

706,000 New Rohingya Arrivals since 25 August 2017 to Cox's Bazar*

919,000 Total Rohingya Population in Cox's Bazar*

1.3 Million People in Need in Cox's Bazar

* Needs and Population Monitoring Baseline Round 11



Regular Women's Radio Listening Programme in Shamlapur. © IOM 2018

KEY FEATURES

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- IOM Protection also supported the facilitation of the two final women committee elections processes in Katamura and Tulabgan (Leda). A joint team of IOM Protection and Site Management staff completed the final two elections for women's committee participants, with a total of 10 women elected.
- A bamboo treatment facility is being constructed at IOM logistics base, to treat bamboos by defusing in a mix of Borax and Boracic acid. By the end of October, IOM will commence bamboo treatment for shelter improvement and site maintenance works.
- Two batches of Cyclone Awareness Sessions were organized and facilitated by Inter Sector Coordination Group in coordination with the Cyclone Preparedness Programme (CPP).

CUMULATIVE CATEGORY 1 INCIDENTS



51,742 affected persons

11,509 affected households

Over **39,000** individuals are located in the most at risk areas

653 reported incidents (landslide/ erosion, water logging, extreme wind, lightning and flooding)

Source: Site Management Sector, Category 1 Incident Reports (Since 11 May 2018)

IOM, FAO Re-Plant Bangladesh Forest to Repair Environmental Damage Caused by Refugee Influx

In just two weeks over 45,000 trees and around 700,000 grass cuttings have been planted by Rohingya refugees and local villagers in Cox's Bazar as part of a joint UN Migration Agency (IOM) and UN Food and Agriculture Agency (FAO) project to help reverse environmental damage caused by the arrival of some 730,000 Rohingya refugees from Myanmar in the area over the past year.

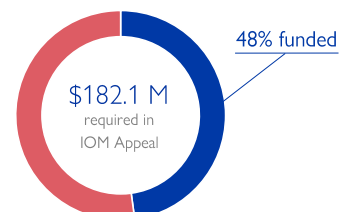
The project aims to plant a further 36,500 trees and million grass cuttings over the coming days. Bangladesh's Forest Department, in coordination the Office of the Refugee Relief and Repatriation Commission (RRRC), UN agencies and NGO partners, is leading the way in the effort to stabilize soil and replant in the area, which was previously national forest land.

Click [here](#) to read the full story.



Bangladesh's Forest Department and UN agencies are mitigating deforestation in Cox's Bazar with a replanting programme. ©IOM 2018

IOM Funding Status



HEALTH

617,124 outpatient consultations held since August 2017

154,066 <5 years old outpatient consultations conducted

805 people assisted through emergency Mobile Medical Teams

Average of **154,320** people reached monthly with health education

9,763 people reached with Mental Health and Psychosocial support

2,936 deliveries conducted in IOM facilities by skilled birth attendants

Three high level field visits to IOM health facilities occurred this week: The World Bank regional vice president, the Director of Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency (SIDA) and Assistant personal secretary of the Prime Minister of Bangladesh and MOH officials visited different health facilities in Ukhiya and Teknaf and commended IOM's work in providing quality health care for FDMNs and host community.

At IOM's Leda primary Health care center, an inpatient ward has been re-purposed for stabilization and treatment of severe acute malnutrition (SAM) in line with IOM Health's target of providing comprehensive integrated management of childhood illness and nutritional services.

Through IOM's ambulances and referral system, 56 patients were referred to secondary and tertiary health facilities for emergency intervention and care of chronic conditions this week.

Additionally, two National Program Officers, three Nurses and one Medical Assistant participated in a 5-days long Emergency Trauma Bag and First Responder Course (ETB FRC) organized by UNDSS. The primary purpose of the training was to ensure proper first responder care, life-saving tools and supplies are readily available to provide adequate emergency medical treatment.

Finally, the roll out of Rapid diagnostic test (RDT) kits for vector borne diseases and seasonal Influenza has been extended to all IOM health facilities. 82 cases of acute watery diarrhea were treated, and laboratory samples were collected for further testing.

