

MARCH 2022



769,263

ROHINGYA
ARRIVALS SINCE 25
AUGUST 2017

923,179

ROHINGYA IN
COX'S BAZAR

**1.4
million**

PEOPLE IN NEED

USAID delegates are visiting livelihood training programmes for host community people. ©IOM2022

IOM OFFERS LIVELIHOODS SUPPORTS FOR COX'S BAZAR HOST COMMUNITIES

The International Organization for Migration (IOM) has been working to mitigate the economic impact of the humanitarian crisis in Cox's Bazar by delivering livelihood support, training, and business development initiatives to the host communities since 2017. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, there have been more challenges where the communities are more vulnerable. IOM is working with its implementing partners for stable and sustainable income generation opportunities for needy people.

The beneficiaries receive various formal and vocational skills trainings based on their potentiality and interest. The activities help the beneficiaries engage in different technical trades and sectors and secure employment in the humanitarian or development industries. Additionally, the support of basic business skills training and assistance in preparing business plans also encourages the beneficiaries to be entrepreneurs in their communities. For women, productive asset supports are being provided, mainly for those with vocational or technical skills who wish to gain a modest income but cannot or do not wish to work outside their homes.

IOM is also working to create linkages between local producers and the market, locally and elsewhere. This activity is done by partnering with private companies or NGOs, especially e-commerce platforms, and can support small producers to sell their products to individuals and wholesalers. The initiative of business development support to both new or existing small and medium-sized enterprises in Cox's Bazar district is ongoing. Beneficiaries receive various business services such as office space, business skills, networking opportunities, marketing assistance, accounting, financial management support, mentoring, and help with business registration.

These interventions aim to foster entrepreneurship and participation to boost the local economy while strengthening the host community's integration into the mainstream economy of Bangladesh.

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MIGRATION HEALTH DIVISION (MHD)

IOM supports 49 primary and secondary health care facilities in Cox's Bazaar to ensure continuity of essential health services for Rohingya refugees and host communities. These facilities provide outpatient and inpatient management of communicable and non-communicable diseases, services for child health, sexual and reproductive health services, 24-hour emergency referrals, MHPSS, and gender-based violence services. Also provided are community health worker services for community-based activities. IOM is the lead in the health sector's mobile medical teams technical working group (MMT TWG). It has continued to enhance coordination, especially for fire incidents in the camps and ahead of the upcoming cyclone season. To improve the quality of patient information records and continuity of care, the health sector piloted a new health care system for Rohingya refugees at IOM's Camp 24 primary health care centre over two weeks, with the IOM field team providing support and feedback.



120,938 medical consultations reported at IOM supported facilities



7,709 patients provided with lifestyle counselling



2,234 COVID-19 samples collected



200,159 door-to-door visits held as part of risk communication for infectious diseases



6,656 beneficiaries reached through the facility and community-based MHPSS activities



6,159 Scabies patients treated



IOM health unit conducted capacity building training. ©IOM2022



SHELTER AND NON-FOOD ITEMS (SNFI)



Ongoing: Shelter construction. ©IOM2022

IOM has provided emergency shelter support to households affected by harsh weather and relocations. The second phase of the transitional shelter assistance programme, currently underway, seeks to continue with the intervention to support Rohingya refugees to maintain and upgrade their shelters. A critical component is ensuring a regular supply of borak bamboo. The treatment of bamboo poles for both traditional and emergency shelter programmes has been taking place through the Bamboo Treatment Facility (BTF), which has a capacity of about 2,500 poles per day. Treatment reduces long-term maintenance costs by decreasing the frequency of bamboo replacement while lessening the impact of bamboo harvesting on forests in Bangladesh. IOM has been implementing Shelter/NFI projects using the cash for work approach in the camps. The provision of Liquefied Petroleum Gas (LPG) to support Rohingya households to meet their needs for cooking fuel is ongoing in all 17 IOM-supported camps as a part of the SAFE Plus programme. The distribution of LPG addresses the refugees' cooking fuel requirements by introducing alternative clean cooking fuels while reducing protection risks and health concerns.



