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ROHINGYA MAN USES IOM SHELTER AND NON-FOOD ITEM VOUCHER MATERIALS TO CONSTRUCT A CUSTOMIZED SHELTER DESIGNED TO FIT HIS AND HIS FAMILY'S NEEDS © IOM 2019



719,920

Rohingya arrivals since 25 August 2017



932,940

Rohingya in Cox's Bazar



1.2 million

people in need

New Shelter Programme Gives Refugees a Say

Information feedback sessions conducted in Rohingya camps last year revealed that refugees wanted greater decision-making in the way they design and construct their shelters. The Shelter team was in favour of empowering beneficiaries to upgrade their shelters, but there were concerns about ensuring standards of safety and durability for the bamboo structures. “Measures, such as use of treated bamboo, ensuring that bamboo stays off the ground and away from moisture and bugs, and that the bamboo structure is braced, are critical to enhancing the stability and durability of shelters,” shares Josh Hart – the Shelter and Non-Food Items programme manager. In order to support this approach and build capacity amongst beneficiaries, twenty-five households at a time are given two-hour orientation on “Shelter Improvement and Maintenance” by a team of Bangladeshi trainers who are recruited from the surrounding area and speak Chittagonian dialect, a language similar to that spoken by the Rohingya.

After the training, households are given a batch of Shelter materials that include treated bamboo, ropes, and metal footings which help keep bamboo above ground and away from pests. Soon after beneficiaries install footings and integrate treated bamboo into their structures, they receive a voucher worth a set number of points which can be redeemed for additional materials offered amongst available material options. The new system marks a change from the first days of the emergency response. “In the initial months after the crisis in August 2017, refugees received basic training and an emergency shelter kit,” said Hart. The emergency conditions meant that many shelters were quickly built and vulnerable to monsoon rains and wind. Now that the crisis is stabilising, refugees are empowered to upgrade their shelters based on their unique needs, supported by their training on Shelter Upgrade and Maintenance. Materials are also better than before. IOM’s bamboo poles are treated with an environmentally-safe borax solution that makes them last longer, and metal footings avoid contact with the ground, protecting them from pests that enter the bamboo.

Giving refugees a greater say in their housing is more logistically challenging than the previous approach, but it ensures that refugees have the chance to independently determine how their shelters are built, says Hart. “They might choose to add a partition, storage space or fireproofing of walls around cooking spaces,” he explains. So far, 35,000 households have benefitted from the programme, which has been implemented throughout the camps in 2019 and will continue into the coming year.

IN BRIEF

- IOM’s Health, Protection and Mental Health and Psychosocial Support (MHPSS) teams conducted trainings for 166 health service providers on systems of support offered to survivors of Gender Based Violence. This training is expected to strengthen referral pathways and improve the quality of medical care and clinical management of rape for survivors, better ensuring a survivor-centered approach.
- With the rainy season coming to a close, IOM SMEP teams are continuing slope reinforcements and repairs for damaged roads. Slopes that were compromised in the rains are being planted with vegetation to prevent erosion during the next rainy season.
- IOM’s Korea-funded Digital Island Project organized a day-long advocacy workshop for primary school teachers in Moheskhal to discuss future challenges and opportunities for host community children’s education. Participants learned about methods to develop students’ essential skills, including creativity and leadership.





MHPSS VOLUNTEERS CONDUCT SUICIDE PREVENTION OUTREACH © IOM 2019

Referrals and contagious disease containment saves lives

Health activities continued uninterrupted in October. A total of 62,073 patients were treated at IOM outpatient departments, 15,384 of whom were children under five. Upper respiratory tract infections posed the largest risk, making up 18% of morbidity cases. Acute watery diarrhea (AWD) was also noted across all camps with the health sector reporting 115 cases.

Surveillance for cholera is ongoing in collaboration with the International Center for Diarrheal Diseases Research-Bangladesh (ICDDR-B). Although health authorities and the Health sector have not declared an outbreak, preparedness and response plans have been activated that include risk communication, distribution of

ORS sachets and IV fluids and active case investigations by community health workers.

