Refugee Population
882,000

New arrivals since 25 August 2017
582,000

People in Need
1.2 Million

HIGHLIGHTS 18 October 2017

Health
47,000 Rohingya reached with primary healthcare

WASH
678,000 liters of safe water trucked

Protection
11,000 benefit from dignity kits

Shelter & NFIs
379,000 individuals benefit from shelter

Funding Status: 21%
Needs: $120 M
$25 M

Rohingya families fleeing violence in Myanmar’s Rakhine State help each other every step of the way as they cross over to Bangladesh. An estimated 15,000 Rohingya wait to cross at Anjumanpara since 16 October. IOM is responding to the needs of the most vulnerable with security, shelter, food, and protection. Muse Mohammed @ IOM 2017
SITUATION OVERVIEW

Since 25 August 2017, an estimated 582,000 Rohingya have crossed into Bangladesh fleeing violence in Myanmar’s Rakhine State. The total Rohingya population in Bangladesh now surpasses 882,000. An estimated 300,000 Rohingya were previously displaced by conflict and are living in Bangladesh in makeshift settlements or with host communities. New arrivals are living in spontaneous settlements with increasing need of humanitarian assistance, including shelter, food, clean water, and sanitation. Poor road networks and insufficient drainage in the displacement sites make it difficult to reach new arrivals with urgent support.

The Government of Bangladesh (GOB) is working closely with IOM and the humanitarian community to meet the needs of the displaced population. As displacement continues from Myanmar the humanitarian and protection needs of the Rohingya population continue to rise. IOM and the humanitarian community continue to scale up operations and respond to the latest displacement as fast as possible which is critical given that many families have been forcibly displaced and experienced debilitating physical and emotional trauma.

IOM RESPONSE

Site Management

IOM works with key partners and the Government of Bangladesh to ensure appropriate access to displacement sites and to make sure that the refugee populations are able to receive services as quickly and effectively as possible. With increasing displacement this week, Site Management are working with current partners to improve access and infrastructure which will better serve the Rohingya whom have arrived. Site Management are prioritising:

- Road and infrastructure mapping
- Investigating road connections that will improve access to new sites
- Planning rehabilitation of settlement areas in Kutupalong Extension

IOM Director-General Swing meets with IOM leadership in Anjuman Para to plan and respond to the influx of an estimated 15,000 Rohingya on 16 October. Muse Mohammed @ IOM 2017
Health

IOM responds to the emergency and primary healthcare needs of the Rohingya and the affected host communities. IOM health teams have provided emergency and primary healthcare services to 47,000 patients, with 26,000 in Teknaf and 21,000 in Ukhiya. The team has set up delivery facilities and a patient stabilization unit in Kutupalong. The Ministry of Health initiated the world’s second-largest Oral Cholera Vaccination (OCV) Campaign with the World Health Organization (WHO). IOM is supporting the campaign with 200 volunteers. More than 679,000 Rohingya and host communities have been reached. IOM continues to conduct outreach and health education activities through 300 community health workers.

WASH

Hygiene and sanitation support is critically needed during the response. IOM has mobilized resources to support the Rohingya refugees receive the services they need. 678,000 litres of safe water has been trucked into spontaneous settlements with limited or no access to water and over 30,000 individuals have benefitted from hygiene kit distributions. 550 emergency pit latrines have been constructed and 89 mobile toilets have been installed to date. Nine deep tube wells have been completed against a target of 35, with more in progress.

Shelter and Non-Food Items

Shelter supplies and non-food items provide displaced populations with dignity, security, and privacy. To meet the needs of the Rohingya, IOM is working with partners to ensure that basic needs are met. To date, IOM has distributed over 85,000 tarpaulins which has benefitted 379,000 new arrivals. Over 24,000 umbrellas, 49,000 blankets, 29,000 sleeping mats, 48,000 bamboo poles and over 2,100 dignity kits have been distributed. To facilitate the procurement, storage and distribution of shelter materials for the Rohingya Crisis Response, IOM has set up a new logistics base with over 400m² of available space.
IOM’s CwC team is ensuring that Accountability to Affected Populations (AAP) is at the forefront of the response. The team encourages new arrivals to get biometrically registered and ensures they have access to information services. Approximately **100,000** individuals are registered and **500** new arrivals visit information hubs each day. Information Service Centres are currently located in **eight** locations.

Protection issues are critical during the Rohingya Crisis Response and meeting these urgent needs is crucial to the well-being and safety of the most vulnerable in the population. Women and Children remain most at risk and require specialist care and attention. IOM is responding to Gender Based Violence (GBV) and Counter Trafficking (CT). The IOM team is working to construct and fully equip safe spaces in Leda, Balukali, Kutupalong, and Shamlapur. They are also ensuring that vulnerable Rohingya refugees have access to the protection services they require.

IOM is supporting Extremely Vulnerable Individuals (EVIs) and Gender Based Violence (GBV) cases. IOM also provides psychological first aid (PFA) to those who need it. The protection team advise and refer cases to health services or offer other specialist care services. Over **2,100** dignity kits and **1,000** solar lanterns have been distributed to vulnerable women, and more will be distributed.
The Inter Sector Coordination Group (ISCG), led by IOM, is coordinating the Rohingya Refugee Crisis. Since 25 August, the ISCG has disseminated regular situation updates and key messages, organised coordination meetings, and developed and updated maps of the expansion areas and spontaneous settlements. The ISCG ensures timely, coordinated, needs-based, and evidence-driven humanitarian assistance for efficient use of resources and to avoid duplication. ISCG also develops and regularly updates a Situation Report with the 4W data of sectors’ operations. IOM’s Needs and Population Monitoring assessment has tracked the movement of new arrivals. Data collection for the round 6 report is complete and the report has been publicly released. Mapping of the collective sites hosting Rohingya populations follows:
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