

Highlight of the Month: National Consultation on Global Compact for Migration

The global compact for migration will be the first, inter-governmentally negotiated agreement, prepared under the auspices of the United Nations, to cover all dimensions of international migration in a holistic and comprehensive manner. In the New York Declaration for Refugees and Migrants, adopted in September 2016, the General Assembly decided to develop a global compact for safe, orderly and regular migration. The General Assembly will hold an inter-governmental conference on international migration in 2018 with a view to adopting the global compact.

To support and contribute to that compact, high-level government officials and civil society representatives in Bangladesh gathered in Dhaka on 26 October 2017 for a National Consultation on how to ensure the global debate on the future of migration governance reflects Bangladesh's interests, in particular with respect to migrants' basic rights. Mr. Shahidul Haque, Secretary to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Government of Bangladesh (GoB), talked about the need for the compact to be conceptualized as a *“legal instrument comprising of laws, norms, mechanisms, provisions, and practices aimed at assisting states and other stakeholders in governing migration, ensuring rights of migrants and for the benefit of all.”*



IOM Bangladesh Chief of Mission Sarat Dash providing opening remarks at the national consultation, with over 150 participating.

Migration and Development



The Bangladesh Delegation was in attendance of the global project board meeting for the IOM-UNDP Joint Programme on Mainstreaming Migration into National Development Strategies held in Tunisia, to proceed with the third phase of the programme.



IOM MHAC Dhaka and Sylhet performed health assessments of **1,061** cases among migrants traveling to various countries



118 applicants underwent DNA sample collection and VFS sample collection



3 AVRR medical cases received assistance from MHD, including on arrival medical assistance at the airport



33 visa applicants were assessed by a chest physician for respiratory disease

49 clients underwent sputum tests for TB with 5 diagnosed cases of TB



Finalization of the BMET Action Plan for Skills Development and Migration Management, with organization of the stakeholder consultation workshop underway



19 participants completed skills assessment at NTVQ Level 1 and 2

10 became certified as a trainer and/or assessor in CBT&A Level 4 training and assessment, the remaining re-applied for the Level 4 training and assessment



Research underway on four key topics:

- poverty reduction
- human resource planning
- environment/climate change/ disaster management
- social protection/rights

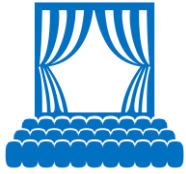


Study on social cost of migration on children left behind completed



Bangladesh Delegation at the Mainstreaming Migration meeting in Tunisia, IOM 2017

Resilience and Social Protection



70 participants attended the Premier show of the Interactive Popular Theater (IPT), organized to sensitize communities and returnee migrants on safe migration and reintegration issues



Union workshops to sensitize local level actors and civil society members on social reintegration issues has commenced, with **25** participants attending



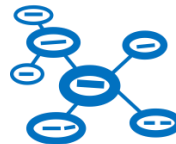
35 beneficiaries in Sirajganj have been selected for skills training in cow rearing and cattle trading as part of returnee migrant reintegration initiatives



Plans have been finalized for providing individual assistance to **200** Andaman Sea Returnees, with provision of seed capital and on-farm asset transfers



4 business proposals and project road maps developed for establishing cooperative business enterprises such as a cow fattening farm and street food business for Andaman Sea Returnees



Needs Assessment, mapping of EU returnees for baseline establishment, and mapping of available referral services at the district level for the reintegration component of the Improved Migration Governance project has been initiated



8 returnees from Greece and Germany provided with reintegration support through cash assistance for setting up micro-enterprises



13 outbound migrants were provided ticketing support



Workshop to sensitize local actors and civil society members on reintegration issues.

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Humanitarian Assistance

Since the current influx began on 25 August 2017



380,000 new arrivals
benefitted from the distribution of
tarpaulins



178,000 new arrivals
benefitted from the
distribution of blankets



850m of herring-bone brick road,
and **300m** of pathways through
cash-for-work completed



Development of 3,000
acre site plan to host an
estimated **240,000**
people ongoing



713,000
litres of water
trucked



33,000 individuals
benefitting from hygiene kits



Provided healthcare
services to over **1,300**
people each day



Participated in Oral Cholera
Vaccine (OCV) Campaign,
vaccinating over **700,000**
individuals



9,519 EVI cases identified, **2,429**
provided psychosocial support, **289** GBV
survivors supported by case workers, and
1,003 referrals to health facilities



