



Sports day event, Songkhla, Thailand © IOM 2016

Highlights 1-31 August 2016

■ **Bangladesh:** During August, IOM provided return assistance, including food and onward transportation, to nine Bangladeshis, including one minor, returning from Indonesia and Malaysia. To date, IOM has provided return assistance to **2,688** Bangladeshis.

■ **Indonesia:** As of 31 August, there are a total of **259** migrants (256 Myanmar Muslims from Rakhine State and three Bangladeshis) throughout five shelters in Aceh and North Sumatra. In August, one Bangladeshi migrant returned under IOM's Assisted Voluntary Return (AVR) programme. Under the programme, IOM has assisted 765 migrants with return to their home country.

■ **Thailand:** To date, **329** migrants (313 Myanmar Muslims from Rakhine State and 16 Bangladeshi migrants) remain in six Immigration Detention Centres, five Shelters for Children and Families, and five Welfare Protection Centres for Victims of Trafficking in Thailand. Of the 329 migrants, 68 are female adults, 117 are male adults, and 144 are children.

Situation Overview

At least **5,543** persons who departed from Myanmar and Bangladesh managed to disembark in Bangladesh, Indonesia, Malaysia, Myanmar, and Thailand, between 10 May and 30 July 2015. Embarkation recommenced on 20 September and at least **1,500** persons departed from Myanmar and Bangladesh from September to December 2015.

588 stranded Myanmar Muslims from Rakhine State and Bangladeshis remain in shelters and Immigration Detention Centres in Indonesia and Thailand. IOM continues to provide shelter support, non-food items, health screenings, WASH support, and psychosocial support.

2,688 Bangladeshis who disembarked after 10 May in Indonesia, Malaysia, Myanmar, and Thailand returned to Bangladesh under IOM's AVR Programme and Government agreements.

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AVR: Assisted Voluntary Return
IDC: Immigration Detention Centre
NFI: Non-Food Items

WASH: Water, Sanitation & Hygiene
ICS: Integrated Community Shelter

IOM RESPONSE

Bangladesh



Psychosocial counselling session, Jessore © IOM 2016

Migrants assisted with AVR in August 2016

8 Men	
1 Boy	

Migration Management & Coordination

The Bangladesh Red Crescent Society (BDRCS), in coordination with IOM, provided free phone call service for all nine Bangladeshis who returned in August. A total of five returnees contacted the NGO 'Thengamara Mohila Sabuj Sangha (TMSS)', which provides skills development training such as engineering and computer skills. The returnees expressed greater interest in going abroad than receiving training. The TMSS explained the purpose of training and is awaiting final confirmation from the returnees.

Psychosocial Support

In August, IOM organized seven psychosocial counselling sessions for 168 returnees in Dhaka, Jessore, and Cox's Bazar districts. Through group therapy, a professional counselor has helped the returnees reduce their trauma, reintegrate into their family, community, and possible future local employment.



Psychosocial counselling session, Cox's Bazar © IOM 2016

Indonesia



Mariyam

"I left Myanmar with my three children, for the same reasons my people leave the country. I am happy here with my children, although I always miss my siblings and relatives in my country. I am worried about them and the situation they face in the country. I hope I can be resettled in another country so my children can get an education in a new country."

Migrants assisted with shelter/NFIs, health/nutrition and psychosocial support in August 2016

111 Men	
33 Women	
80 Boys	
35 Girls	

Health & Nutrition

In collaboration with the Government, IOM continued to provide primary health care services three days per week at each shelter. In August, IOM conducted 329 consultation visits, through which 23 beneficiaries were referred to specialists and five beneficiaries required hospitalization.

IOM continued to work closely with the Government's on-site health monitoring posts in order to provide comprehensive health check-ups for particularly vulnerable migrants. In August, 54 migrants including pregnant women, lactating mothers, and children under five years old received health check-ups. In this month, deworming tablets were distributed to all migrants except for pregnant woman and children under two years old; the latter were monitored by the health team for regular

injection of diabetes prevention trial—type 1 (DPT-1) and polio vaccination. All migrants in need of particular support received additional food nutrition and multivitamins.

In August, the IOM medical team conducted 18 health promotion and education activities for migrants in Aceh and Medan as well as hair lice screenings in Medan. IOM also distributed 1,231 additional nutritional food packages and multivitamins to all migrants.