112 households supported with Transitional Shelter Assistance (Phase-2)



1,913 households received fire safety rings to set around the cooking stoves



76,608 LPG refills provided.



182 LPG full kits including cylinder, stove, regulator, hose, and training distributed



3,885 borak bamboo poles treated



16,794 man-days paid through Cash for Work in shelter and LPG activities



SITE MANAGEMENT AND SITE DEVELOPMENT

IOM is working with partners to improve living conditions, mitigate environmental risks in the camps for Rohingya communities to minimize the risk of natural disasters and ease access to the Rohingya camps. IOM has also been conducting consultation meetings with communities to identify the gap related to monsoon. In addition, IOM works through the Site Maintenance and Engineering Project (SMEP) -- an initiative jointly implemented with UNHCR and WFP to provide and maintain facilities in the camps. IOM site management support teams are part of the Rapid Investigation and Response Teams (RIRTs) set up by the Health Sector in each camp. Their role is to follow up on identified COVID-19 patients and conduct contact tracing as necessary. Volunteers from the Disaster Management Unit (DMU) and site management support the RIRTs with contact tracing and provide the information needed to complete the testing.



Fire safety ring are being made by IOM volunteer. ©IOM2022



Canal Clearance at Camp 3. ©IOM2022



699 DMU
volunteers received
the Basic Emergency
Care training



19,318 square
metres of slope
stabilized



22,422 square
metres of the canal
cleared



2,074 metres of
pedestrian access/road
constructed



1,718 metres of
stairs built



18,495 complaints
received



1,245 radio listening
sessions held



5,067 refugees reached
through door-to-door
visits by members of
the Women
Participation Project



Protection conducted training with law enforcement agency. ©IOM2022

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 GBV and working on child protection and counter-trafficking, among other community-based interventions. IOM's protection activities target Rohingya and at-risk host communities through individual support like identifying highly vulnerable individuals, referral to different services, case management, and PSS support. IOM also operates 10 women and girls' safe spaces and a child-friendly space. A significant part of the work involves strengthening community-based protection through engagement, awareness-raising, and sensitization. Just as important is building the capacity of communities and other stakeholders and continuing protection monitoring to identify needs and gaps.



29,004 individuals reached with protection awareness messaging



159 new EVIs identified



24 victims of trafficking identified and directly assisted



3,617 refugee females participated in PSS and life skills activities at IOM's WGSS



59 individuals supported through case management



19,077 persons sensitized on human trafficking and irregular boat movement



IOM conducted protection mainstreaming training for infrastructure team and vendors. ©IOM2022

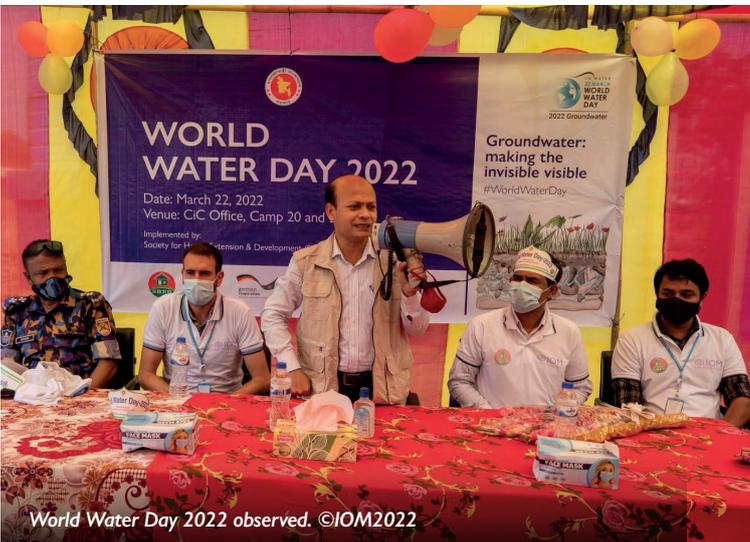


WATER, SANITATION AND HYGIENE (WASH)



