



706,000

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

SITUATION UPDATE

Bangladesh and Myanmar were set to start the repatriation on 15th of November, and on both sides of the border preparations were taken to start the process immediately, but no Rohingya families were found who would voluntarily return. However the fear of imminent repatriation and lack of understanding around the voluntariness of return has caused unease in the camps and refugees have been reluctant to participate in group events or activities requiring data sharing. IOM Site Management and Protection teams continue to liaise with the Government of Bangladesh and work closely together in the camps to ensure the Rohingya communities are better informed on the process going forward. It is important that the refugees are consulted on the planned repatriation and have the capacity to voice their concerns as well as give informed consent should they choose to return. Currently the Rohingya communities residing in the camps have expressed strong doubts that basic elements to ensure their safety and freedom in Myanmar are in place.

The Rohingya in Bangladesh keep well informed on the situation in Myanmar through links to members of the community who still remain in Rakhine state. The sense of lack of progress on creating conditions conducive to return are further exacerbated by a continued trickle of new arrivals in the camps, who systematically describe abuse and intimidation as reasons for leaving.

KEY FEATURES

- ◆ IOM is organising activities for the 16-day of Activism Against Gender-Based Violence.
- ◆ IOM commenced the treatment of bamboo with a pilot facility in Nhila.
- ◆ Regular monitoring and maintenance of solar lights continues across all camps. Additional locations were identified to continue the installation.
- ◆ This month, a total of 3,723 Rohingya households have received LPG sets (cylinder, one plate cook stove, regulator and hose).
- ◆ IOM celebrated the International Day of Persons with Disabilities in Camp 18, in collaboration with its implementing partner Christian Blind Mission (CBM) and Center for Disability in Development (CDD).

IOM FUNDING STATUS

\$182.1 M

required in IOM Appeal

50% funded

SITE MANAGEMENT AND SIITE DEVELOPMENT



25

Pedestrian pathways reinforced with lean concrete



35

bridges repaired



2,676

cash-for-work laborers engaged

Site Management

Regular weekly block assessments continue in all the blocks in order to monitor the condition of camp facilities and structures.

A total of 117 radio listening sessions were held across all camps. The topics covered by the sessions included 'Pregnancy and Neo-natal Care', 'Hygiene and Proper Waste Disposal' and 'Jaundice'.

Trainings on Cyclone Preparedness organised by the German Red Cross (GRC) and IOM across several camps took place in the past month in order to raise awareness and prepare the community in case of a cyclone.

The selection of fire points is ongoing across all camps, together with fire drills. Participants learned how to use fire extinguishers and wet blankets/cloths as well as other safety measures in case of an emergency. Agencies distributed wheelbarrows and buckets to community leaders (Majhees, Head Majhees, Para Development Committee (PDC) Members and Women Committee members) as well as fire extinguishers, shoes, torch lights, and whistles to Safety Volunteers Units (SVUs) and Cyclone Preparedness Programme (CPP) volunteers.

Site Development

Regular monitoring and maintenance of solar lights installed continues across all camps and IOM will continue to expand the lighting in the camps. The GPS points for the installation of an additional 565



CASTING FOR SOLAR LIGHT INSTALLATION. ©IOM 2018



SOLAR LIGHT INSTALLED IN CAMP 20 EXT. ©IOM 2018

lamp posts have been identified across all camps. In the last two weeks, IOM completed the installation of 282 lamps across all camps. In the camps located in Teknaf, 78 solar light base castings have been completed.

PROTECTION

International Day of Persons with Disabilities

IOM celebrated the International Day of Persons with Disabilities at Camp 18, in collaboration with Christian Blind Mission (CBM) and the Center for Disability in Development (CDD). The event started by an inauguration with children with and without disabilities, as well as adults with and without disabilities. This was followed by a non-competitive drawing activity where children drew anything in their area of comfort and the artworks were then displayed at an exhibition. An inclusive game was also conducted at the CBM CFS involving both children with and without disabilities. This was followed by an awareness session on empowering persons with disabilities and ensuring inclusiveness and equality.

Protection Monitoring

IOM conducted protection monitoring in Camp 9, 10, 8W. An issue identified through direct engagement with families at the household level was the access to adequate latrines. Families also reported that they did not have lighting which makes it difficult for women and girls to use the few latrines that are currently in use in both blocks. In camp 8W the team identified an area where the residents needed a bridge between two hills to access one MSF hospital. The case was presented to the protection team as a security risk with one documented case of a child nearing two years of age, nearly drowned in a pool of water whilst crossing to a nearby hill on a bridge made by the community. All these cases have been discussed with SMSD and follow up is underway.