Temporary Shelter & Non-Food Items (NFIs)

In August, IOM provided 95 units of water trucks to address insufficient water supply in the shelters in Timbang Langsa and Dinsos Lhokbani. In the Integrated Community Shelter (ICS) in Lhoksuemawe, IOM refurbished the drive way. IOM also conducted regular grass cutting and trimming of the hedges, as well as fumigation to maintain cleanliness in the shelter and minimize the impact and numbers of insects.

IOM distributed 259 hygiene kits containing soap, toothpaste, toothbrush, detergent powder, shampoo, mosquito repellent, men’s razors, and sanitary napkins for women to all migrants in Aceh and Medan in August.



Psychosocial Support

IOM continued to provide psychosocial support through educational, recreational, and vocational activities on a weekly basis. In August, IOM started embroidery and beauty classes for the female migrants in ICS-Lhokseumawe. For the ongoing gardening activities, IOM provided 50 kg of fertilizer, 15 packages of seeds, five hoes, and five gardening forks in Timbang Langsa shelter. In addition, individual and group counselling for the migrants was also organized on site by the IOM psychosocial team and referral to psychologists for special cases took place as necessary.



Return Assistance

In August, IOM Indonesia assisted one Bangladeshi migrant to return to his home country. A total of 765 Bangladeshi migrants have returned from Indonesia under IOM’s AVR programme, while 71 migrants escaped from shelters. Two Bangladeshis remain in the Medan shelter awaiting return documentation from the Embassy of Bangladesh and one Bangladeshi migrant cancelled his AVR assistance request for personal reasons.



Migration Management & Coordination

In this reporting period, the IOM team in Lhoksemauwe had a meeting with the Secretary of Regency to reinforce the protection and referral system for vulnerable migrants and enhance better management system in the shelter.

As of 31 August, all 256 remaining Myanmar Muslims from Rakhine State have acquired refugee status. IOM Indonesia has assisted in the departures of a total of 14 migrants, including three unaccompanied children, for their resettlement.

Thailand



Fofayel

“I was a religious teacher when I was in Bangladesh. In July 2014, when I was at a local market in my country, someone approached to me asking to recite the Holy Quran at a funeral. I followed them and was sent on a boat. After a month on the boat, I was sent to a camp in Thailand. In the camp I had been severely beaten for nine months until the Thai police caught us. I greatly appreciate IOM’s support, especially health assistance, I have received since I left the camp. I will try to find a job when I return to my country.”

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Migrants assisted with shelter/NFIs, health/nutrition and psychosocial support in August 2016

117 Men	
68 Women	
91 Boys	
53 Girls	



Health & Nutrition

On 1-2 August, an IOM medical team conducted health assessment for 113 Myanmar Muslims from Rakhine State and Bangladeshi migrants at the Immigration Detention Centre (IDC), shelter, and Welfare Protection Centre in Songkhla. Amongst them, 22 migrants also received medical screenings for their resettlement.

IOM nurses continue to conduct weekly medical check-ups and follow-up treatments for Myanmar Muslims from Rakhine State and Bangladeshi migrants with cases of skin infection, cold, diarrhoea, asthma, hypertension, diabetes, tonsillitis, and toothaches in Phang-Nga, Ranong, Songkhla, and Suratthani. IOM also provided vaccination for the measles, mumps, and rubella (MMR), Hepatitis B, tetanus-diphtheria (TD) for four Myanmar Muslims from Rakhine State in Songkhla.

IOM also provides food and/or supplemental nutritional support such as milk, biscuits, and fruit for 290 migrants including Myanmar Muslims from Rakhine State and Bangladeshis in Phang-Nga, Ranong, Songkhla, and Suratthani.



Psychosocial Support

During the reporting period, psychosocial support included recreational activities, bag embroidery, and basket weaving classes. Beneficiaries have expressed their desire to continue to participate in the classes as they wish to further develop their skills. Group discussions were also carried out successfully during this month at Ranong Shelter. In Phang-Nga shelter, IOM continued to coordinate with Diocesan Social Action Centre (DISAC), Foundation for Education and Development (FED) and Muslims for Peace Foundation to conduct psychosocial support activities for beneficiaries. These activities included the coordination of a sports day event for Myanmar Muslims from Rakhine State which was carried out successfully.