OUTPATIENT CONSULTATIONS FOR THE PAST 5 WEEKS



W35 W36 W37 W38 W39

12 IOM facilities operated independently

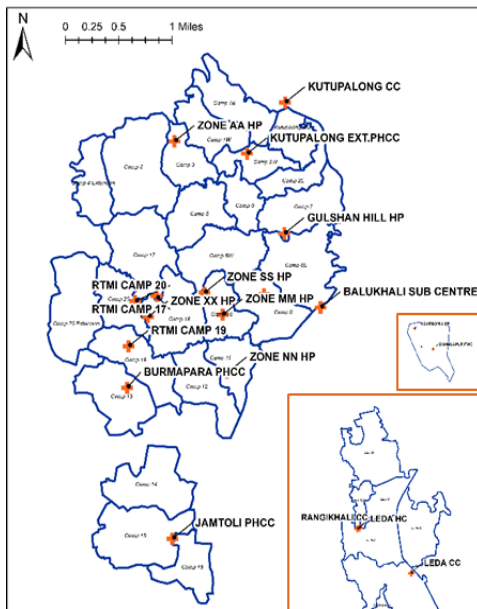


9 Government primary healthcare facilities being supported by IOM with supplies, human resources and training opportunities



A community support activity conducted by MHPSS with a children's group in Burma Para to promote mental health and psychosocial support ©IOM 2018

LOCATIONS OF HEALTH FACILITIES



MENTAL HEALTH AND PSYCHOSOCIAL SERVICES (MHPSS)

This past week, IOM's MHPSS team provided psychosocial support to 448 beneficiaries to help them develop an understanding of their own resources and emotional, cognitive and physical skills to manage their current situation and increase their overall resilience.

Additionally, 100 people benefited from community mobilization and support activities aimed at promoting mental health and strengthening psychosocial support at the community level.

Finally, the MHPSS team conducted adolescent girls and adult women community awareness activities to increase their self-awareness and their key roles in their community to increase cohesion and participation of youth in the community wellbeing.

NEEDS AND POPULATION MONITORING (NPM)

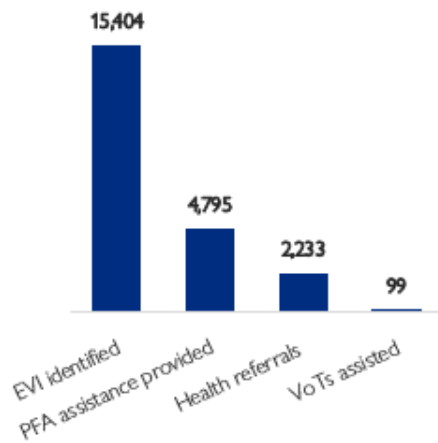
Last week NPM started the Site Assessment Round 12 and conducted key informant interviews. The NPM Site assessment routinely collects information on numbers, locations, movements and multi-sectoral needs of Rohingya refugees in all areas affected by the influx. From this round, NPM will incorporate in depth KI interviews with site managers, female KIs and PDCs to supplement the quantitative assessment. Interviews with female KIs have been facilitated by UNICEF and UNFPA who provided focal points and revised the questionnaire. The findings of the KI interviews will be triangulated at the field level through direct observations, and spontaneous community group discussions.

NPM completed its drone flights in Teknaf and central camps, such as Chakmarkul, Unchiprang and Shamlapur. Flights have also been conducted in Balukhali and Camps 14, 15 and 16, south of Kutupalong. NPM’s drone imageries will provide support to IOM and sector partners during the raining season in the district of Cox’s Bazar by providing aerial images, covering camps and camp-like settings. The drone images will be able to provide information to the overall understanding of where assistance is required, especially in areas where access on ground may be limited.

Finally, NPM continues to support the Site Management sector for the Category 1 Incident Report mechanism. For an overview of incidents reported daily, [link here](#).

PROTECTION

INDIVIDUALS ASSISTED THROUGH PROTECTION ACTIVITIES



IOM Protection conducted an introduction to protection training for 16 male and 4 female night guards in Camp 20 Extension. This included a brief overview of what the IOM Protection team is doing, a definition of protection, and focusing on core principles of protection (Do No Harm, confidentiality & informed consent) and how these principles can also relate to the work the night guards are doing.

IOM Protection also supported the facilitation of the two final women committee elections processes in Katamura and Tulabgan (Leda). A joint team of IOM Protection and Site Management staff completed the final two elections for women’s committee participants, with a total of 10 women elected.

