

IOM BANGLADESH: ROHINGYA HUMANITARIAN CRISIS RESPONSE

MONTHLY SITUATION REPORT



ROHINGYA ART, CULTURE AND HERITAGE EXHIBITED IN LONDON, UK

IOM organized an exhibition titled “Arar Rosom, Arar Elom” (means “Our Culture, Our Wisdom”) in London to mark six years since the mass Rohingya displacement from Myanmar to Bangladesh. The event also aimed to showcase the beauty of the rich Rohingya culture and traditions. The exhibition took place at the Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office (FCDO) headquarters in the UK.

Unique cultural and traditional items from IOM’s Rohingya Cultural Memory Centre (RCMC) in Cox’s Bazar were displayed in the exhibition. This centre produces artifacts and artworks created by Rohingya refugee artists, artisans, and cultural practitioners living in camps and informal settlements. Through its work at the RCMC, IOM seeks to promote healing, ensure the continuity of their cultural heritage for future generations, and create a powerful tool for self-advocacy.

In Rohingya camp, the impact on mental health represents a significant challenge, which led IOM to come up with creative and innovative solutions. IOM found in an assessment that the fear of losing their culture and heritage significantly impacts the mental health of the Rohingyas, so IOM provided them with an opportunity to preserve their culture by opening this RCMC. To date, more than 1,000 cultural objects have been created or recreated at the centre.



Make a [virtual tour in Rohingya Cultural Memory Centre](#)

Find out more about the [Rohingya Cultural Memory Centre](#)

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

Read IOM Appeal 2023 [here](#).

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

PROGRAMME UPDATE

SITE MANAGEMENT AND SITE DEVELOPMENT, AND COMMUNICATION WITH COMMUNITIES

11,872

complaints/feedback received; 7,600 referred; 10,380 replied; 2,850 considered resolved

7

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

2,443

different community engagement and participation activities conducted

2,780

women representatives attended 376 awareness sessions

334

Women Committee members participated in consultation meetings

275

radio listening sessions conducted

455

refugees received training on different issues

5,023 m

of access ways constructed/repaired

4,351 m²

of slope stabilized

29,346 m

of drainage cleared

2,819 m

of drainage installed/repaired



SHELTER AND NON-FOOD ITEMS



3,099

families received Shelter Upgrade and Maintenance (SUM) assistance

2,341

beneficiaries received SUM training

234

families received emergency shelter support

13,000

Borak bamboo poles treated

78,124

LPG refills provided

4,931

families received gas stoves

133

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

1,977

extremely vulnerable individuals received Porter support during the LPG distribution

HEALTH

114,085

primary medical consultations in IOM-supported facilities

139,881

door-to-door visits conducted

10,934

individuals benefited from MHPSS community-based activities

2,805

individuals received HIV counselling and testing

5,257

diagnostic tests for dengue

1,384

children received vaccination

2,016

individuals received MHPSS focused services

938

deliveries conducted in IOM-supported facilities



WATER, SANITATION AND HYGIENE

256,817

people are receiving continued life-saving WASH support

90

WASH facilities rebuilt/updated in camp 11

506,974

soap bars distributed

9,772 kgs

of compost produced from the Solid Waste generated

9,827 kgs

of compost distributed to the beneficiaries for farming



PROTECTION

17,631

beneficiaries reached with protection, child protection and GBV awareness messaging

13,360

individuals supported through GBV case management and psychosocial support

12,641

persons sensitized to counter-trafficking

520

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

80

victims of trafficking identified and directly assisted

751

children received psychological support

SOCIAL COHESION

206

Rohingya beneficiaries received different skills development training

3

Cyclone centres were renovated and handed over to the government

94

host community individuals received livelihoods skills development training

83

host community individuals received business development training

326

host community individuals received in-kind support for livelihoods



NEEDS AND POPULATION MONITORING

Common Feedback Platform Report for the month of August 2023 published

'Assessment Report: Awareness of Reporting Mechanisms for Reporting General and Sensitive Issues in the Rohingya Camps' published

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

'Quantitative and Qualitative Data Collection for Multi-sector Needs Assessment' conducted in both Rohingya and the Host community of Ukhiya and Teknaf upazila

13,629 shelters tagged with Shelter Address Labels

10 thematic maps for NPM reports, sectors and IOM units prepared

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