On 23-26 August, IOM, in coordination with the Welfare Protection Centre for Victims of Trafficking, organized sports events for 169 migrants including Myanmar Muslims from Rakhine State in Songkhla. The event aimed to encourage the migrants to engage in outdoor activities and enhance cooperation amongst themselves as well as between the migrants and the officials. During the event, the migrants participated in variety of sports activities including football, racing, sepak takraw, and tug-of-war. IOM provided t-shirts, snacks, and materials for the activities.



Temporary Shelter & Non-Food Items (NFIs)

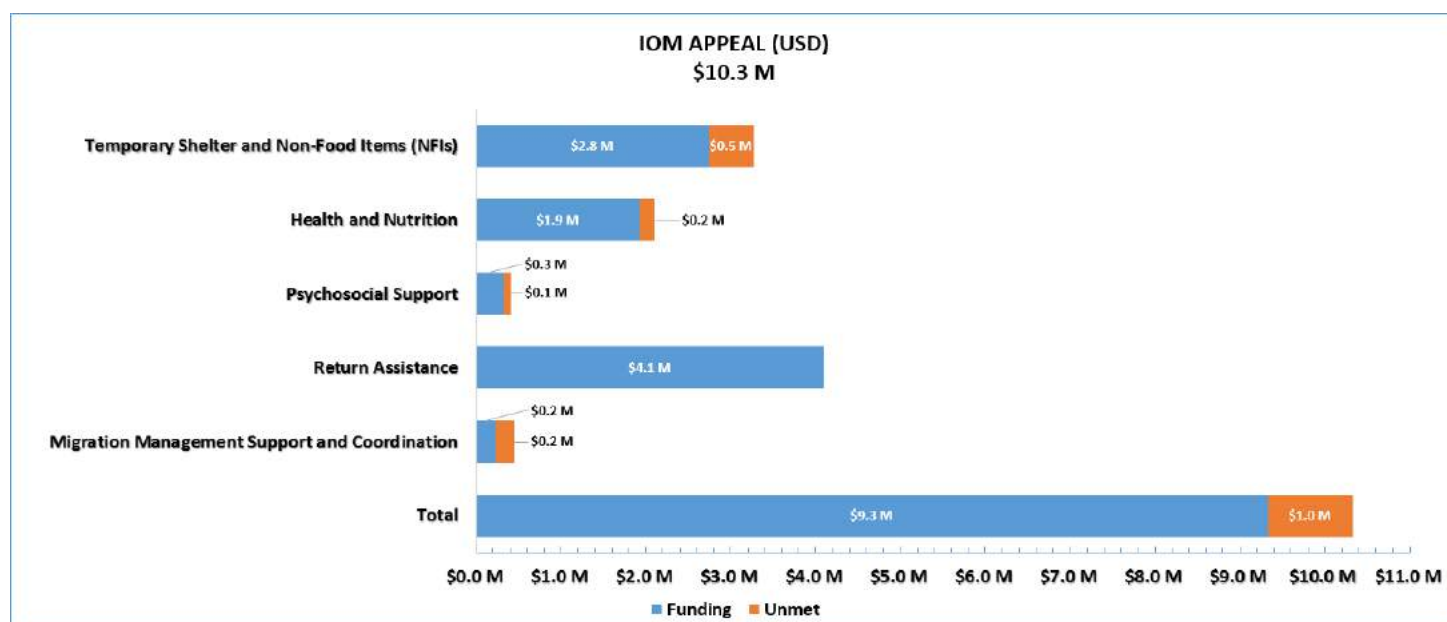
In August, IOM provided clothes for 105 Myanmar Muslims from Rakhine State and Bangladeshis in Songkhla. IOM also distributed 306 sets of monthly hygiene kits containing toothbrush, toothpaste, shampoo, cool powder, soap, detergent, hair oil, mosquito repellents, men's razors, and sanitary napkins for women in all locations. IOM also provided 13 sets of school uniforms for children in Songkhla and Phang-Nga as well as sports equipment and cleaning materials in Ranong.