A total of 239 critically-ill patients received comprehensive medical care at secondary and tertiary health facilities in Cox's Bazar and Chittagong, 191 of whom were treated at Cox's Bazar district Sadar Hospital; a total of 48 patients were referred to Chittagong Medical College Hospital.

Streamlining GBV support throughout the health response

IOM's Health, Protection and Mental Health and Psychosocial Support (MHPSS) teams conducted trainings for 166 health service providers on the multi-sectoral support offered to survivors of Gender Based Violence, including intimate partner violence. This training is expected to strengthen referral pathways and improve the quality of the clinical management of rape and medical care for survivors, better ensuring a survivor-centered approach. Meanwhile, IOM Health teams supported 10,305 women with sexual and reproductive health services. These included 309 deliveries carried out by skilled birth attendants and 992 pre-natal care sessions.

Rohingya, host community, benefit from mental health support

A total of 329 beneficiaries (94 men and 235 women) were supported through direct psychosocial services including individual counseling, group counseling, family support, and awareness sessions conducted at IOM health facilities.

Through 15 community-based activities, a total of 788 beneficiaries (422 men and 366 women) from the Rohingya and host communities were reached by the MHPSS response at the community level.

The MHPSS community-based activities focused on the community's main concerns with regards to strengthening their psychosocial wellbeing. Children and youth were assisted in developing skills on conflict mediation, social emotional learning and healthy social interaction through sport and play activities. Collective kitchens were also conducted to increase positive relationships, reducing beneficiaries' feelings of isolation and facilitating community-based coping mechanisms to deal with daily challenges.

Meanwhile, an assessment was conducted to identify how to extend the MHPSS programme to better include the host community, indicating community tensions associated with expensive daily basic needs, unemployment, substance abuse, over-population and extra-marital relationships between host and the Rohingya populations.

In order to improve MHPSS services in the field, Mental Health professionals and Rohingya volunteers continued their training with Dhaka University on basic and advanced MHPSS skills. The Site Management, Disaster Management and MHPSS teams also took part in a Mindfulness-Based Capacity Building training to increase social emotional skills, conflict transformation, positive leadership and non-violent communication, among other skills.



PATIENTS AT CHITTAGONG MEDICAL COLLEGE HOSPITAL © IOM 2019

HIGHLIGHTS



62,073
total consultations



1,301
women received delivery, pre and post-natal care



1,117
people reached with MHPSS services



ENUMERATOR COLLECTING SITE ASSESSMENT DATA IN TEKNAF CAMPS © IOM 2019

Site Assessments ongoing in the camps

NPM has continued to support the Site Management Sector through the Daily Incident Reporting Mechanism. An overview of reported incidents can be found on the IOM Cox's Bazar [dashboard](#). Meanwhile, the team published the datasets for round 16 of the Site Assessment. The two datasets (utilizing data collected from female and male Key Informants) covered all locations hosting Rohingya populations in Cox's Bazar district in Bangladesh, both in collective and dispersed sites. The sub block boundaries in Camp 15 were also checked and edited based on field level verifications performed by IOM NPM teams. The enumerators also piloted the methodology to be used by Ground Truth Solutions in their upcoming perception assessments.

NPM develops disaster preparedness tools and builds capacity

The NPM team has been working with members from the Early Preparedness Working Group (EPWG) to revise the questionnaire for a 4-hour Joint Needs Assessment (JNA) Tool. This is an assessment that would be triggered in the event of a large-scale disaster such as a cyclone. Information captured through this assessment would be used to inform blanket or targeted distributions. NPM has incorporated feedback from all partners and moving forward will support in coding the tool so it can be transmitted through radios.

Meanwhile, for two consecutive weeks in mid-October, IOM NPM enumerators attended several training sessions. The training topics included First Aid training,

Codes of Conduct, Gender Based Violence, Protecting Against Sexual Exploitation and Abuse, and Security and Hazard awareness.

Analyzing sectoral operations to improve performance across the response

In October, the ACAPS-NPM Analysis Hub worked on an overview report reflecting on cross-sectoral issues and linkages through the examination of NPM Site Assessment Rounds 15 and 16 and the Multi-Sectoral Needs Assessment (MSNA) findings. The hub has made efforts to create stronger working links with the ISCG Gender Hub, whilst putting together a report on how to strengthen the process of gender analysis within the response.