Additionally, IOM Protection interviewed women’s committee members as part of a “Skills and Capacities” project between GBV and SM in Leda.

IOM with its implementing partner, Pulse Bangladesh, continue to provide services through their Women and Girls Friendly Spaces, including GBV specific case management and emergency referrals to medical, safe shelter, legal and other, awareness raising sessions, skills building activities such as sewing and IT, and various unstructured PSS or recreational activities. In the past week, 2362 Women and 3208 Girls took part in activities across our 8 Women and Girls Friendly Spaces.

On 26 September, IOM participated in two comic sessions held by Save the Children—one in Ukhia and one in Teknaf—where 25 participants were present (17 male, 8 female). Participants received a Training of Trainer (ToT) on how to use the comic for awareness raising sessions in the community to sensitize people on counter trafficking. The main discussion points were about human trafficking, its definition, Bangladesh Human Trafficking Laws (The Prevention and Suppression of Human Trafficking Act-2012, Palorama Protocol) and the objectives of the comic book, how to use it, where to use it and general guidance.

Additionally, IOM is co-hosting the Asia Dialogue on Forced Migration (ADFM), a leading independent regional forum for policy development on forced migration issues, trusted by the Bali Process and ASEAN for policy ideas and advice this week via visits to the camps, focus group discussions and discussions with IOM staff.

Finally, the IOM Protection team conducted camp monitoring activities in camp 8W, the findings on some protection concerns revolved around issues with firewood collection and safety around the collection areas. Refugee mentioned the fact that they are still being taxed for firewood collected – most mentioned 20 taka for a bundle of firewood that lasts a day.

 8 Women and Girls Safe Spaces (WGSS)

2 additional WGSS under construction

1 Safe Shelter



ACCOUNTABILITY TO AFFECTED POPULATIONS

200 facilitated radio listening groups held across all IOM camps every week

Women's committees in Teknaf have been training on community outreach. The women on the committees are Rohingya volunteers and work with other women to ensure they are represented and considered in all aspects of the response. The Committee members were taught about the right to make complaints, and IOM's obligations to person when they make a complaint.



Women visiting FIC in Leda Makeshift Settlement. ©IOM 2018

Many of the Committee members were not familiar with IOM's Feedback and Information Centres (FICs) so a "field trip" was undertaken to the nearest FIC where another Rohingya female volunteer explained how the complaints process works.

As women are so often those who will make protection or sensitive complaints that require confidentiality and sensitivity, there were also separate discussions about how to immediately refer such cases to the appropriate people.

Additionally, fire preparation and campaign organizing continues with IOM reporting community outreach initiatives to the Site Management Sector and starting to plan a campaign about around smoking.

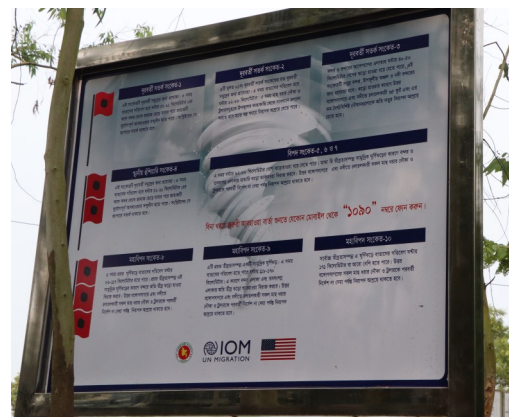


RESILIENCE & ENVIRONMENT, DISASTER RISK REDUCTION (DRR)

580 beneficiaries have received cooking kit and LPG cylinder since August 2018

Renovation work of 12 Cyclone Shelter in Ukhaia and Teknaf has begun as part of the IOM, GRC, UNDP Consortium on Disaster Risk Reduction in partnership with ECHO. Additionally, 11 billboards with cyclone preparedness messages have been installed in Ukhaia and Teknaf as part of cyclone preparedness activities (see below).

50,500 beneficiaries have received micro-gardening kits and food storage since March 2018 (25,000 Rohingya refugees and 25,500 host community members)



Cyclone Shelter renovations ongoing at Inani Cyclone Shelter. ©IOM 2018

The final stage of the first round of LPG refills has been completed. Additionally, the first round of surface water quality and availability sampling has been completed in the camps located in Ukhaia and Teknaf camps and currently its being analysed. The next round of water sampling will begin on 13 of October. Additionally, a survey questionnaire has been drafted and submitted to Steering Committee on this for feedback and additional project improvement. The first round of indoor and outdoor air quality sampling has also been completed in the camps in Ukhaia and Teknaf.

