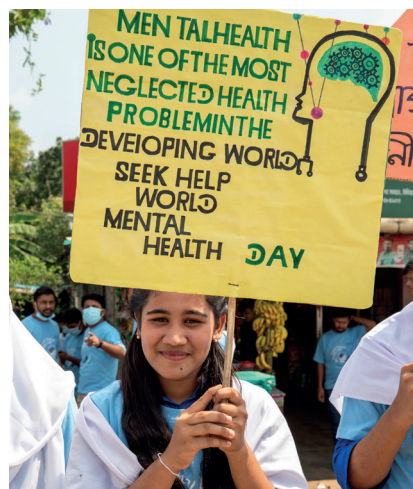


IOM BANGLADESH: ROHINGYA HUMANITARIAN CRISIS RESPONSE

MONTHLY SITUATION REPORT



969,719

Rohingya population in Bangladesh

201,778

Rohingya families

938,280

Rohingya population in Cox's Bazar

31,439

Rohingya population in Bhasan Char

1.4 million

People in need

MENTAL HEALTH IS A UNIVERSAL HUMAN RIGHT

IOM is implementing an integrated health facility and community-based mental health and psychosocial support (MHPSS) programme to support the needs of the Rohingya refugees from the world's biggest refugee camp in Cox's Bazar who have experienced unspeakable traumas and forced displacement in 2017.

IOM MHPSS interventions foster social exchange and cooperation among the community members, which positively impacts their psychosocial well-being. Skilled staff, including psychiatrists, counsellors, social workers, and community focal points provide the MHPSS services. Over 200 MHPSS volunteers from both host and refugee communities also supports in this intervention. During and after emergencies, such as fire, cyclone, flood and landslides, IOM reinforces MHPSS outreach programs, activates mobile psychological first aid (PFA) teams and refers affected individuals to essential services.

In 2018, IOM MHPSS assessment of Rohingya refugees highlighted a significant issue: half of all individuals surveyed were grappling with a profound identity crisis. This finding gave birth to the IOM Rohingya Cultural Memory Centre (RCMC), a unique collaborative initiative with the Rohingya community to foster the psychosocial well-being of Rohingya refugees while concurrently safeguarding and preserving their cultural identity.

Watch [World Mental Health Day 2023](#)

Read IOM Appeal 2023 [here](#).

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

IOM WORKS TO BUILD RESILIENCE AGAINST DISASTERS IN COX'S BAZAR

IOM has been tirelessly working to mitigate disaster risks and protect the vulnerable communities in Cox's Bazar, a highly disaster-prone district of Bangladesh and also hosts the world's biggest refugee camp.

In the Rohingya refugee camps, IOM established Disaster Management Units (DMU) to prepare and respond to disasters such as floods, landslides, cyclones, fires, or any other hazards across the camps. IOM mobilizes 1,700 DMU volunteers who are entirely community-based and act as the initial response team in the immediate aftermath of an incident or emergency to support communities until professional emergency teams arrive. To build the capacity of DMU volunteers, IOM provides support through organizing training and drills on multi-hazard disaster preparedness (e.g., fire safety, water and flooding safety, cyclone preparedness, etc.) in collaboration with relevant agencies. IOM conducts disaster-resilient site developments works, from bridges to fire points.

In the host community, IOM is boosting the capacity of local institutions in disaster planning. IOM renovated 56 cyclone centres in Cox's Bazar. These centres safeguard communities during the cyclone season and are now in better condition than ever. Over the years, IOM trained and equipped more than 2,700 cyclone preparedness programme volunteers. IOM has strengthened Union Disaster Management Committees and activated Ward Disaster Management Committees. Additionally, IOM conducted awareness programmes, prepared school disaster management plans and implemented structural disaster mitigation activities.

Watch [IOM Bangladesh's DRR interventions](#)



PROGRAMME UPDATE

SITE MANAGEMENT AND SITE DEVELOPMENT, AND COMMUNICATION WITH COMMUNITIES

13,646

complaints/feedback received; 9,472 referred; 11,460 replied; 3,632 considered resolved

11

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

2,311

different community engagement and participation activities conducted

3,193

women representatives attended 376 awareness sessions

182

Women Committee members participated in consultation meetings

143

radio listening sessions conducted

762

refugees received training on different issues

3,966 m

of access ways constructed/repared

12,516 m²

of slope stabilized

1,608 m

of drainage installed/repared

17,852 m

of drainage cleared



SHELTER AND NON-FOOD ITEMS



2,634

families received Shelter Upgrade and Maintenance (SUM) assistance

257

families received emergency shelter support

2,171

beneficiaries received SUM training

19,700

Borak bamboo poles treated

80,215

LPG refills provided

698

families received gas stoves

139

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

2,012

extremely vulnerable individuals received Porter support during the LPG distribution

HEALTH

122,681

primary medical consultations in IOM-supported facilities

139,825

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

11,428

individuals benefited from MHPSS community-based activities

1,190

individuals received HIV counselling and testing

3,354

diagnostic tests for dengue

1,521

children received vaccination

2,832

individuals received MHPSS focused services

1,119

deliveries conducted in IOM-supported facilities



WATER, SANITATION AND HYGIENE

256,817

people are receiving continued life-saving WASH support

190

WASH facilities rebuilt/ upgraded in camp 11

7,636

soap bar distributed

10,309 kgs

of compost produced from the Solid Waste generated

8,648 kgs

of compost distributed to the beneficiaries for farming



PROTECTION

17,928

beneficiaries reached with protection, child protection and GBV awareness messaging

12,524

individuals supported through GBV case management and psychosocial support

13,999

persons sensitized to counter-trafficking

628

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

50

victims of trafficking identified and directly assisted

1,082

children received psychological support

SOCIAL COHESION

248

Rohingya beneficiaries received different skills development training

54

host community individuals received business development training

599

host community individuals received in-kind support for livelihoods

48

host community individuals received livelihoods skills development training



NEEDS AND POPULATION MONITORING



'Common Feedback Platform Report' for the month of September 2023 published

32 Incident Daily and Weekly Reports and **32** Dataset shared

17,280 shelters tagged with Shelter Address Labels in IOM AoR camps

Micro Settlement Planning Dashboard developed for all 33 camps

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