

An estimated 433,000 new arrivals crossed the border into Bangladesh in the month of September 2017, adding to the initial August 25 influx, with strong indications that thousands more are on the way.

There were approximately 300,000 Rohingya living in makeshift settlements or mixed with host communities throughout Bangladesh prior to the August 25th 2017 influx. Multiple outbreaks of unrest in October 2016 and August 2017 in the Rakhine State of Myanmar triggered large influxes of Rohingya crossing into Bangladesh. An estimated 433,000 Rohingya have crossed into Bangladesh in the month of September 2017 making an estimated total of 508,000 new arrivals, since the August 25 influx, with strong indications these figures will continue to rise in the coming weeks.

The newly arrived Rohingya have been sharing accommodation with other families in six previous makeshift settlements and refugee camps, multiple spontaneous settlements, and with host communities in Ukhia and Teknaf. There has been a constant need of food, health services, WASH facilities, protection, and cash for work modalities as the numbers of new arrivals increase.

IOM response thus far has been focused on the construction of basic sheds for temporary cover, directing extremely vulnerable individuals and groups to communal shelters, and installation of water and sanitation facilities. Mobilization of financial and human resources were prioritized to respond to the ongoing crisis.

Est. New Arrivals in the month of September

433,000

Est. New arrivals between August 25 2017– September 30 2017

508,000



Makeshift settlements and camps have had to endure intense rainfall in September

Migration and Development

We are working towards strengthening migration management services in Bangladesh for regular, safe, and demand driven labour mobility.

Migration Governance

- ✓ The SOP between the GoB and EU for returning Bangladeshi migrants from EU member states was signed on 21st September 2017.
- ✓ 2 divisional consultations in Khulna and Sylhet Divisions were organized and focused on reintegration of returnee migrants in support of the Global Compact on Migration (GCM). The outcome of the consultations will feed into the national consultation and will be tabled at the Bangladesh delegation attending the GCM.
- ✓ Recruitment of consultant is in process for: Developing an annual migration report, mapping recruitment practices, developing a migration governance framework for Bangladesh, developing indicators to track progress against migration specific targets of SDG and 7th Five Year Plan.



Divisional consultation in Khulna in support of GCM

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Skills Development

- ✓ Finalization of the BMET National Action Plan for Skills Enhancement and Qualification Recognition after holding consultation meetings with BMET and other relevant skills development actors. As a result, BMET and IOM are jointly organizing a Consultation Workshop to share and discuss the action plan with the key skills development agencies.
- ✓ IOM and Scottish Qualifications Authority (SQA) signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to explore possible working opportunities in the areas of skills development, assessment, and certification in the context of managed migration.
- ✓ IOM participated in Development Partners in Skills Development Working Group (DP-SDGW) meeting on 12 September 2017, and shared its interest to be a part of the Sector Wide Approach (SWAP) in Skills Group and RPL group under SDGW. A ToR along with a work plan has been developed for the SWAP and RPL group, which will be shared with all group members for finalization.
- ✓ The development of communication strategy and communication tools for the Labour Attachés is ongoing, which will help and guide the Labour Attachés to effectively communicate and promote skills development initiatives taken in Bangladesh to the employers in the destination countries.
- ✓ Contract signing with UCEP to conduct Career Counselling training program to train 18 career counsellors is ongoing. Participants those who pass the CBT&A Level 4 in TVET program will be called to take part in the career counselling programme to develop their student counselling skills.
- ✓ Labour migrant tracer study to better understand the impact of skills development initiatives on overseas employment is ongoing. A ToR has been developed and proposals received from potential consultants are being evaluated. The study is targeting Bangladeshi migrants working in Kingdom of Saudi Arabia (KSA) to assess the actual impacts of skills development on job placement services.

Migration Health

- ✓ IOM MHAC Dhaka and Sylhet performed health assessments on a total of 1,025 cases in September, 2017 for migrants travelling to various countries. Additionally, 56 clients underwent sputum tests for TB, in which eight cases were diagnosed as an active case of TB at IOM Lab, and one patient completed TB treatment under IOM DOTS.

Resilience and Social Protection

We are creating resilience through better social protection, livelihoods, employment opportunities, and contributing to the homecoming and sustainable reintegration of returnees.

Reintegration

- ✓ IOM and its implementing partner BRAC are working closely on returnee mapping, needs assessment, and district mapping for providing reintegration support to 3,000 EU returnees.
- ✓ The beneficiary profiling form has been drafted, and will be finalized after integrating stakeholder feedback.
- ✓ 23 Interactive Popular Theatre messaging validation workshops have been conducted in different project locations.
- ✓ Reintegration and counselling services to the Andaman Sea Returnees is ongoing with courtyard meetings and assets such as livestock shades provided to the beneficiaries.