Additionally, during the reporting week 58 community members from different age groups visited community club (Digital Island) to receive different IT services such as internet browsing, form submission, self-learning from YouTube channels, printing, scanning, and drafting documents, among other services.

SITE MANAGEMENT AND SITE DEVELOPMENT
IOM is coordinating the Site Management Sector

WEEKLY UPDATES

The first draft of the **revised internal camp boundaries** (level 3) in Camp 19 was finalized and shared with the Site Management Sector.

IOM Site Management facilitated a meeting with the **social safety committee** comprised of women and refugee leaders in Camp 13. It was agreed that four weekly drill meetings with Safety unit volunteers would take place moving forward.

This week, a **simulation exercise on emergency evacuation** during landslide at sub-block I-4 in Camp 9 took place. 25 individuals participated in the simulation exercise.

The President from World Bank (South Asia region) visited Camp 24 during this week with ISCG.

Two batches of Cyclone Awareness Sessions were organized and facilitated by ISCG in coordination with the Cyclone Preparedness Programme (CPP) and IOM Site Management in Camp 24 for operational partner's staff.

The **inclusion of women in decision making and community consultation activities** in Camp 24 was enhanced as women were consulted in the identification of solar lights locations, in addition to their continued, active involvement in Site Management activities.

Relocations are ongoing in Camp 22— 12 households were relocated over the last week, totaling **116 households that have been relocated in Camp 22** to date.

CHALLENGES

Sludge management and **access to firewood**, or alternative cooking fuels, remains a challenge and continuous need in most camps..

Safety and Security issues continue to arise in the camps— major observation across all camps during community meetings.



Tree plantation Orientation in Camp 20 Extension.



Pan Bazar Road Phase II construction.



Brick paved pedestrian path in Camp 8W.



Stabilization work stage 1 in Camp 20 Extension.



Cyclone preparedness discussion in Camp 22 at IOM Site Management office



Tree plantation ongoing in Camp 23.



Women's committee orientation in Leda discussing the ToR, community engagement skills orientation and SM induction.

WATER, SANITATION AND HYGIENE (WaSH)

384 Deep Tube Wells (DTWs) completed since August 2017

3,921 emergency latrines & mobile toilets constructed since August 2017

726 wash rooms constructed since August 2017

166,315 hygiene kits and top up kits distributed since August 2017

The WaSH common pipeline, set up by the sector and managed by IOM, has been successfully engaging agencies in the distribution of the Top-Up Hygiene kits and Aquatabs. As of now, 134,100 Top-Up Hygiene Kits and 21,720,422 Aquatabs has been distributed to the Rohingya beneficiaries through the agencies taking part in the WaSH Common Pipeline. So far, 15 agencies have signed the pipeline agreement and request from 1 newer agency is in the process.

As of now total 384 Deep Tube Wells (DTW), 726 wash rooms and 3,921 latrines in Camps managed by IOM and IOM implementing partners have been constructed in Kutupalong Balukhali Expansion (KBE) and Shamlapur since 25 August 2017. Currently, the construction of 136 DTWs, 280 latrines and 188 washrooms are ongoing across these camps. Additionally, the construction of 30 household latrines is ongoing in surrounding host communities.

As a part of the community hygiene practice, IOM and our implementing partner SHED organized a camp cleaning in Camp 20. This involved community members who cleaned their households and surrounding areas. Additionally, a handwashing session took place to further promote hygiene practices.

Finally, the IOM WaSH team is working on the water supply project, which will offer safer and more reliable water access to 30,000 beneficiaries in Camp 12. This project is in collaboration with the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) and the Bangladesh Department of Public Health Engineering (DPHE). At present, soil testing in the reservoir site is ongoing and soil samples have been collected for testing in the lab from the site.