The Hub continued to provide support the MSNA Technical Working Group and supported the facilitation of the joint analysis workshop. Using the results of the MSNA data, the ACAPS-NPM Analysis Hub is now working on a technical note that presents one possible methodological approach to looking at severity analysis.

The team is also in the process of carrying out a strategic review of the Analysis Hub by meeting with different stakeholders within the response to gather critical feedback to inform planning for next year.

PROTECTION

General Protection fortifies efforts to identify Extremely Vulnerable Individuals (EVI)

In Camp 20, IOM Protection and Site Management teams, in addition to partners led an identification exercise for Extremely Vulnerable Individuals (EVIs). Following training on EVI identification, professionals coming from three agencies embarked on EVI identification block-by-block in the camp. In three weeks, 395 EVIs were identified and a comprehensive EVI database is being formed for Camp 20.

In line with ongoing efforts, IOM Protection also identified 42 vulnerable individuals and families through door-to-door visits and consultations with communities. Thirty cases were referred to relevant services and 51 individuals received case management services.



STREET DRAMA EXERCISE RAISES AWARENESS ON CT IN HOST COMMUNITY © IOM 2019

Counter Trafficking (CT) teams strengthen implementation of National Plan of Action

IOM participated in Cox's Bazar district-level Counter Trafficking Committee (CTC) efforts, holding four CTC meetings at the union-level in Jaliapalong, Razapalong and Palongkhali. The goal of these

meetings was to sensitize CTC members regarding their role and responsibilities as per the Government's National Plan Action.

IOM, with its two implementing partners Young Power in Social Action (YPSA) and Bangladesh National Women Lawyers' Association (BNWLA), conducted activities for Rohingya and host community members to prevent trafficking and protect victims of trafficking through identification and assistance. A total of 10,578 individuals (4,382 women, 2,689 men, 1,779 girls and 1,728 boys) received key messages about the risks of human trafficking.

IOM also conducted two one-day child counter trafficking trainings in Cox's Bazar for the Child Protection Sub Sector (CPSS) for 65 participants from 21 national and international organizations.

Child Protection recognizes International Day of the Girl Child and raises awareness around sexual abuse of boys

IOM partner Terre des Hommes (Tdh) provided training to IOM case workers on the characteristics of sexual abuse against boys, its impact on survivors, and barriers to disclosure faced by victims, in order to better support these cases.

On 10 October, IOM and Tdh celebrated the “International Girl Child Day” in Camp 13, engaging nearly 800 children and caregivers. The celebration included awareness sessions and fun activities such as a short drama play, jump rope and musical chairs.

During the month of October, the Child Protection team and its partners provided case management to a total of 109 children (60 girls and 49 boys) in Camps 9, 23, 13, 20, 20 Extension. Additionally, 149 vulnerable children and adolescents (87 boys and 62 girls) had access to mobile psychosocial support activities in Camp 13.

Shining a light on Intimate Partner Violence

The BBC Media Action’s new audio drama series *Aa’rar Kissa*, “Our Story”, was successfully launched across IOM’s ten Women and Girls Safe Spaces (WGSS). The series aims to raise awareness on Intimate Partner Violence (IPV) given the prevalence of this type of gender-based violence (GBV) in the Rohingya camps.

A number of capacity building and awareness raising workshops also took place in October. These included:

- A total of **150** outreach awareness sessions in 10 camps for 2,340 individuals to learn about hygiene, human trafficking and services available at the WGSS
- A total of **400** Community Advocates (100 men, 100 women, 100 boys and 100 girls) in Camps 7, 8W, 9, 17, 18, 19, 20 extension, 23, 24 trained on Protection with a focus on GBV
- A total of **20** IOM GBV case workers trained on community based psychosocial support organised by Mukti, Cox’s Bazar as part of Joint IOM-UNFPA capacity exchange
- A total of **70** staff members of IOM NPM trained on GBV core concepts, guiding principles and safe referral
- A total of **136** non-GBV actors with capacity to refer GBV survivors trained camps 9, 17, 18, 19, 20 ext.