IOM CELEBRATED THE INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES. ©IOM 2018



A DRAWING ACTIVITY WAS ORGANISED FOR CHILDREN. ©IOM 2018

Hands up if you want to see an end to Gender Based Violence!

In IOM's 10 Women and Girls Safe Spaces (WGSS), different activities have been taking place to mark the 16 Days Of Activism against Gender Based Violence (GBV). Rohingya women and girls created colorful posters or maps of the places in the camps where they feel most at risk and where they feel safest.

Authorities in the camps joined the campaign. Mr Kalam, Refugee Relief and Repatriation Commissioner (RRRC), led a tree planting ceremony and law enforcement agents donned orange t-shirts. During this event, Rohingya women, the Camp in Charge and IOM staff shared their willingness to end violence toward women and girls.

The 16-day Campaign is an organizing strategy for individuals and groups around the world to call for the elimination of all forms of GBV against women and to:

Raise awareness about gender-based violence against women as a human rights issue at the local, national, regional and international levels.

Strengthen local work around gender-based violence against women and establish a clear link between local and international work to end gender-based violence against women.

Provide a forum in which organizers can develop and share new and effective strategies.

[#HearMeToo!](#) [#OrangeTheWorld](#)



IOM PROTECTION STAFF CREATING POSTERS FOR WITH WOMEN REFUGEES. ©IOM 2018/FIONA MACGREGOR



BANGLADESHI AUTHORITIES HAVE JOINED UN AGENCIES TO MARK THE FIRST DAY OF THE CAMPAIGN. ©IOM 2018/FIONA MACGREGOR



IOM PROTECTION TEAM AND PARTNERS' STAFF. ©IOM 2018/FIONA MACGREGOR



GROUP OF WOMEN WEARING ORANGE, THE COLOR OF THE CAMPAIGN. ©IOM 2018/FIONA MACGREGOR



DIFFERENT ACTIVITIES TOOK PART DURING THE INAUGURATION DAY OF THE CAMPAIGN. ©IOM 2018/FIONA MACGREGOR

Demonstrate the solidarity of women around the world organizing against gender-based violence against women.

Create tools to pressure governments to implement commitments to eliminate gender-based violence against women.

ACCOUNTABILITY TO AFFECTED POPULATIONS

Several focus groups were held in the highly congested Camp 10 to discuss how people viewed life in the camp and their possible interest in moving to less crowded and tightly packed camps within the Ukhiya camp areas.

IOM has procured more radios to make it possible for every household in its camps, and the implementing partners camps, to receive a radio. Previously, one radio was distributed to every three household. This new procurement means that 75,000 radios will be distributed.

IOM worked with its implementing partners to train them on IOM's new approach to Feedback and Information Centres (FICs) by sharing logos and branding for all FIC structures within the IOM area of responsibility.

SHELTER AND NON-FOOD ITEMS (NFIs)

NFI Distributions

'Night time in the camps is not easy for women. After dark, men can go outside their shelter without carrying any lamp, but for us, it's not that easy. Until recently I often used to wait the entire night to go to the toilet, and when I was unable to wait, I had to ask my husband to go with me as the nearest toilet is a little far from my shelter. After getting this solar lamp, I feel safe enough to go the toilet alone at night'

IOM is continuing its NFI gap analysis and distribution to support those households that did not receive NFIs during previous distributions, including solar lights in Camp 10 and 18.

Bamboo Treatment

IOM commenced the treatment of bamboo at the IOM logbase in Nhila. Over 22 million sticks of bamboo have been used by humanitarian agencies during the last year of the Rohingya Response in Southern Bangladesh. Extensive pest



A FEMALE REFUGEE IN CAMP 18 USES A SOLAR LAMP DISTRIBUTED BY IOM TO ACCESS THE TOILET FACILITIES AT NIGHT.
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BAMBOO SOAKING IN A WATER-BASED CHEMICAL SOLUTION INSIDE A CONCRETE TANK.
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damage can already be seen throughout the camps, particularly in bamboo harvested while still immature or during the monsoon season (which are particularly attractive to pests).