Overview

	Beneficiaries in shelters and IDCs since 10 May 2015	Beneficiaries currently in shelters and IDCs - as of 31 August 2016 -	Bangladeshi returnees - as of 31 August 2016 -
Bangladesh	134	-	-
Indonesia	1,820	259	765
Malaysia	1,107	N/A	665
Myanmar	1,048	-	777
Thailand	153	329	481
TOTAL	4,262	588	2,688

Summary of IOM Activities within the Regional Appeal

Activities	Country				
	Bangladesh	Indonesia	Malaysia	Myanmar	Thailand
Temporary Shelter & Non-Food Items	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Health & Nutrition Support	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Psychosocial Support	✓	✓	✓		✓
Return Assistance	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Migration Management Support & Coordination	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓



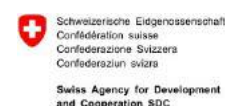
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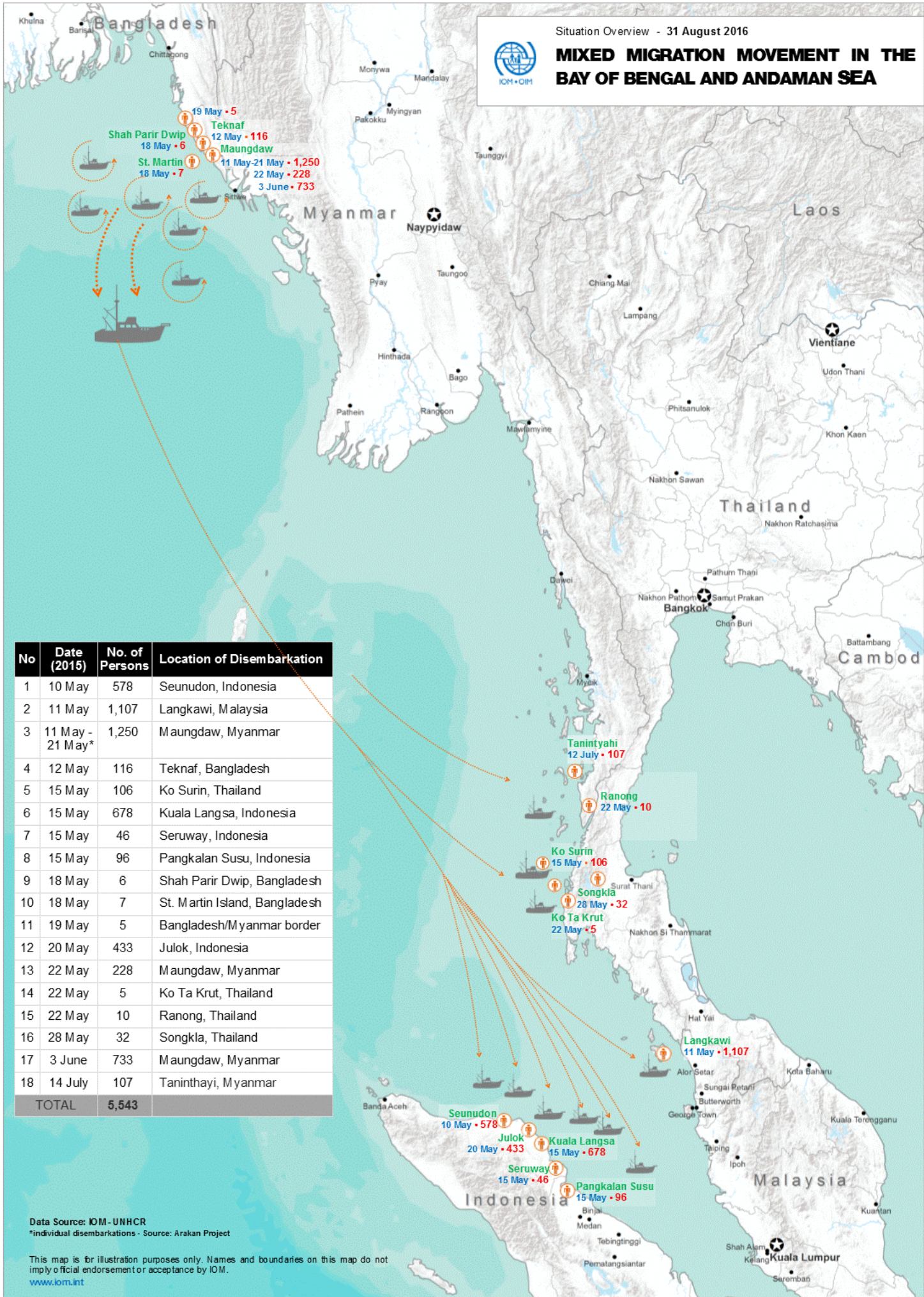
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MIXED MIGRATION MOVEMENT IN THE BAY OF BENGAL AND ANDAMAN SEA



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