



International Organization for Migration (IOM)
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IOM Bangladesh: Rohingya Refugee Crisis Response External Update

22-28 December 2017

868,000

Rohingya Population in Cox's Bazar

655,000

New Arrivals since 25 August 2017
in Cox's Bazar

1.2 Million

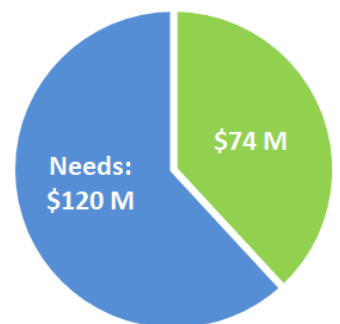
People in Need in Cox's Bazar



A Rohingya boy in Kutupalong Mega Camp. Shintaro Higashiyama @ IOM 2017

Key Highlights

- As of 28 December, IOM has distributed over 124,000 tarpaulins, 9,000 bamboo bundles, 200,000 blankets, 125,000 floor mats and 35,000 kitchen sets as **key emergency shelter materials**.
- IOM's **Diphtheria Treatment Centre** in the Kutupalong Expansion Site opened on 24 December and is currently accepting mild cases. IOM also trained 50 health promoters and 9 health supervisors on Outreach Activities and Contract Tracing. Please click [here](#) for IOM's latest video on its New Treatment and Isolation Facilities in Cox's Bazar.
- IOM Protection team conducted training sessions with Needs and Population Monitoring enumerators on **protection mainstreaming and referral pathways**.



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[IOM Rohingya Refugee Crisis Appeal](#)



Shelter & NFIs: 564,000 individuals benefit from shelter

Health: 135,000 patients reached with primary healthcare

WASH: 32 Deep tube wells functional; 83,300 people reached with latrines

Protection: 92,000 individuals benefit from Protection assistance



Situation Overview

Since 25 August 2017, an estimated **655,000** 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 increasing need of humanitarian assistance, including shelter and clean water, and sanitation.

In addition to ongoing challenges such as inadequate WASH facilities and lack of motorable road access to transport building materials, another concern is the **Diphtheria outbreak**.

According to WHO, between 8 November and 26 December, **2,526 suspected case-patients with diphtheria were reported** with 27 deaths. Cases have been reported from both Ukhiya and Teknaf with urgent efforts required to scale up prevention and treatment response.

IOM works closely with the Government and the humanitarian community to meet the needs of the displaced population. 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

IOM works with key partners and the Government of Bangladesh to ensure appropriate access to displacement sites and to make sure that the refugee population is able to receive services as quickly and effectively as possible. Selected updates include:

- **Cash for Work (CfW)** activities for 49 workers were conducted by the IOM teams in the Balukhali Mega Site on the 16 and 21 December. IOMs CfW activities were also conducted to improve pedestrian access in Balukhali.
- **Earthworks and road base work for Jamtoli road** is almost completed and will serve as a multi sector distribution hub. IOM and its partners have also started the construction of a new distribution point with a tool shed, in which workers can easily store their tools.
- IOM and its partners are also gearing up to **start the construction of the Pan Bazar Road** in the next week to help form the road network to allow for essential service delivery.



A View of the Kutupalong camp in Cox's Bazar Muse Mohammed@IOM2017



Water, Hygiene, and Sanitation

IOM continues to mobilize resources to support the Rohingya refugees and vulnerable host population in the provision of WASH services. **1,470 cubic metres** of drinkable water have been trucked into spontaneous settlements with limited access to groundwater to maintain minimum SPHERE standards. Over **100,000 individuals** benefitted from hygiene kits and in-kind donations, ensuring well-being of women and adolescent girls as well as the general community. **1,746 emergency latrines** have been constructed, supporting **87,300 individuals**. **32 deep tube wells** have been completed and are functional providing safe water to over **32,000 beneficiaries**.



Health

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

To respond to the 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's Diphtheria Treatment Centre (DTC) in the Kutupalong Expansion Site opened on 24 December and is currently accepting mild cases.

IOM also trained 50 Health Promoters and 9 Health Supervisors on Outreach Activities and Contact Tracing and **has deployed an emergency response officer** to assist with the ongoing outbreak as well as preparedness given the massive public health needs in the camps.

Additionally, **7 IOM Doctors and 5 Nurses** attended the WHO organized diphtheria case management training on 27th in Cox's Bazar. They will be working closely with the Emergency Medical Teams (EMTs) arriving from the United Kingdom and Australia later this week.

For more information, please click [here](#) for IOM's video on its New Treatment and Isolation Facilities in Cox's Bazar, which was released on 27th of December.



Shelter and Non Food Items

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

IOM together with its partners, has distributed over **40,000 blankets** and **20,000 floor mats** in the past two weeks in order to continue to meet the gaps and needs of new arrivals. The Shelter Sector is planning to distribute **4,000 kitchen sets** and **8,000 solar lights** by the end of the year.

To date, IOM has distributed **124,000 tarpaulins**, benefitting **564,000** new arrivals. Additionally, **360,000** individuals have benefitted from NFI distributions. IOM is procuring items for a common pipeline, which will be open for all shelter sector partners.



*IOM blanket distributions as part of Shelter/NFI scale up
Keisuke Kamiya @ IOM 2017*



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) and Counter Trafficking (CT). IOM has **demarcated sites for new women and girls' safe spaces in Zones ZA and WW** located in the Kutupalong-Balukhali Expansion Site. Construction of additional women and girls' spaces is underway in the Kutupalong-Balukhali Expansion Site

as well as continual development of programming for these spaces. The IOM team is also ensuring that vulnerable refugees have access to the protection services they require. Up to date, IOM has identified already **14,350 extremely vulnerable individuals** and 415 individuals who faced GBV were assisted through IOM's case management. Additionally, **3,810 individuals received psychological first-aid** and **12 Victims of Trafficking (VOTs)** have been identified and assisted.



Training conducted for 10 health workers from Ukhiya and Teknaf on mental health assessment tools. Alyssa Horvat @ IOM 2017

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 Reporting Cell supported the creation and management of a diphtheria vaccine survey for all NGOs to ensure the proper amount of vaccine was available to the international community. ISCG's Information Management Cell assisted in the joint development of a

needs comparison severity ranking model with all sectors; the model was finalized and data analysis is ongoing. 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

Rohingya Arrivals in Bangladesh Hit 655,000 as Winter Weather Brings New Shelter, Health Challenges

IOM (22 Dec)

Cox's Bazar – On Christmas day it will be four months since the start of the influx of Rohingya refugees into Bangladesh. Latest figures show 655,000 people have arrived in that period, bringing the estimated total number of Rohingya in Cox's Bazaar to 867,500.

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Desperate, destitute, damaged: the plight of Myanmar's persecuted Rohingya Muslim refugees

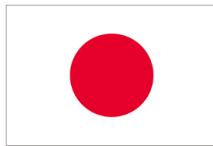
The National (26 Dec)

They may have escaped to Bangladesh, but they feel far from safe and aid agencies face a monumental battle to save them from disease, trauma and potential exploitation. Click for full article [here](#)

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