The Shelter/NFI sector has therefore recommended that all shelter partners should switch to using treated bamboo for structural members as soon as operationally possible. All thick bamboo needs to be replaced with treated bamboo to make the existing shelters and other structures durable.

IOM explored various treatment options in consultation with global construction bamboo specialists and selected the horizontal tank soaking method. This method involves soaking of bamboo poles in chemical solution made with Borax, Boric Acid and water in designed proportion, and drying them after a cycle of two weeks. IOM has started the intervention with a pilot facility (four treatment pools) before scaling up operations in a much larger facility (approximately 24 pools). The chemical solution is not toxic and IOM is securing an environmental license accordingly with the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change.

WATER, SANITATION AND HYGIENE (WASH)



18,785

Top-up hygiene kits distributed to date



3 Million

Aquatabs distributed to date

Hygiene Promotion efforts

Top-up hygiene kits and Aquatabs have been dispatched to different NGOs to be distributed in Camp 2W, 7, 9, 10, 11, 12, 17, 18 and 26. The top-up hygiene kit is distributed to replenish every three months the consumables from the hygiene kit including soap, tooth paste together with Aquatabs to ensure water treatment at household level. Hygiene kits have been distributed by IOM WASH team to the relocated families in Camp 20 and 20 Extension. In addition, regular hygiene promotion activities such as awareness sessions and cleaning campaigns are being organised by the implementing partners under the guidance and supervision of IOM WASH team.

Water Supply in Camp 20 Extension

IOM WASH team and MSF are collaborating to reduce the turbidity level of deep tube well water to an acceptable level in Camp 20 extension. IOM WASH and MSF are working together for the development of boreholes, sharing logistical support and technical expertise. In addition, the two teams are jointly setting up temporary small scale water supply systems.

Insufficient number of latrines

According to the WASH follow-up assessment conducted by REACH, existing latrines are serving much larger population than they are designed for. The results of the survey outlines that 21% of male respondents mentioned 'too many users' as the primary problem in accessing the latrines. The same problem was highlighted by the 30% of the female respondents. On top of access issues, existing latrines are getting full before the anticipated time based on the designed capacity. More twin pit latrines and desludging tanks need to be installed to meet the demand of the existing refugees in the camps.



One-year old **Shahid** has been successfully treated at Leda Health Clinic in November 2018 for severe Pneumonia. His mother, a Rohingya Refugee, gave birth to him at Leda Health Clinic last year and cited this as the reason for her trusting the facility with the treatment of her son.

"I am very happy with the treatment and the staff are trying their best to help him" she said.

Respiratory Tract Infections, including Pneumonia, are among the most common ailments for the under-5 age group in the refugee community (who account for over 18% of the Rohingya refugee population). Access to nebulizers at facilities such as LHC provides often life-saving support to young children.



1,659
Average daily consultations in IOM facilities



470
Average daily consultations with <5-year-olds



4,497
Antenatal care sessions conducted in November



208
Deliveries conducted in IOM facilities by skilled birth attendants

Capacity Building

As part of cyclone preparedness, IOM organized a two day training on "Emergency and Trauma Care" at Kutuplaong Extension PHCC for its clinicians to strengthen the trauma management capacity of the facility so that it can act as a primary referral point for trauma care during post-cyclone emergency health response.

IOM has provided training for 24 community health workers (conducting contract tracing) of Community Partners International (CPI), Mukti, BRAC and Doctors without Borders (MSF) in coordination with MSF and WHO to ensure comprehensive coverage of contact tracing for Diphtheria cases in refugee camps.

A total of four IOM Health staff participated in a training course on "Data Analysis, Verbal and Social Autopsies" provided by the CDC to learn how to conduct Maternal and Neonatal mortality surveillance at field level.

Sexual and Reproductive Health Services

Integration of Sexual and Reproductive Health information and activities has commenced at IOM Women and Girls' safe spaces in the camps to increase access and awareness of sexual and reproductive health services.

Community Health Workers Mapping

IOM has been acting as a key partner in an activity to map the locations of all Community Health Workers currently operating in the camps and host community areas and re-allocate their working areas based on apparent overlaps or gaps. This process has now been completed and detailed maps will be available from early December. These maps will assist with planning of risk communication campaigns and ensure that all vulnerable members of the community (such as pregnant women) have access to health care.

Mental Health and Psychosocial Services (MHPSS)

60 members of the Health field team have been trained on integration of MHPSS into the health response and in the use of the MHPSS screening tool to identify key indicators to be addressed by the MHPSS team present in the health facilities.

