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# IOM Bangladesh: Rohingya Refugee Crisis Response External Update

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## 900,000

Rohingya Population in Cox's Bazar  
District

## 688,000

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

## 1.2 Million

People in Need in Cox's Bazar



*New arrivals in the Zones SS and WW of Kutupalong Balukhali Expansion Site. @ IOM 2018*

## Key Highlights

- ◆ A **Shelter/NFI Common Pipeline** has been established, including an **application system and supply numbers**. Agreements with pipeline partners will be signed from next week aiming to release the Upgrade Shelter Kits (USKs) from the beginning of February 2018.
- ◆ The Protection team conducted a **training with law enforcement** on "**Combating Human Trafficking and Assisting the Victims**", attended by a total of 39 participants (27 Police and 12 Ansar — 26 men and 13 women).
- ◆ To foster local participation and decision making, the Site Management team organized initial trainings for the newly formed **Para Development Committee (PDC) in Leda** — a platform in which all community members are represented and have a chance to participate more meaningfully in defining solutions to the needs and gaps.
- ◆ **184,500 patients** were reached with **primary healthcare**.



## Situation Overview

Since 25 August 2017, an estimated **688,000** Rohingya have crossed into Bangladesh fleeing violence in Myanmar's Rakhine State, increasing the total Rohingya population in Cox's Bazar to over **900,000**. New arrivals are living in spontaneous settlements with an increasing need for humanitarian assistance; including shelter, clean water, and sanitation.

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**Key challenges** include access related issues to transport materials, insufficient space to build adequate services and facilities, and scarcity of land for planned relocations in Teknaf.

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.

## IOM Response



### Site Management & Site Development

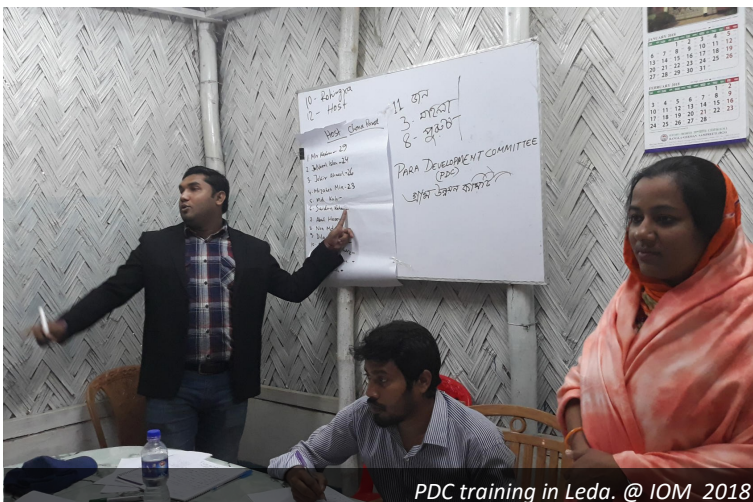
IOM is coordinating the Site Management and Site Development Sector

To foster community and refugee engagement and decision making, a new **Para Development Committee (PDC)** was created in **Leda**. A PDC is a platform in which all community members are represented and have a chance to **participate more meaningfully in defining solutions to the identified needs and gaps**. A pilot test was successfully carried out and was well received by refugees, host community members and other stakeholders present during the training process. The training included sessions on the constitution of the PDC, their roles and responsibilities and Cash for Work (CfW) modalities.

**Site Development activities** are ongoing in Balukhali Expansion Site and Teknaf settlements, including rehabilitation, care and maintenance activities with **over 400 daily workers recruited to construct drainage, pedestrian pathways and fence graveyards**.

The construction of a road in Jamtoli is nearing completion and will provide critical **access to a new distribution point** at the center of the camp and increase coverage for refugees living in the most densely inhabited areas of the camp. The construction of the Pan Bazar Extension road in Balukhali commenced this week and will provide a secondary **access route to the Balukhali Primary Health Care Center**.

IOM has produced **flood hazard maps** for Balukhali Expansion Site based on field measurements, small watershed discharge calculations and site verification, and shall continue to disseminate this information to partners and reinforce the **ongoing emergency preparedness and response planning**.



PDC training in Leda. @ IOM 2018



## Shelter and Non Food Items

During the reporting period, IOM distributed **bamboo bundles for 63 households, 7,900 kitchen set, and 442 solar lights**. The Shelter/NFI team continues to address the needs of new arrivals, and support the most vulnerable families with **site clearance/shelter set-up assistance**.

A **Shelter/NFI Common Pipeline** has been established, including an **application system and supply numbers**. Agreements with pipeline partners will be signed from next week aiming to release the Upgrade Shelter Kits (USKs) from the beginning of February 2018.

