

868,000

Rohingya Population in Cox's Bazar
District

655,500

New Rohingya Arrivals since 25 August 2017
in Cox's Bazar

1.2 Million

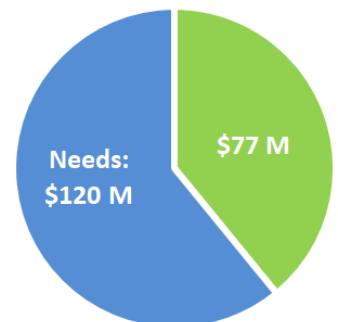
People in Need in Cox's Bazar



Diphtheria child patient and IOM doctor at IOM Diphtheria Treatment Centre. Fiona MacGregor @ IOM 2018

Key Highlights

- IOM Shelter/NFIs conducted a **Distributions Orientation** on 6 January 2018 to share lessons learned, challenges, master roll registration and to discuss distribution 'Dos' and 'Don'ts'.
- 20 health promoters have been trained **on the psychosocial approach and the Belief Model** to increase their capacity to understand and encourage healthy behavior in patients.
- IOM Protection has begun **utilizing IOM's MIMOSA Database** to track counter trafficking cases with the help of two case workers.



64% funded | \$77 Million
out of \$120 Million

[IOM Rohingya Refugee
Crisis Appeal](#)



Shelter & NFIs: 572,500 individuals supported with emergency shelter materials

Health: 163,000 patients reached with primary healthcare

WASH: 45 deep tube wells functional; 88,500 people reached with latrines

Protection: 93,000 individuals benefit from Protection assistance



Situation Overview

Since 25 August 2017, an estimated **655,500** Rohingya have crossed into Bangladesh fleeing violence in Myanmar's Rakhine State, increasing the total Rohingya population in Cox's Bazar to **868,000**. New arrivals are living in spontaneous settlements with an increasing need for humanitarian assistance; including shelter, clean water, and sanitation.

Current and ongoing challenges in the crisis response include difficulties coordinating with Majhis, insufficient space to build adequate disposal and processing sites for WASH facilities, lack of qualified female staff for protection

activities to promote a gender-balanced environment, and active case-finding for diphtheria cases.

IOM works closely with the Government of Bangladesh and the humanitarian community to meet needs. IOM and its partners continue to scale up operations to respond to the needs of new arrivals, existing Rohingya, and affected host communities.

The IOM Cox's Bazar team continues to grow, now including a Resilience and Environment Unit to oversee longer-term programming that complements the current humanitarian response.

IOM Response



Site Management & Site Development

IOM is coordinating the Site Management and Site Development Sector

Site Management & Site Development works alongside WFP, UNHCR, and the Government of Bangladesh to formulate the macro plan for the issues and infrastructure that affect the overall camps. The macro plan provides a framework for the planning and management of smaller Zones. IOM is working on large scale infrastructure that includes roads, permanent water crossings (bridges, culverts), and permanent buildings. Large scale infrastructure follows the macro plan and is executed in the camps. Small scale zonal interventions happen in IOM-managed Zones. These include drainage improvements, water point improvements, accessibility improvements, road and path improvements, and slope stability improvements. These improvements are often conducted via Cash-for-Work activities, with Rohingya refugees among the labourers paid for work.

Sector updates and activities include:

- Focus Group Discussions (FGDs) for community participation have been initiated:
 - 2 FGDs were completed (1 with male leaders, 1 with female leaders) in Unchiprang.
 - 2 planned FGDs were conducted to **understand how to better set up community structures** for male and female community leaders.
 - 6 FGDs have been conducted to **identify community needs** in Zone KK.
- **Fire safety assessments** began in Camp 9 and 10 in coordination with Site Development, WASH, and the Ukhia fire safety brigade team.
- **88 daily workers were recruited** for Cash for Work for light waste management and cleaning in Camp 9.
- Construction of **Pan Bazar Road** is set to start 11 January 2018.
- Completion of 3 CiC Hubs in Zones LL and MM and completion of 1 Information Hub in Zone MM
- Construction/Improvement of ~450 linear metres of pedestrian pathway (Balukhali, Zones LL/XX/WW/SS/JJ)
- Construction of **5 reinforced concrete culvert pedestrian crossings**
- Construction of **25 bamboo bridges** in Balukhali and Zones LL, XX and JJ



