 29 daily incident reports and 20 maps published

4 community feedback platform reports published

2 assessments on cash-based intervention PDM and situational assessment completed

In close collaboration with ISCG and REACH, the Multi-Sector Need Assessment tools were designed and developed

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