Camp cleaning in Camp 20. ©IOM 2018



Desludging tank & water point work in Camp 20 Ext. ©IOM 2018



Construction of community latrines in Shamlapur. ©IOM 2018



Desludging tank & water point work in Camp 20 Ext. ©IOM 2018



SHELTER/NON-FOOD ITEMS (NFI)

IOM is coordinating the Shelter/NFI Sector

43,846 households have received Upgrade Shelter Kits (USKs) since February 2018

38,841 households have received Tie Down Kits (TDKs) since May 2018

42,158 households reached through shelter upgrade and Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR) orientation since February 2018

4,582 extremely vulnerable households supported with material transportation and shelter construction since February 2018, engaging **48,909** cash-for-work laborers

53 community shelters upgraded

IOM emergency response teams have been deployed to camps throughout the monsoon season and verified damages to provide immediate shelter assistance. Since the beginning of May 2018, IOM delivered emergency shelter and non-food items to over 2,200 affected households.

This week, IOM launched the shelter Phase III programme. IEC materials have been developed, and the first training of trainers “Shelter improvement and maintenance” has been conducted this week, with 17 participants from IOM and the Sector partner agencies. By providing treated bamboos, technical supports, and monetary inputs, IOM aims to facilitate shelter transition by a beneficiary driven improvement works.

A bamboo treatment facility is being constructed at IOM logistics base, to treat bamboos by defusing in a mix of Borax and Borasic acid. By the end of October, IOM will commence bamboo treatment for shelter improvement and site maintenance works.

While, IOM is continuing building Robust Emergency Shelters to support relocation of families in hazardous areas. This week, 50 shelters have been constructed in Camp 20 extension. As of today, 1,509 shelters have been built through cash-for-work programming, and facilitate relocations.

Upgrading of community shelters is ongoing in Camps 9 and 20. A total of 56 mosques have been upgraded to date, to serve as temporary communal shelters while repairing or rebuilding family shelters when affected by weather events or other incidents.

NFI gap analysis and distribution is in progress in Camps 9, 18, 19, 20, 22, 24, and 25. To date, 28,794 solar lights, 59,414 blankets, 59,739 floor mats and 58,370 kitchen sets have been distributed. IOM is also assessing vulnerability of the host communities. Basic household items will be distributed to the most vulnerable Bangladeshi families.

Additionally, shelter/NFI distribution sites have been re-organized following beneficiaries' feedback by separating male/female queues, increasing space for orientation, improving access, and other measures.



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INTER-SECTOR COORDINATION GROUP (ISCG)

IOM is hosting the sector based coordination structure for the Rohingya

The overall humanitarian response for the Rohingya refugee crisis is facilitated by a sector-based coordination mechanism, the Inter-Sectoral Coordination Group (ISCG), established for refugee response in Cox’s Bazar. The ISCG is guided by Strategic Executive Group (SEG) that is designed to be an inclusive decision-making forum consisting of heads of international humanitarian organizations to ensure effective humanitarian response to the Rohingya refugee crisis.

ISCG facilitates timely, coordinated, needs-based, and evidence-driven humanitarian assistance for efficient use of resources and to avoid duplication, while producing regular Situation [Reports](#) and [4W maps and data](#).

IOM IN THE NEWS



AGENCIES PLANT TREES IN COX'S BAZAR FOLLOWING ROHINGYA INFLUX

Voice of America (3 October 2018)

GENEVA — A tree-planting project is under way in Cox's Bazar, Bangladesh, to undo the environmental damage caused by the influx of hundreds of thousands of Rohingya refugees who fled persecution and violence in Myanmar.

The project, spearheaded by the International Organization for Migration and Food and Agriculture Organization, has planted more than 45,000 trees and around 700,000 grass cuttings in the past two weeks. The goal is to plant 36,500 more trees and a million grass cuttings during the coming days.

The agencies report humanitarian groups in Cox's Bazar also have planted about 200,000 saplings as part of the effort to stabilize soil and replant the denuded forest area.

IOM spokesman Joel Millman says the project will help reverse the environmental damage caused by the sudden arrival of nearly half a million Rohingya refugees in August and September last year.

"Hundreds of thousands of people arrived, a lot of acreage was stripped bare for firewood. That created a huge risk factor, especially with the monsoon season coming. Landslides, avalanches, hundreds of dwellings, simple dwellings built on these muddy hills without the trees and the grass to anchor the soil. We risked a real catastrophe," Millman said.

Click [here](#) to read the full story.

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