In conjunction with distribution of USKs, IOM and partners will start a sector wide **shelter upgrade programme**. IOM will provide a series of Training of Trainers (ToT) for agency staff and volunteers to enable them to provide technical assistance and appropriate monitoring during the shelter upgrade programme. IOM is inviting partners to the initial ToT scheduled on 3-4 of February 2018.



## Water, Hygiene, and Sanitation

IOM continues to mobilize resources to support the Rohingya refugees and vulnerable host population in the provision of WASH services. **1,713 cubic meters** of drinkable water have been trucked into spontaneous settlements. **1,944 latrines** have been constructed, benefitting over **97,200 individuals**. **54 deep tube wells** have been completed and are functional, providing safe water to over **54,000 beneficiaries**.

Additionally, the WASH sector completed the construction of **16 washrooms** in Hindupara. The creation of an additional 82 washrooms is ongoing in various zones.



## Health

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

The cumulative number of **medical consultations** since **25 August 2017** reached **184,500**, including **894** children under 5 who were admitted for severe acute malnutrition (SAM) treatment. IOM's three Diphtheria Treatment Centers (DTCs) continue to operate in Kutupalong (D4), Leda, and Zone AA. 2,061 patients have been triaged at the DTCs and **383 Diphtheria patients have been provided with treatment** to date.

The Mental Health and Psychosocial Services (MHPSS) unit organized a **training for 15 health staff**, including doctors and nurses. The training aimed at including **psychosocial basic support into the general process of admission of patients into DTCs**. The training included basic psychosocial skills such as active listening, circular questioning, self-care and systemic approach to understand families.



Restoring playfulness at a health care center in Leda. @ 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 as general Protection issues.

This week, the Counter-Trafficking team organized a **training on "Combating Human Trafficking and Assisting the Victims" with law enforcement agents**, attended by a total of 39 participants (27 Police and 12 Ansar —26 men and 13 women).

With regards to **GBV** activities, a **Psychosocial First Aid** training was attended by 26 psychosocial service workers on **Sexual and Gender Based Violence (SGBV) case management**.

During the past week, IOM responded to 159 Protection/Gender-Based Violence (GBV) cases. Overall, IOM has identified **15,151 extremely vulnerable individuals** and **447 GBV cases** have been assisted through IOM's case management. Additionally, **4,153 individuals** have received **Psychosocial First Aid** and **24 Victims of Trafficking (VoTs)** have been identified and assisted.



Training of law enforcement agents on combating human trafficking and assisting the victims. @ 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. 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](#).

## RESILIENCE AND ENVIRONMENT MANAGEMENT

The recently established Resilience and Environment Management Unit will oversee longer-term programming to complement humanitarian response. In particular, the unit will drive initiatives on environmental protection, access to energy, disaster risk reduction, social cohesion, service delivery and livelihoods, stressing host community participation.



IOM and UN partners met with the director of the **World LPG Association (WLPGA)** to discuss partnership opportunities in the framework of **large-scale provision of LPG and improved cook sets for refugees and host communities**. The initiative seeks to improve access to **affordable and clean cooking fuel**, and thereby **reduces protection risks and impacts on local forests**. IOM held follow-on meetings with members of the inter-agency Technical Working Group on Energy and Environment to further advance operational planning for the **launch of a pilot LPG project targeting 6,000 households**.

Separately the resilience team worked with the project support unit to prepare a **disaster risk reduction programme** for rollout in February, working as the consortium lead among UN and non-UN partners. The

project initiative, which is still subject to funding, will provide **significant support to resilience-strengthening of refugee and host communities, and capacity development of district and local disaster management committees**, in advance of the rapidly approaching cyclone and monsoon season.

In the same week, the Resilience team worked collaboratively with the Site Management team to **identify quick-impact projects in host communities**. Through a process of consultation with an IOM-supported PDC, road rehabilitation works could begin in Shamlapur, Teknaf sub-district, and preparations were made for the provision of **essential equipment to local disaster response volunteers**.

## IOM in the news

### Rohingya refugees in Bangladesh afraid to go home

Charles Stratford, Aljazeera (20 Jan 2018)

*Rohingya refugees who escaped to Bangladesh are due to start returning to Myanmar next week.*

*More than 650,000 are living in makeshift camps after fleeing violence and persecution over the past five months.*

*But the UN and rights groups are raising grave concerns about the repatriation process.*

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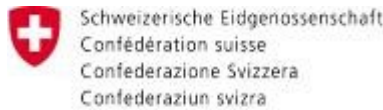
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