As part of ongoing activities 7,034 women and girls benefitted from psychosocial support activities offered at the WGSS. Additionally, 5,981 thamis and 670 solar lanterns were distributed to the most vulnerable women and girls in Camps 8W, 9 and 24.

Support for Persons with Disabilities continues in October

IOM, Christian Blind Mission (CBM), and the Center for Disability in Development (CDD) are working to support 1,000 persons with disabilities with assistive devices -- wheelchairs, toilet chairs, walking sticks, hearing aids, and special protective gear for hands and knees-- in Camps 12, 18, 19, 20 and host communities of Ukhiya sub-district.

HIGHLIGHTS



395
EVIs identified in Camp 20



10,578
individuals received messages on counter-trafficking



109
Child Protection cases managed



7,034
women and girls benefitted from psychosocial support



IOM STAFF MEET WITH PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES IN CAMP 22 TO DISCUSS PWD ACCESS TO SERVICES, EASE OF MOVEMENT AND NEEDS AS THE SEASONS ARE CHANGING © IOM 2019



IOM COLLEAGUES EXPLAIN THE BAMBOO TREATMENT PROCESS TO ECHO HIGH OFFICIALS © IOM 2019

Bamboo treatment facility in full operation, supports programmes across the camps

As IOM's bamboo treatment facility – the largest in the humanitarian world – situates into its regular operations, visitors are taking notice. During the reporting period, in fact, High Officials from the European Civil Protection and Humanitarian Aid Operation (ECHO) visited the facility in Nhila, during which they saw an overview of facility operations. Of these many operations, impressive strides in activities have included the successful treatment of muli bamboo. This effort goes beyond fortifying materials for regular Shelter and Non-Food Item (NFI) uses. The treated muli is also to be used amongst MHPSS colleagues to provide children and other Rohingya beneficiaries materials to make toys and traditional crafts.

This creative application of resources and tools highlights the potential for collaboration and interlinkages between IOM programming across the response – an exciting emergent dynamic between developing efforts like IOM's growing Mental Health response and the newly operating bamboo treatment facility. Beyond these special operations, a total of 42,000 pieces of borak bamboo were treated at the facility. These figures are in line with average monthly outputs for the facility.



WOMEN'S COMMUNITY ORIENTATION ON TSA, METAL FOOTING USE DEMONSTRATED © IOM 2019

IN OTHER DEVELOPMENTS:

Translational Shelter Assistance (TSA) Programme

- A total of 3,848 households oriented on 'Shelter Upgrade and Maintenance'
- A total of 4,471 households received materials through voucher distributions, including tarpaulins, muli bamboo, 3 mm rope, tie-wire, cement, jute bags, and padlocks with chains in Camps 9, 10, 18, and 25
- A total of 3,816 households received shelter materials through in-kind distribution, including 6 borak, 9 metal footings and 6mm rope, under in Camps 9, 10, 18, 24, and 25.
- A total of 373 Households with Special Shelter Needs (HHSSN) were supported in Camps 9, 10 and 25 with material transportation and shelter upgrades
- Emergency shelter support provided to 64 households affected by weather events and other shocks.
- A total of 150 new Rohingya from Camp 22 and 24 received Carpenter Trainings

Monitoring, Evaluation and Learning:

- Technical Monitoring of 205 shelters upgraded under TSA programme completed to ensure beneficiaries are utilising shelter materials properly and implementing shelter improvement and maintenance skills
- A total of 400 households covered in Post Distribution Monitoring data collection; results will be published next month
- A Shelter/NFI programme-wide monitoring tool has been finalized and will be piloted in mid-November

Community Shelter Upgrades (CSU), Mid-Term Shelters (MTS) and Host Community Shelter Programmes:

- A total of 12 mosque upgrades were completed
- A total of 23 Mid-Term Shelters constructed in Camp 20 Extension, ready for SMSD teams to relocate households from highly congested and/or flood and landslide-risk areas.
- A total of 14 shelter upgrades completed for host communities in Teknaf as part of a pilot Shelter project carried out by IOM and local partners Shushilan/WorldFish

