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IOM Bangladesh Rohingya Refugee Crisis Response

External
Update

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Rohingya Population in
Cox's Bazar

839,000

New Arrivals since
25 August 2017

626,000

People in Need

1.2 Million



A Rohingya family standing outside their IOM supported shelter. IOM 2017

HIGHLIGHTS 7 December 2017

Shelter & NFIs



526,000 individuals
benefit from shelter

Protection



91,000 individuals
benefit from Protection assistance

WASH



25 Deep Tube Wells functional
65,000 people reached with
latrines

Funding Status: 45%

Health



109,000 patients reached
with primary healthcare





SITUATION OVERVIEW

Since 25 August 2017, an estimated **626,000** Rohingya have crossed into Bangladesh fleeing violence in Myanmar's Rakhine State, increasing the total Rohingya population in Cox's Bazar to **839,000**. New arrivals are living in spontaneous settlements with increasing need of humanitarian assistance, including shelter, food, clean water, and sanitation. **Key challenges** include a high risk of communicable diseases due to crowded living conditions and inadequate WASH facilities, limited ability to provide comprehensive protection services due to over-crowdedness with many risks getting exacerbated, and risks such as landslides and floods (the natural flow of water has been severely affected and increased human settlements on the hills and deforestation are aggravating the risks of landslides). IOM is working closely with the Government of Bangladesh (GOB) and the humanitarian community to meet the needs of the displaced population. As displacement continues, the humanitarian and protection needs of the Rohingya also rise. IOM and the humanitarian community are scaling up operations to respond to the needs of new arrivals, existing Rohingya, and affected host communities.

IOM RESPONSE



Site Management & Site Development

IOM is coordinating the Site Management and Site Development Sector

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. Selected updates include:

- ✓ The SMS team supported the Army in coordination meetings in Shamlapur (Site Management Support came to an agreement with the Army that weekly coordination would start to take place in Shamlapur) and Unchiprang.
- ✓ 43 new arrivals households were received from Rubber Garden and necessary assistance was coordinated.
- ✓ The first round of cash-for-work activity has been conducted by the site management team in Balukhali this week. Day labourers worked on cleaning a drain and preparing a dumping site identified in coordination with WASH actors.
- ✓ A Site Planning Taskforce Meeting chaired by RRRC presented a macro settlement development plan created with inputs from AFD, IOM, LGED, WFP, and UNHCR.
- ✓ RRRC approved five (5) roads proposed by IOM in Balukhali and Jamtoli.
- ✓ Stakeholders were engaged for the Pan Bazar Road extension, including contractors, CIC, DRC, and IOM.
- ✓ NPM Round 7 data collection completed in all makeshift settlements (not formal refugee camps). Assessments in formal refugee camps are ongoing.



Over-crowdedness is exacerbating many risks. IOM 2017



WASH

Water, Hygiene, and Sanitation support is critically needed during the response. IOM continues to mobilize resources to support the Rohingya and affected host population receive WASH services. **1,200** cubic metres of water have been trucked into spontaneous settlements with limited access to water to maintain SPHERE standards. Over **55,000** individuals benefitted from hygiene kit distributions. **1,300** emergency latrines have been constructed to date, supporting **65,000** individuals. **25** deep tube wells have been completed and are functional.



Shelter and Non-Food Items

IOM leads the Shelter and NFI Sector in Cox's Bazar

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 **116,000** tarpaulins, benefitting **526,000** new arrivals. Additionally, **32,000** individuals benefitted from NFI distributions. IOM is procuring items for a common pipeline that is being accessed by IOM and other agencies, including World Vision, Christian aid, and Solidarites International.



Health

IOM works with the Health Sector and the Ministry of Health to strengthen primary healthcare services

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 **109,000** patients and continue to provide emergency health services to newly arrived Rohingya through **19** health facilities. IOM is integrating nutrition services in clinics along with UNICEF and continues to assess and integrate new healthcare services based on the needs of the Rohingya refugees.



Collection of shelter kits donated by DFID for Rohingya refugees in Balukhali. IOM 2017



Protection

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). A Safe Space in Balukhali is complete and the IOM team is working to construct and fully equip additional safe spaces in Leda, Kutupalong, and Shamlapur. The team is also ensuring that vulnerable Rohingya refugees have access to the protection services they require.

Since 25 August, IOM has supported **91,000** vulnerable individuals, including having provided over **3,400** people with psychological first aid (PFA), identified **14,000** extremely vulnerable individuals, and distributed **3,600** dignity kits and **11,000** solar lanterns among vulnerable people.



Mother and child in an IOM clinic. IOM 2017



Inter Sector Coordination Group (ISCG)

IOM is hosting the sector based coordination structure for the Rohingya Crisis Response

The Inter Sector Coordination Group (ISCG), hosted by IOM, is coordinating the Rohingya Refugee Crisis. The ISCG produced two situation updates and the weekly comprehensive weekly situation report incorporating a new funding page to easily understand the gaps in funding and the number of people reached. ISCG also organized a roundtable for National Media on Monday, 4 December that consisted of sector leads briefing the media on the challenges and achievements of the response over the last 3 months. ISCG facilitates timely, coordinated, needs-based, and evidence-driven humanitarian assistance for efficient use of resources and to avoid duplication, and produces regular Situation [Reports](#) and [4W maps and data](#).



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