US Government – delegation included PRM and USAID – are visiting solar-powered water supply network in Rohingya camps. ©IOM2022

IOM oversees WASH facilities' operation, maintenance, and repair in 12 camps and nine host-community villages. IOM provides safe water for drinking and domestic purposes, secure sanitation facilities, improved solid waste management, and hygiene promotion intervention. Currently, IOM has six NGO partners providing comprehensive WASH services. The implementing partners have been ensuring the functionality of WASH facilities through regular monitoring, operation, and maintenance. Partner NGOs monitor and promote hygienic practices through follow-up visits, identify gaps, and implement interventions such as individual or group consultations, awareness-raising sessions, and distribution of hygiene materials.



World Water Day 2022 observed. ©IOM2022



47,373 soap kits distributed to the Rohingya refugees



3,930 household handwashing devices distributed to the refugees



683 Menstrual Hygiene Management (MHM) kits distributed



1,200 aqua tabs distributed



10,738 waste bins distributed



10,111 kgs of compost provided to support the host community and refugee beneficiaries



SOCIAL COHESION



Courtyard session with host community ethnic group beneficiaries. ©IOM2022

Since the onset of the displacement, IOM has supported both the refugees in Cox's Bazar and the host communities, recognizing that the socio-economic impact on the two population groups is multidimensional. Thus, a significant focus has been on reducing disparities, inequalities, and social exclusion, while strengthening safety and security, social relations, and socio-economic interactions and ties. At present, IOM is working to support 204 host community members (returning migrants and vulnerable women) through the delivery of skills development for improving their economic activities and reintegration into the community. Additionally, IOM is working to upgrade the shelters and improve the living conditions for displaced persons from Myanmar and host communities in Cox's Bazar. IOM's partner Protyashi provides livelihood skills development support to the local beneficiaries.



Two participatory assessments with female CPP volunteers were conducted in Moheshkhali and Teknaf



220 beneficiaries received livelihoods skills development training



90 beneficiaries received business and financial management training



420 participants received training in DRR for increasing livelihood resilience



13 trainings conducted



22 families from Marma ethnic minority community reached out to include them in the project for their economic integration



NEEDS AND POPULATION MONITORING

IOM Bangladesh's Needs and Population Monitoring (NPM) was first launched in Cox's Bazar district, Bangladesh, in early 2017 and has consistently been a key data provider in the Rohingya humanitarian response. It tracks population numbers, needs, and vulnerabilities to inform the humanitarian response in Cox's Bazar for both Rohingya and host communities. NPM is part of IOM's global Displacement Tracking Matrix (DTM) programming. NPM partners and collaborates with the Inter-Sector Coordination Group (ISCG), other IOM units, sectors, and various organizations by designing and conducting a wide range of assessments and providing technical mapping capacity.

- NPM published "Four Years On Shifting Gendered Perceptions and Experiences-Comprehensive Gender Analysis within Rohingya and Host Communities in Cox's Bazar, Bangladesh" report with Gender in Humanitarian Action Working Group (GiHA WG).
- In partnership with the Shelter/NFI sector, NPM completed the quantitative data collection for the second round of the "Shelter Minimum Standard Survey," which aims to support the development of future shelter interventions in camps.
- NPM published the CFP Report for January and February 2022 (Common Feedback Platform- a monthly reporting for community feedback and referral mechanism within the Cox's Bazar response) with the steering committee.
- In collaboration with ACAPS, NPM completed two days of capacity-building training with Rohingya enumerators on basic research design and methodology.
- NPM, in coordination with Disaster Management Cluster (DMC) and MoDMR, has completed the piloting of Data Collection and Information Management Capacity building on disaster-induced displacement.
- NPM and ACAPS completed data analysis for "Rohingyar Hobor Trends survey - Round 3," and ongoing report drafting will be published in April 2022.



NPM volunteers are collecting data from beneficiaries. ©IOM2022

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