A cow shade area built for an Andaman Sea Returnee

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Return

- ✓ A total of 47 returnees from Australia, Greece, Libya, and the Netherlands were provided with reintegration support, including assisting them in setting up micro enterprises and/or cash assistance.
- ✓ Reception assistance was provided—including immigration, baggage, customs, and, if required, onward transportation—to 68 returnees from Greece, Indonesia, Libya, and Papua New Guinea.
- ✓ Eight outbound migrants were provided ticketing support.

Community Economic Development

- ✓ Digital Island Moheshkhali project started its new phase with installation of solar power panels completed in 13 selected government institutions in Moheshkhali. An M&E workshop was organized for the team members to finalize the monitoring frameworks of the Digital Island and an e-commerce projects.
- ✓ Conducted three motivational and awareness raising sessions and five Focus Group Discussions in Moheshkhali. Training sessions were organized for healthcare providers to orient them on using mobile healthcare devices.



Solar panels are powering health and education facilities on Moheshkhali Island

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Humanitarian Assistance

We are responding to the priority needs of people affected by the mobility dimensions of crisis in Cox's Bazar, while building migration crisis management capacities of stakeholders.

Shelter and Non-Food Items

- ✓ Completed distribution of aid sent by King Salman Center for Relief and Humanitarian Works (KS Relief).
- ✓ 33,600 tarpaulins, 15,000 umbrellas, 6,000 plastic sheets, 20,000 umbrellas and nearly 400 NFI kits distributed since the post-25 August 2017 influx.
- ✓ IOM ground staff directed shipments of aid from the UK Government, between Chittagong to Cox's Bazar, and .

Site Management

- ✓ The Site Development Task Force is collaborating with RRRC and Army officials on road construction and relief distribution in the Kutupalong extension site and development of a 3,000-acre site plan.
- ✓ IOM is working closely with the Inter Sector Coordination Group to establish an information management and mapping strategy for more effective data collection.

Gender Based Violence

- ✓ Assisted with 103 GBV cases through counselling services, consoling the victims, discussing the various aspects and options with the persons involved, with 426 cases referred to health services.
- ✓ 2,135 dignity kits and 550 solar lanterns were distributed among the beneficiaries and vulnerability assessments were carried out.
- ✓ Provided Psychological First Aid, Individual Psycho-Social Support, case management, counselling to 1,110 Rohingya.

Communications with Communities (CwC)

- ✓ Logged 75 responses into the Community Response Map (CRM), with a majority of the feedback related to seeking assistance. Developed five Information Hubs in Balukhali, Moiner Ghona, Leda Shamlapur, and Bagghona, while disseminating messages among the new arrivals.
- ✓ Radio Naf has started broadcasting radio jingles (15 jingles) with social awareness messages.
- ✓ Four monthly open air meetings were conducted in Balukhali, Kutupalong, and Leda Makeshift Settlements and in the Shamlapur area.

Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene (WASH)

- ✓ Over 8,000 families received 10-liter jerry cans (7,000 in Kutupalong and 1,000 in Unchiprang). Installation of 340 pit latrines, 37 mobile toilets, and 6 tube wells since the influx began.
- ✓ A Water Safety Strategy was drafted and circulated to initiate discussions on managing health related issues.

Needs and population Monitoring (NPM)

- ✓ Finalized the round 5 NPM report and disseminated widely, and data collection started for the round 6 report covering many more locations.
- ✓ Using flow monitoring tools, the movement of over 25,000 new arrivals between 20-30 September has been tracked.

Inter Sector Coordination Group (ISCG)

- ✓ Released monthly Situation Report (Sit Rep), daily operational reports, and maps through e-blasts and the ISCG portal.

Capacity Building

- ✓ All protection/GBV team and all staff of implementing partner PULSE Bangladesh participated in a 2-day counter trafficking training.



Monthly Open Air Meeting


Humanitarian Assistance: Focus sector of the month: Health

- Health**
- ✓ Over 30,000 cases were treated by IOM’s medical teams, including 8,300 patients receiving care at the IOM operated Leda Health Clinic in Teknaf. From the 12 health facilities, 866 cases were referred to higher-level healthcare facilities. A mobile health camp has been set up in Shamlapur.
 - ✓ 567 health outreach events were held in Ukhiya in September, and among them, 554 were courtyard meetings with a participation of 14,522 individuals.
 - ✓ 359 health outreach events were held in Teknaf in September, and among them, 323 were courtyard meetings with a participation of 6,998 individuals.
 - ✓ A total of 3,285 women received pregnancy related care, including 2,438 ANC, 504 PNC, and 343 deliveries.
 - ✓ A total of 161,228 children and women were vaccinated.