Water, Hygiene, and Sanitation

IOM continues to mobilize resources to support the Rohingya refugees and vulnerable host population in the provision of WASH services. **1,584 cubic metres** of drinkable water have been trucked into spontaneous settlements. Over **134,000 individuals** have benefitted from hygiene kits and in-kind donations to date, ensuring the well-being of women and adolescent girls as well as the general community. **1,769 emergency latrines** have been constructed, supporting **88,500 individuals**. **45 deep tube wells** have been completed and are functional, providing safe water to over **45,000 beneficiaries**. Additionally, the WASH sector continues to construct wash rooms in various Zones.



Health

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

To respond to the ongoing diphtheria outbreak, a Diphtheria Task Force has been established by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare and WHO. IOM is a member of the core committee. IOM currently has three Diphtheria Treatment Centres (DTC) functioning in Kutupalong, Leda and Zone AA. These facilities have provided treatment to more than 158 patients to date.

To strengthen coordination with WHO and to improve data collection and analysis, **14 IOM medical officers from 13 clinics in Ukhia attended Early Warning, Alert and Response System (EWARS) training** organized by WHO.

Additionally, 20 health promoters have been trained on the psychosocial approach and the Belief Model to increase their capacity to understand and encourage healthy behaviour in patients.

Finally, **Key Informant Interviews (KIIs) were held in Leda with 8 Majhis** to identify Mental Health and Psychosocial Service needs as well as to discuss language surrounding perceptions of mental health and psychosocial wellbeing.



Shelter and Non Food Items

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

This week, **IOM distributed bamboo bundles for 2,000 households and supported 30 new arrivals** with emergency shelter and essential household items. The Shelter and NFI team continues to address the needs of new arrivals via emergency shelter and NFI distribution, and support most vulnerable families with site clearance/shelter set-up assistance.

IOM, as the Shelter/NFI Sector Lead Agency, is procuring a large amount of Upgrade Shelter Kits (USK), and setting up a sector-led Common Pipeline open to sector partners. With the distribution of the USKs, **IOM will carry out an integrated Shelter DRR programme** including technical assistance and community awareness, to support shelter upgrades before the upcoming cyclone season.



Individual mental health and psychosocial session with a child patient using a narrative technique. Olga Rebolledo @ IOM 2018



PROTECTION

Protection issues are integral to the Rohingya Crisis Response and addressing such needs ensures the well-being and safety of the most vulnerable in the population. IOM is responding to Gender Based Violence (GBV), Child Protection (CP), and Counter Trafficking (CT) as well general Protection issues. **Mainstreaming of Child Protection and Protection activities will commence** once the partnership with a new Implementing Partner (IP) has been completed. Additionally, IOM Protection has begun **utilizing IOM's MIMOSA Database** to log trafficking cases with the help of two case workers. The GBV team

conducted training for the Safe Shelter Manager (host community) and Counsellor to **ensure compliance with Shelter Standard Operating Procedure (SOP)**.

In the past week, IOM responded to 129 Protection/GBV cases. Overall, IOM has identified **15,126 extremely vulnerable individuals** and 432 GBV cases have been assisted through IOM's case management. Additionally, **4,077 individuals have received psychological first-aid** and **24 Victims of Trafficking (VOTs)** have been identified and assisted.



Mahji (community leader) capacity building in Zone LL. Nicolas Andrade @ IOM 2018

INTER-SECTOR COORDINATION GROUP

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. This week, the ISCG Information Management Cell is coordinating with Translators without Borders, Needs and Population Monitoring (NPM) and others to compile a Key Terms glossary. The ISCG's NGO Coordination Cell continues to update the list of non-government

organizations (NGOs) involved in the response. 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](#).



IOM in the Media

2018 Brings No End to Violence Against Rohingya as Refugees Continue to Flee to Bangladesh

IOM (05 Jan 2018)

Cox's Bazar – This week, Rohingya refugees were still arriving in Cox's Bazar, Bangladesh – the New Year bringing no end to the reports of violence and fears, which forced them to flee their homes in Myanmar.

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