SITE MAINTENANCE AND ENGINEERING PROJECT (SMEP)



RETAINING WALL IN KBE DEPICTING COLORFUL SCENES FROM LIFE IN THE CAMPS, THANKS TO SMEP COLLABORATION WITH PARTNER ARTOLUTION © IOM 2019

SMEP repairs follow rainy season

As the rainy season comes to a close, SMEP teams are continuing slope reinforcements and repairs to damaged roads. Slopes that were compromised in the rains are being planted with vegetation to prevent erosion during the next rainy season. The drive to plant trees and shrubs on vulnerable slopes marks a change in IOM's approach in the wake of the recent monsoon season.

Teams have also been dispatched to repair camp roads using bricks, with an estimated 60km of road in continued need. Road repair has thus been a priority with the onset of the dry season in early October.

Teams were resupplied bricks from partner World Food Programme (WFP) in the middle of the month and began addressing a long list of road repair needs throughout Ukhiya and Teknaf.

Temporary Solid Waste Processing Facility construction under way

SMEP has been building a temporary Solid Waste Processing Facility (SWPF) with UNDP partners. Designs for the month of October have advanced and construction is about 40% complete. Collection and deposition of waste began 22 October with support of NGO BRAC, among others. The facility is expected to handle about 30 tons of waste per day with a

total volume of about 6,000 cubic metres.

SMEP Centre of Excellence rolls out programmes and activities

In other developments, SMEP's Centre of Excellence launched its training programme with a class of 14 machine operators. The students are undergoing an intensive programme learning on how to operate excavators, bulldozers, rollers, front-end loaders and utility vehicles. Training is continuing for two operators while the remainder are actively deployed for projects with IOM, UNHCR and WFP. All operators maintain legally appropriate licenses to operate IOM construction equipment.

SMEP, Artolution, work together to beautify the camps

During the month, IOM continued its partnership with Artolution, an arts-based organization seeking to engage refugee and host communities in painting walls and structures to beautify the camps and explore different avenues for expression for affected communities.

SMEP continued to operate at three casting yards where skilled workers prefabricate timber, concrete, and metal construction elements. These products are being supplied to IOM, UNHCR and WFP interventions in various 'flagship' projects in Camps 5 and 12. This is carried out with hopes of extending the durability of infrastructure throughout the camps.



COLORFUL WALL IN CAMP 12, DEPICTING ANIMALS, HOMES AND NATURE FAMILIAR TO THE ROHINGYA AND HOST COMMUNITIES. SMEP TEAMS BUILT THESE WALLS ALONG CRITICAL ACCESS ROUTES TO PROTECT STRUCTURES NEAR THE ROAD BELOW. ARTOLUTION RENDERED MURALS UPON THEM TO BEAUTIFY THE CAMPS © IOM 2019

SITE MANAGEMENT AND SITE DEVELOPMENT (SMSD)

Site Planning team supports the Joint Response Plan (JRP) 2020

IOM's Site Planning team has been supporting the JRP 2020 proposal through the Site Planning Site Development (SPSD) Working Group. The Macro Settlement Development Plan (MSDP) for the Kutupalong-Balukhali (KBE) refugee camp is a tool to help ensure that all major site development and infrastructure interventions in the camps fit within a larger development strategy that brings benefits to both refugee and host communities.

The site planners have held several workshops with each sector to guide them through the facility rationalization process. This involves understanding each sector's facility standards based on population, taking inventory of the existing facilities, analyzing the service gaps, and developing a plan to best meet beneficiary needs while minimizing space requirements. This effort represents a massive undertaking with 9,000+ facilities recorded in ISCG's facility mapping exercise. The process is well under way and SMSD site planners will continue to support the sectors as the JRP process moves into the project review phase.