Healing ceremonies to protect and promote mental health through music and art have actively involved 100 members of the community in Teknaf. These commemoration ceremonies are linked to Rohingya cultural resources to cope with sources of distress.

A total of 30 Psychosocial-Support officers and community mobilisers from an IOM implementer partner for Protection have received guidance on psychosocial approaches and support, and priorities for improvement of coordination in the field between Protection and MHPSS were identified.

Prepositioning Plan for 2019

Medical logistics staff have completed the process of cataloguing warehouse items to prepare a one-year prepositioning plan for 2019 in line with Joint Response Plan activities.

MODERN HOSPITAL REPLACES BAMBOO CLINIC

A new Hospital and Health Post, constructed and managed by IOM, have been opened in Camps 3 and 10 respectively.

The facilities were inaugurated on the 20th November in the presence of representatives from the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, the RRRRC, the Chief of Mission and many donors who ensured this project was a success.



The construction of an inpatient department at Kutupalong Ext. PHCC (D4) and health posts in Burmapara and Acharbonia using more durable materials has commenced and will shortly be operational.

NEEDS AND POPULATION MONITORING (NPM)

Following an Inter-Sector Coordination Group (ISCG) request and in close coordination with the Site Management (SM) Sector, IOM NPM completed a one-day **Joint Needs Assessment (JNA) disaster simulation exercise**. This emergency assessment mechanism uses a small team of 18 specially trained enumerators to gather data on the situation following a cyclone or other disaster through interviews with SM teams across all camps.

IOM NPM completed a two-day pilot **facilities mapping exercise** also upon ISCG's request and in close coordination with the Site Management Sector. The full facilities mapping assessment will identify and record both the location and type of all facilities across the camps.

NPM produced **UAV imageries and other topographical products** for ISCG and SM to give an overview of the overall access situation of the camps for better decision making and planning. The latest imageries have been taken during the month of November and processed to be useable for different purposes by other partners.

In November the ACAPS **NPM Analysis Hub** released its latest **Rohingya Influx Overview report**, which provides an overview of notable changes across the response since the previous report. The report also includes the basic needs gap, a multi-sectoral prioritization tool which draws attention to camps and blocks in which there are significant gaps across key indicators, from the NPM site assessments data, around basic needs, including WASH, shelter/NFI, health and food.

TRANSITION AND RECOVERY

Safe Access to Fuel and Energy (SAFE)

In November, a total of 3,723 Rohingya households from Camps 8E and 9 have received LPG sets (cylinder, one plate cook stove, regulator and hose). In addition, 2,394 households came to IOM station to refill their LPG cylinders. During the distributions and refills, all beneficiaries were trained on fire safety, the importance of environmental conservation as well as effective cooking methods. The SAFE PLUS programme is jointly run by FAO, IOM and WFP and aims at addressing cooking fuel needs, environmental degradation and food security for Rohingya refugees and host populations affected by the Refugee Crisis.

Women Income Generation Support (WINGS)

IOM and its partner ICCO Cooperation on WINGS, the first women-tailored initiative implemented in the area, have this month:

- ◆ Developed three training modules on poultry, goat rearing, and vegetable cultivation for the host communities.
- ◆ Conducted six awareness sessions on Gender Based Violence (GBV) with 50 Rohingya refugees 105 host community members.
- ◆ Engaged seven facilitators from the host community who are part of the training on dress making to Rohingya Refugees as part of a confidence building measure. Trainers will also be identified from the Rohingya community.

The WINGS project targets a total 460 women beneficiaries (260 from host community and 200 Rohingya refugees).

Cyclone shelter and Union Disaster Management Committees (UDMCs)

IOM has distributed equipment to 50 cyclones shelters, including First Aid boxes, megaphones, personal protective equipment to be used in emergency. The management committees received training on how to use the equipment and provide necessary support during a disaster.

As part of the reactivation process of UDMCs, IOM conducted meetings with UDMCs in Nhila Union with 22 committee members. The UDMC has been reformed through open discussion and agreed to regularly meet on every month.



20
Cyclone shelters are being rehabilitated



7,323
Households received LPG sets to date



DEMONSTRATION ON HOW TO USE A STOVE FOR SAFE BENEFICIARIES. ©IOM 2018/LAUREN PEARSON

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