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IOM Bangladesh Rohingya Crisis Response

External
Update

21 October 2017

Rohingya Population in
Cox's Bazar

802,000

New Arrivals since
25 August 2017

589,000

People in Need

1.2 Million



Rohingya families fleeing violence in Myanmar's Rakhine State waiting to cross to Bangladesh. IOM is responding to the needs of the most vulnerable with security, shelter, food, and protection. Muse Mohammed @ IOM 2017

HIGHLIGHTS 21 October 2017

Health



49,000 Rohingya reached
with primary healthcare

Shelter & NFIs



395,000 individuals benefit
from shelter

WASH



713,000 liters of safe
water trucked

Funding Status: 21%

Protection



11,000 individuals
benefit from dignity kits





SITUATION OVERVIEW

Since 25 August 2017, an estimated **589,000** Rohingya have crossed into Bangladesh fleeing violence in Myanmar's Rakhine State, increasing the total Rohingya population in Cox's Bazar to **802,000**. New arrivals are living in spontaneous settlements with increasing need of humanitarian assistance, including shelter, food, clean water, and sanitation. Poor road networks and insufficient drainage in the displacement sites make it difficult to reach new arrivals with urgent support.

The Government of Bangladesh (GOB) is working closely with IOM and the humanitarian community to meet the needs of the displaced population. As displacement continues, the humanitarian and protection needs of the Rohingya also rise. IOM and the humanitarian community are scaling up operations to respond to the latest displacement.



*Families receive NFI kit distributions in Kutupalong.
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IOM RESPONSE



Site Management

IOM is leading site management and development

IOM works with key partners and the Government of Bangladesh to ensure appropriate access to displacement sites and to make sure that the refugee populations are able to receive services as quickly and effectively as possible. With increasing displacement this week, the Site Management team is working with current partners to respond to the needs of the most recent influx of Rohingya.

- 2,100 people participated in a basic household listing in Unchiprang, assisted by the Bangladesh Army.
- Household level data collection is planned in Balukhali and Kutupalong.



Communicating with Communities

IOM is leading the Communicating with Communities (CWC) Working Group

IOM's CwC team is ensuring that Accountability to Affected Populations (AAP) is at the forefront of the response. The team encourages new arrivals to get biometrically registered and ensures they have access to information and referral services. Approximately **500** new arrivals visit IOM's information hubs - established to provide critical information to the new arrivals - each day. Information Service Centres are currently located in **eight** locations.



WASH

Water, Hygiene, and sanitation support is critically needed during the response. IOM continues to mobilize resources to support the Rohingya and affected host population receive WASH services. **713,000** litres of safe water has been trucked into spontaneous settlements with limited or no access to water and over **33,000** individuals have benefitted from hygiene kit distributions. **590** emergency pit latrines have been constructed and **89** mobile toilets have been installed to date. Nine deep tube wells have been completed against a target of 35, with more in progress.



IOM's WASH team surveys emergency pit latrines. WASH services need to be strengthened urgently across all sites. Muse Mohammed @ IOM 2017



Health

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

IOM responds to the emergency and primary healthcare needs of the Rohingya and the affected host communities. IOM health teams have provided emergency and primary healthcare services to **49,000** patients. The team has set up child delivery facilities and a patient stabilization unit in Kutupalong. The Ministry of Health initiated the world's second-largest Oral Cholera Vaccination (OCV) Campaign with the World Health Organization (WHO). IOM is supporting the campaign with **200** volunteers. More than **700,000** Rohingya and host communities have been reached. IOM continues to conduct outreach and health education activities through **350** community health workers.



Shelter and Non-Food Items

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

Shelter supplies and non-food items provide displaced populations with dignity, security, and privacy. To meet the needs of the Rohingya, IOM is working with partners to ensure that basic needs are met. To date, IOM has distributed **89,000** tarpaulins which has benefitted **395,000** new arrivals. Over 24,000 Rohingya are benefitting from distributed umbrella, 178,00 from blankets, and 73,000 from sleeping mats. **58,000** bamboo poles kits have been distributed. To facilitate the procurement, storage and distribution of shelter materials for the Rohingya Crisis Response, IOM has set up a new logistics base with over 400m² of available space with four more planned.



IOM Director General William Lacy Swing interviewed by the BBC's Clive Myrie at Balukhali makeshift settlement, on Monday 16 October 2017. Muse Mohammed @ IOM 2017



Protection

Protection issues are critical during the Rohingya Crisis Response and meeting these urgent needs is crucial to the well-being and safety of the most vulnerable in the population. Women and Children remain most at risk and require specialist care and attention. IOM is responding to Gender Based Violence (GBV) and Counter Trafficking (CT). The IOM team is working to construct and fully equip safe spaces in Leda, Balukali, Kutupalong, and Shamlapur. They are also ensuring that vulnerable Rohingya refugees have access to the protection services they require.

IOM is supporting Extremely Vulnerable Individuals (EVIs) and Gender Based Violence (GBV) cases. IOM also provides psychological first aid (PFA) to those who need it. The protection team advise and refer cases to health services or offer other specialist care services. Over **2,100** dignity kits and **3,000** solar lanterns have been distributed to vulnerable women, and more will be distributed.



Inter Sector Coordination Group (ISCG) and Assessments

IOM is hosting the sector based coordination structure for the Rohingya Crisis Response

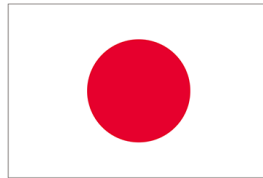
The Inter Sector Coordination Group (ISCG), led by IOM, is coordinating the Rohingya Refugee Crisis. Since 25 August, ISCG disseminates regular situation updates and key messages, organised coordination meetings, and developed and updated maps of the expansion areas and spontaneous settlements. The ISCG ensures timely, coordinated, needs-based, and evidence driven humanitarian assistance for efficient use of resources and to avoid duplication. ISCG produces regular Situation Reports and 4W maps and data of sectors' operations. IOM's Needs and Population Monitoring assessment has tracked the movement of new arrivals. Data collection for the round 6 report is complete and has been publicly [released](#). Round 7 data collection is underway.



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