IOM staff and Camps in Charge (CiCs) participate in 2019 Global Camp Coordination & Camp Management (CCCM) Cluster retreat

Co-hosted by the Cluster leads, IOM and UNHCR, the Annual Global CCCM Cluster Retreat took place October 2-3 in Geneva. The retreat gathered representatives from Global Cluster partners, governments/donors, CCCM field staff, representatives of other Global Clusters, and other stakeholders. Among the 100 participants, IOM Bangladesh was represented by four SMSD staff and two CiCs from the KBE and Teknaf camps.

Communication with Community (CwC) provides literacy training and community engagement

In Teknaf, the members of Women Participation Project (WPP) attended non-formal education sessions as part of the Ideas Box project through which they are learning basic literacy. Moreover, the SM team conducted 2 sessions in Ideas Box structure with the Artolution team under the pillar of Individual and Collective

Expression with 30 participants, half men and half women.

During the reporting period, 1,043 Radio Listening Sessions and Townhall meetings were held to raise awareness on various issues, such as relocation to Bhashan Char, Acute Watery Diarrhea, dengue fever and how to avoid road accidents.

Capacity building for IOM and SM partners

Over the reporting period, SMSD staff participated in Mental Health and Psychosocial Support (MHPSS), Protecting against Sexual Exploration and Abuse (PSEA), and emergency preparedness trainings. These included:

- A total of 85 staff and volunteers (68 men and 17 women) were trained on MHPSS across four training sessions in Camps 20, 20 Extension and 12
- A total of 18 SMSD staff designated as PSEA Champions completed PSEA Training of Trainers and an additional 50 SM staff and volunteers have received the mandatory PSEA training thus far

Finally, over the month of October, IOM reported relocating 35 households due to landslide risk, protection needs and /or infrastructure challenges.

SITE DEVELOPMENT HIGHLIGHTS



842
metres of road constructed/repared



1,466
metres of drainage constructed/repared



720
metres of steps and trail constructed/repared



178
bridges constructed/repared



AWARENESS RAISING EXERCISE IN TEKNAF CAMPS, COORDINATED BY SITE MANAGEMENT TEAM © IOM 2019



AMBASSADOR SKILLS PROMOTION TRAINING AMONGST HOST COMMUNITY CHILDREN TO ENCOURAGE INTER-GENERATIONAL SOCIAL COHESION AND ADVOCACY © IOM 2019

Enhancing livelihoods and empowering women through income generation support

The Women's Income Generation Support (WINGS) project aims to enhance livelihoods and empowerment opportunities for female beneficiaries in both host and Rohingya communities. During the reporting period, 184 Rohingya and 201 host community women participated in integrated trainings on topics such as awareness raising on trafficking, gender-based violence risks identification and referral channels, the rights of the girl-child, prevention of early marriages, and nutrition. Additionally, 200 Rohingya women received orientations on business development skills focusing on basic financial literacy, savings, and market linkage.

As part of the self-reliance component of the project, IOM distributed assets for food processing and tailoring. Under this initiative,

- A total of 165 Rohingya women received assets for food processing- which included one Cylinder with filled LPG gas, one Double burner cooker, four utensils packages, 70 kg of food ingredients, and one wooden table
- A total of 80 beneficiaries received tailoring packages which included one sewing machine, 24 tailoring accessories and 48 yards of fabric to start up their business

- A total of 49 host community women received goats for income generation

Ramping up skills for application on eCommerce platform

During the reporting period, the eCommerce Project organized three skills development trainings for 60 producers and entrepreneurs. The Bangladesh Fisheries Research Institute (BFRI) facilitated these sessions which aimed to generate awareness on organic dried fish products, different methodologies of producing dried fish, know-how on packaging and storage methods, and how to select good quality dried fish.

A technical training on the daraz eCommerce platform was organized for nine entrepreneurs to teach them how to publish their products, run online sales campaigns, and maintain electronic stock. To ensure the production of organic dried fish, the project successfully installed four fish driers and 20 elevated fish nets which were then handed over to producers in coordination with the Coast Trust. Additionally, around 360 farmers received services from three Agriculture and Information Communication Centres (AICC) on modern cultivation techniques.

Finally, the project team also organized a series of consultation meetings with different stakeholders to setup implementation plans for future endeavors of the project.

