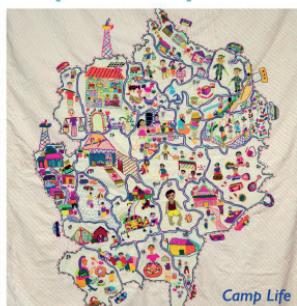




Almost **a million** Rohingya refugees who are living in the largest refugee camp in the world **hope for equal life**



961,175

Rohingya population in Bangladesh

198,910

Rohingya families

931,125

Rohingya population in Cox's Bazar

30,050

Rohingya population in Bhasan Char

1.4 million

People in need

HOPE AWAY FROM HOME

On World Refugee Day, observed on 20 June, IOM Bangladesh's Chief of Mission, Abdusattor Esoev, along with the Ambassador of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia to Bangladesh, Essa Yousef Essa Al Duhaian, visited the Rohingya camps—the world's largest refugee camps. Since August 2017, IOM has been diligently providing humanitarian assistance to the Rohingya refugees, who have endured the challenges of displacement. However, shifting geopolitical and humanitarian priorities have resulted in reduced international funding for the Rohingya refugee response, causing the refugees to rely on negative coping mechanisms due to the decline in essential services. The lack of consistent support jeopardizes hundreds of thousands' access to food, water, health services, and life-saving aid. At this critical juncture, IOM urges the international community to continue supporting the immediate needs of the Rohingya refugees, ensuring their safety, dignity, and hope for a better future.

Watch [World Refugee Day 2023](#)

Watch [World Refugee Day: Hope Away From Home](#)

BEAT THE PLASTIC POLLUTION

World Environment Day, celebrated on 5 June, witnessed a remarkable transformation in Cox's Bazar refugee camps. Since 2018, thousands of dedicated refugee volunteers have worked tirelessly on reforestation efforts, with IOM's support planting saplings over 100 hectares of land, akin to 210 football fields. Their collective endeavour has borne fruit, turning the once-barren camps into lush green havens. Moreover, IOM's initiatives like Plastic Recycle Plant and other innovations hold immense significance for the environment and are replicated in numerous other such locations and communities. These inspiring initiatives showcase the immense potential of united action in combating environmental challenges, bringing hope and vitality to those seeking refuge while fostering a greener and sustainable future for all.



Watch [Beat Plastic Pollution](#)



Watch [Plastic Recycling Plant in Cox's Bazar](#)



Read IOM Appeal 2023 [here](#).

Watch IOM Bangladesh Rohingya Crisis Response [here](#).

DONOR VISITS IN JUNE 2023

- Ambassador of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia (KSA) to Bangladesh, H.E. Essa Yousef Essa Al Duhailan, visited Rohingya Camp 11 and explored IOM's interventions in this crisis response.
- Ambassador of Norway to Bangladesh, H.E. Espen Rikter-Svendsen, explored IOM's Plastic Recycle Plant and Bamboo Treatment Facility.
- European Civil Protection and Humanitarian Aid Operations (ECHO) Director General, Maciej Popowski and Ambassador of the European Union and Head of the EU Delegation to Bangladesh, H.E. Charles Whiteley, explored IOM's interventions in the Rohingya crisis response.



- Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office's Deputy Development Director, Duncan Overfield, explored IOM's interventions in the Rohingya crisis response.



- ECHO's Rapid Response Coordinator Olivier Brouant witnessed IOM's multi-hazard response activities in the Rohingya refugee camps.
- ECHO's Global Thematic Expert on Environmental Resilience Anja Pirjevec completed her 3-day visit to Rohingya camps and witnessed IOM's impactful interventions in nature-based solutions, solar-run water systems, waste management, recycling and more that transform lives sustainably.
- UN Refugee Agency's Deputy High Commissioner Kelly T. Clements explored IOM's impactful works for the Rohingya refugees in the aftermath of Cyclone Mocha and Fire.

PROGRAMME UPDATE

SITE MANAGEMENT AND SITE DEVELOPMENT

1,277

refugees received trainings on standard of conduct, DRR, PSEA, basic site management, disability inclusion

20

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

11,077

complaints (service request) received, 6,535 referred and 1,200 solved

2,634

women representatives attended in 320 awareness sessions

128

women committee members participated in consultation meetings

271

radio listening sessions conducted

9,608 m²

of slope stabilized

1,842 m

of drainage installed/ repaired

4,572 m

of road repaired

9,576 m

of drainage cleared



SHELTER AND NON-FOOD ITEMS

1,811

families received Shelter Upgrade and Maintenance (SUM) assistance

1,471

beneficiaries received SUM training

583

families received emergency shelter support

15,500

Borak bamboo poles treated

70,524

LPG refills provided

7,518

families received gas stoves

212

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

1,585

extremely vulnerable individuals received porter support during LPG distribution



HEALTH

113,703

primary medical consultations conducted in IOM-supported facilities

124,405

door-to-door visits held as part of health promotion and risk communication

3,625

individuals received HIV counselling and screening

839

samples collected for COVID-19

1,919

rapid diagnostic tests for dengue

15,119

patients received lifestyle counselling as part of non-communicable disease control

4,935

court-yard sessions conducted

8,532

beneficiaries received MHPSS support

455

individuals participated in 58 arts and crafts, sociorelational, and cultural activities at RCMC



WATER, SANITATION AND HYGIENE

256,817

people are receiving continued life-saving WASH support

362

latrines upgraded with durable super structure in 6 camps

3

Decentralized Wastewater Treatment Systems constructed

361,994

soap bars distributed

9,966 kgs

of compost produced from solid waste generated in different camp

8,536 kgs

of compost distributed to the beneficiaries for farming

PROTECTION

23,180

beneficiaries reached with protection, child protection and GBV awareness messaging

10,707

individuals supported through GBV case management and psychosocial support

14,228

persons sensitized to counter-trafficking

458

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

63

victims of trafficking identified and directly assisted

897

children received psychological support

SOCIAL COHESION

305

Rohingya beneficiaries received different skills development training

240

Rohingya beneficiaries received training on community health worker, agriculture crop production and plumbing

11

cyclone centres' renovation started in Moheshkhali

300

individuals participated in community consultation meetings



NEEDS AND POPULATION MONITORING

'Site Management and Site Development Sector Daily Incident Yearly Report 2022' was published.

'Common Feedback Platform Monthly Analysis Reports' for the Month of May was published.

Online dashboard for 'Daily Incidents Data from 2018 to date' was published.

Data collection for 'Protection from Sexual Exploitation and Abuse (PSEA) Assessment Round 3' is completed.

NPM completed 'Cash for Work Post Distribution Monitoring' by conducting 627 surveys in collaboration with IOM Programme Support Unit.

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