Distribution of **3,000** solar
lanterns and **2,100** dignity
kits



500 new arrivals visit IOM's
information hubs each day



Development and updates of
maps, 4W data, and Sitreps



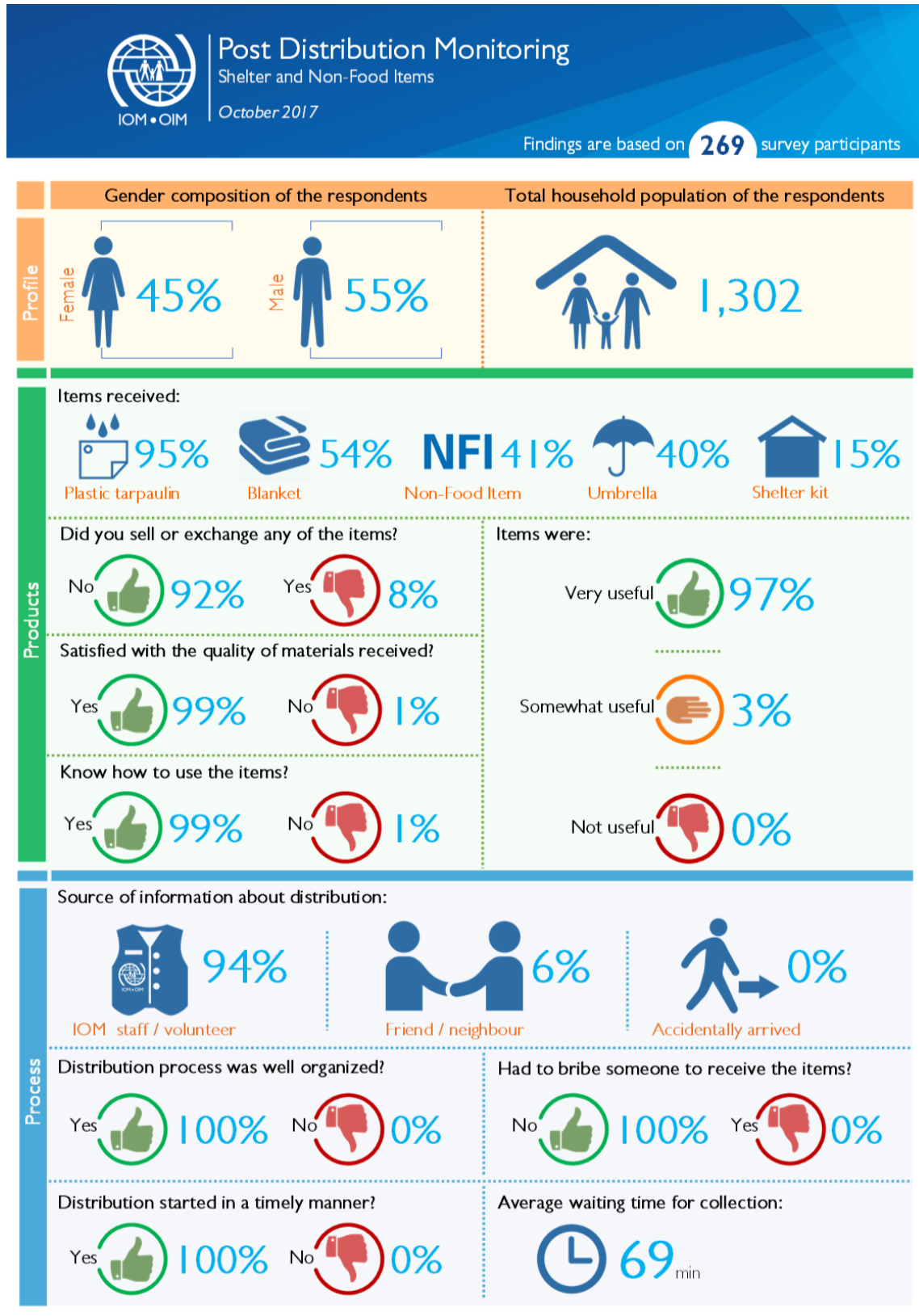
Providing immediate information to new arrivals.
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Providing safe drinking water.
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Humanitarian Assistance

A post-distribution survey finds **99%** shelter & NFI kits recipients satisfied with quality of materials received:



Countering Irregular Migration



130 courtyard meetings reached nearly **2,000** people in 4 different districts, discussing safe migration



Four group development orientation sessions took place, with **10** monthly community and upazila based group meetings



Pot song show for increased migration awareness performed in Jessore



'Community Led Campaign' planning workshop was held with government and non-government actors



Field testing of pot song show in Jessore.
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Courtyard meeting on safe migration.
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