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957,971
ROHINGYA IN
COX'S BAZAR

1.4 million
PEOPLE IN NEED

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Support needs for thousands of Rohingyas affected by fire in Cox's Bazar refugee camp

On 5 March afternoon, a massive and devastating fire engulfed Rohingya refugee Camp 11 in Cox's Bazar, leaving 15,926 individuals displaced and without access to drinking water, sanitation, health, protection, and other humanitarian needs.

IOM scaled up its interventions in Shelter, Non-Food Items (NFI), Site Management and Site Development (SMSD), Health, and Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene (WASH) to deliver critically needed services to the fire-affected people.

Through a multi-sectoral assessment of the fire damages to understand the needs of the affected refugees, IOM immediately took measures to clear the debris from the fire-affected area, however, the burnt area requires massive reconstruction and rehabilitation works. Slopes that were weakened by the fire need to be reinforced while drainage systems clogged by debris need to be unblocked before the onset of the monsoon season. In addition, there is also a dire need from the affected refugees regarding shelter, WASH service, health, and protection.

IOM, in coordination with other humanitarian agencies, conducted the distribution of emergency shelter kits consisting of tarpaulins, bamboo, and ropes to all the affected families. A total of 2,614 refugee families received emergency shelter kits and NFI packages within two weeks of the fire. IOM distributed 2,630 sets of emergency WASH kits to the affected refugees and supplied 358,500 litres of drinking water. A total of 4,505 affected people were provided with health care services at IOM mobile medical teams, makeshift facilities, and static facilities.

IOM is interacting with affected people through community consultations to identify their priority needs and is also maintaining coordination with other service-providing agencies in the camps to address those. IOM launched a flash appeal for USD 7.42 million to fund the reconstruction and rehabilitation works and support the affected refugees with life-saving services.

SITE MANAGEMENT AND SITE DEVELOPMENT

Site Management and Site Development programme in Cox's Bazar aims to strengthen the provision of humanitarian assistance by supporting the coordination of service providers, enabling community participation and feedback to humanitarian programming, while also working to reduce risks from natural hazards, and increasing access to key services across the 17 refugee camps and host community in Ukhiya and Teknaf Upazillas with the Government of Bangladesh through the Office of the Refugee Relief and Repatriation Commissioner and affiliated stakeholders.



11,119 m²
of slope
stabilization



14,029 women
representatives
attended in
awareness sessions



3,343 individuals
reached through
door-to-door
visits



1,103 Women
Committee
members
participated in
consultation
meetings



1,385 complaints
(service request)
resolved



289 radio
listening sessions
conducted



SHELTER AND NON-FOOD ITEMS

IOM supports nearly 460,000 Rohingya with shelter materials and essential household items, including liquefied petroleum gas (LPG) for cooking. Regular care and maintenance of shelters, emergency shelter support when shelter damages were caused due to monsoon, cyclone, fire and relocations are implemented as a core element of the shelter response.

2,802
families received
shelter upgrade
and maintenance
assistance

2,466
refugee
families
received fire
safety rings

82,052
LPG refills
provided

24,000
bamboo poles
were treated

2,596
LPG full kits,
including
cylinder, stove,
regulator, hose,
and training
provided

4,441
extremely
vulnerable
individuals
received porter
support during
LPG distribution

11,535
persons paid
through Cash for
Work in shelter/NFI
and LPG activities

2,218
beneficiaries
received SUM
training



SITE MAINTENANCE AND ENGINEERING PROJECT



38,533 m²
of drainage
cleared



806 m²
of canal
cleared



5,785 m²
of road
repaired



573 m²
of drainage
installed/repaired

HEALTH

IOM supports 39 primary and secondary healthcare facilities in Cox's Bazar to ensure the continuity of essential health services for Rohingya refugees and host communities.

134,534

primary medical consultations in IOM-supported facilities

129,843

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

607

children received vaccination through the Expanded Programme on Immunization



11,014

beneficiaries received MHPSS support

6,999

women received family planning services

3,781

individuals received HIV counselling and testing

1,569

rapid diagnostic tests for dengue

1,166

samples collected for COVID-19 testing

4,815

court-yard sessions conducted

WATER, SANITATION AND HYGIENE

IOM oversees water, sanitation and hygiene facilities' operation, maintenance, and repair in 12 camps and two host community villages. IOM provides safe water for drinking and domestic purposes, secure sanitation facilities, improves solid waste management and hygiene promotion interventions.



256,817
people are receiving continued WASH support



346 latrines rehabilitated in fire-affected Camp 11



104 bathing sheds rehabilitated in fire-affected Camp 11



1,338
MHH kits distributed



723,369
soap bars distributed



6,148 kgs
of compost distributed for farming



10,669 kgs of compost produced from the Solid Waste generated in different camps

PROTECTION

Preventing, mitigating and responding to the protection concerns of refugees is a significant part of IOM's life-saving services. This entails providing specialized services, including tackling gender-based violence (GBV) and working on child protection and counter-trafficking, among other community-based interventions.



25,976
beneficiaries reached with protection, child protection and GBV awareness messaging

36,385
persons sensitized to counter-trafficking

3,393
individuals supported through GBV case management and psychosocial support

68
victims of trafficking identified and directly assisted

435
EVI and non-EVIs were referred for further specialized services






118
children received psychological support

45
lost and missing children were reunified with their caregivers

40
victims of trafficking received training on 'Livestock Management and Entrepreneurship Development'

SOCIAL COHESION

Since 2017, IOM has supported Rohingya refugees in Cox's Bazar and the host communities, recognizing that the socioeconomic impact on the two populations is multi-dimensional. Thus, a significant focus has been on reducing disparities, inequalities and social exclusion while strengthening safety and security, social relations and socioeconomic interactions and ties. In liaison with the local government and local implementing partners, it focuses on supporting sustainable and resilient projects for vulnerable communities in Cox's Bazar.

 145 female CPP volunteers received essential equipment	 60 community members received Evacuation Shelter Management training	 150 Rohingya beneficiaries received skills development training
 40 Rohingya beneficiaries received training on Community Health Worker	 5 cyclone centres' renovation started in Moheshkhali	 81 Community consultation meetings held



NEEDS AND POPULATION MONITORING

Needs and Population Monitoring (NPM) is a part of IOM's global displacement tracking matrix programming. It tracks population numbers, needs and vulnerabilities to inform the humanitarian response in Cox's Bazar for both Rohingya and host communities.

In response to the fire incident at Camp 11, NPM published two reports **'Initial Rapid Assessment'** and **'In-depth Sector-based Needs Assessment'** and shared the reports with different sectors and relevant agencies.

'Camp Based Needs Assessment Report' shared with IOM internal programmes for review. The report intends to inform evidence-based programming and operational decision-making, as well as to support strategic planning of response activities to IOM's internal programming.

Participated in the **'DTM Country Survey Interview'** that aims to understand operations better and respond to needs at the country level and contribute to internal reporting in IOM, and update information packages for partners and donors.

4 'Daily Incident Weekly Reports and Datasets' shared under the daily incident reporting mechanism.



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