Healthcare Facility User Satisfaction Survey

✓ A Healthcare Facility User Satisfaction Survey—data collection carried out pre-August influx in May-June 2017—has been finalized with key findings as **below**:

FINDINGS ARE BASED ON 350 SURVEY PARTICIPANTS



The Survey was conducted in seven IOM-supported healthcare facilities in Ukhiya and Teknaf upazilas of Cox’s Bazar:

- Aliakbar Para Community Clinic
- Kutupalong Community Clinic
- Leda Community Clinic
- Leda Health Clinic
- Rangikhali Community Clinic
- Shamlapur Family Welfare Centre
- Ukhiya Health Complex

Respondents visited the facilities as:

- Patients: 47%
- Guardians of minors: 51%
- Attendants of adults / other: 2%

Respondents visited the facilities due to:

- Close proximity: 69%
- Good care or reputation: 31%

% of respondents conveyed that the physician and/or nurse:

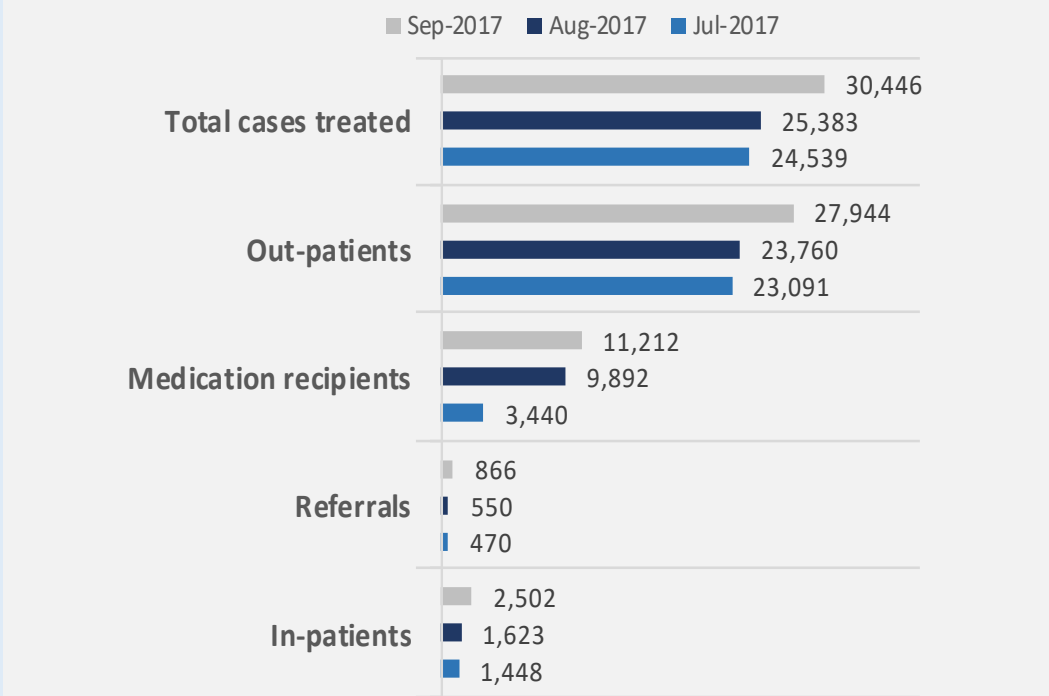
- Carefully listened to the symptoms: 99%
- Took adequate time to explain the illness: 98%
- Took adequate time to respond to questions: 92%

Treatment received: 87% Fully Satisfied with Pharmacy services: 92%

96% received all the services they came for
 99.7% will visit the facility again for future healthcare needs

Complete satisfaction with various user services

- Drinking water: 78%
- Toilet: 84%
- Waiting area: 80%
- Cleanliness: 90%
- Overall comfort: 77%



Countering Irregular Migration

We are working towards raising awareness and enhancing law enforcement effectiveness and good governance to counter human trafficking, human smuggling, and related unlawful activities.

Awareness Raising

- ✓ A Safe Migration Knowledge Attitudes and Practices (KAP) Survey carried out amongst 600 potential migrants in 12 districts of Bangladesh was finalized.
- ✓ The project implementation agreement with all theatre partners was finalized.
- ✓ Arranged six school campaigns and six bazar meetings on the benefits of safe migration and risks of irregular migration.
- ✓ Arranged five community level meetings with local elites, three school campaigns, and four bazar meetings with an aim to educate potential migrants and other relevant stakeholders about the safe migration process as well as risks inherent to irregular migration.
- ✓ Arranged three community meetings with local elites and six courtyard meetings.
- ✓ Organized an orientation session with religious leaders, Union Parishad members and school teachers in Jhenaidah. On 14 September, a script development workshop for the production of the media outreach tools on 'migration and mobility' took place. A total of 30 stakeholders participated in this workshop, including Government Officials (BMET, DEMO), partner NGOs, theatre partners, and IOM staff.
- ✓ IOM and its theater partners organized two "Content Development Workshops" with presence from government officials, journalists, Local Elected bodies (LEBs), civil society, NGOs, religious leaders, and returned migrants. The aim of the workshops was to acquire recommendations for the message formulation of the theatre shows and pot songs on safe and irregular migration.

Upcoming Awareness Activities

- ✓ At the end of October, the arrangement of 20 pot songs in Jessore and Jhenaidah will be completed, and the interactive theatre script and commence with the repetition phase to be finalized.
- ✓ Development of appropriate IEC materials is expected to be completed in October.



Content Development Consultation Workshop