District-level launch of Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR) and livelihoods capabilities project

On October 1, 2019, the Deputy Commissioner of Cox's Bazar launched the *Strengthening Disaster Risk Reduction and Livelihoods Capacities in Refugee-Affected Communities in Cox's Bazar* project. Following the launch, a DRR workshop was held in collaboration with WFP and UNCHR, reaching 86 participants from Government agencies, UN, INGO, NGOs and others. The two-day workshop covered issues such as gender and Protection mainstreaming in DRR and minimum standards for cyclone shelter maintenance. A Upazila-level launch event also took place in Ramu Upazila where 35 members from the Upzalia Disaster Management Committee participated.

The International Day for Disaster Risk Reduction was widely celebrated in Cox's Bazar at the district and Upazila-level in Moheshkhali, Ramu, Ukhiya and Teknaf. IOM contributed to the celebrations by participating in rallies, providing technical and grant support to the district and upazila for celebration of the day, and engaging in activities to raise awareness among stakeholders on multi-hazards vulnerability.

Safe Access to Fuel and Energy (SAFE+) initiatives continue: LPG distributed, terrain reforested

During the month, a total of 3,796 Rohingya and 2,810 host community households received LPG kits (cylinder, stove, regulator and hose), with all beneficiary households trained on fire safety, efficient cooking, and importance of environmental management. Meanwhile, a total of 65,465 households refilled their LPGs, including 909 host and 64,556 Rohingya community members. Under the SAFE+ mission, together, IOM and the Food and Agriculture Organization have reforested 168 hectares of land which is now covered with saplings. Towards this effort, more than 500,00 seedlings, 250,00kg of organic manure, 2.5 million varieties of long-rooted grasses and 1,000kg of leguminous seeds were used for these plantation activities. Beyond reforesting the land, these planting exercises help ensure riparian protection, slope stabilization, roadside erosion control and windbreak plantation.



POPULAR PUPPET CHARACTERS FROM SISIMPUR, PERFORMING LIVE DURING DIGITAL ISLAND FEST © IOM 2019

Digital Island Project reaching students, teachers and government

In a partnership with JAAGO Foundation, the Digital Island Project aims to take quality education to the remote areas of Bangladesh, introducing distance learning programmes and multimedia-based education at the primary school level.

On October 27, the project organized a daylong advocacy workshop for primary school teachers in Moheshkhali to discuss

the challenges and opportunities for the future. Participants learned about methods for the development of students' essential skills such as creativity and leadership.

Headteachers and online instructors from the distance learning program, which has reached ten Government primary schools, educates 9,000 students and creates awareness around e-learning among 20,000 community citizens, all attended the event.

The project also organized an event called Digital Island Fest – 2019 in Moheshkhali where around 400 students from different educational institutes attended. To achieve the goal of developing creativity and critical thinking amongst students, the festival offered children activities such as dance completion, documentary making, Power-Point presentation and stage drama.

During the reporting period, the project organized a 10-day long training programme for government officials on basic computing skills. A total of 30 government staff (22 men and 8 women) from different government institutions attended. Through the community clubs, 624 community people of different age groups received different IT services such as internet browsing, form submission, self-learning from YouTube channels, printing, scanning, and making documents, among others. Additionally, 126 patients were diagnosed using mobile ultrasound and blood analyzers through the mobile healthcare facility in Moheshkhali Health Complex, established by the project.

Finally, around 3,300 students from ten selected primary schools received distance learning classes on English.

WATER, SANITATION AND HYGIENE (WASH)



ACUTE WATERY DIARRHOEA (AWD) KIT DISTRIBUTION IN CAMPS 24 AND 25 © IOM 2019

Wash responding to Acute Watery Diarrhoea (AWD)

In October, IOM responded to an increase in cases of AWD in the southern camps with intensified hygiene promotion and orientation sessions in close coordination with the health sector. A total of 7,050

AWD kits were distributed containing a jerry can, bucket, bath soaps, laundry soaps and aquatabs. The unit also completed construction of three DEWATS (Decentralized Wastewater Treatment Systems) in camp 9, which will minimise current desludging constraint.

Implementing partners continue hygiene promotion in camps

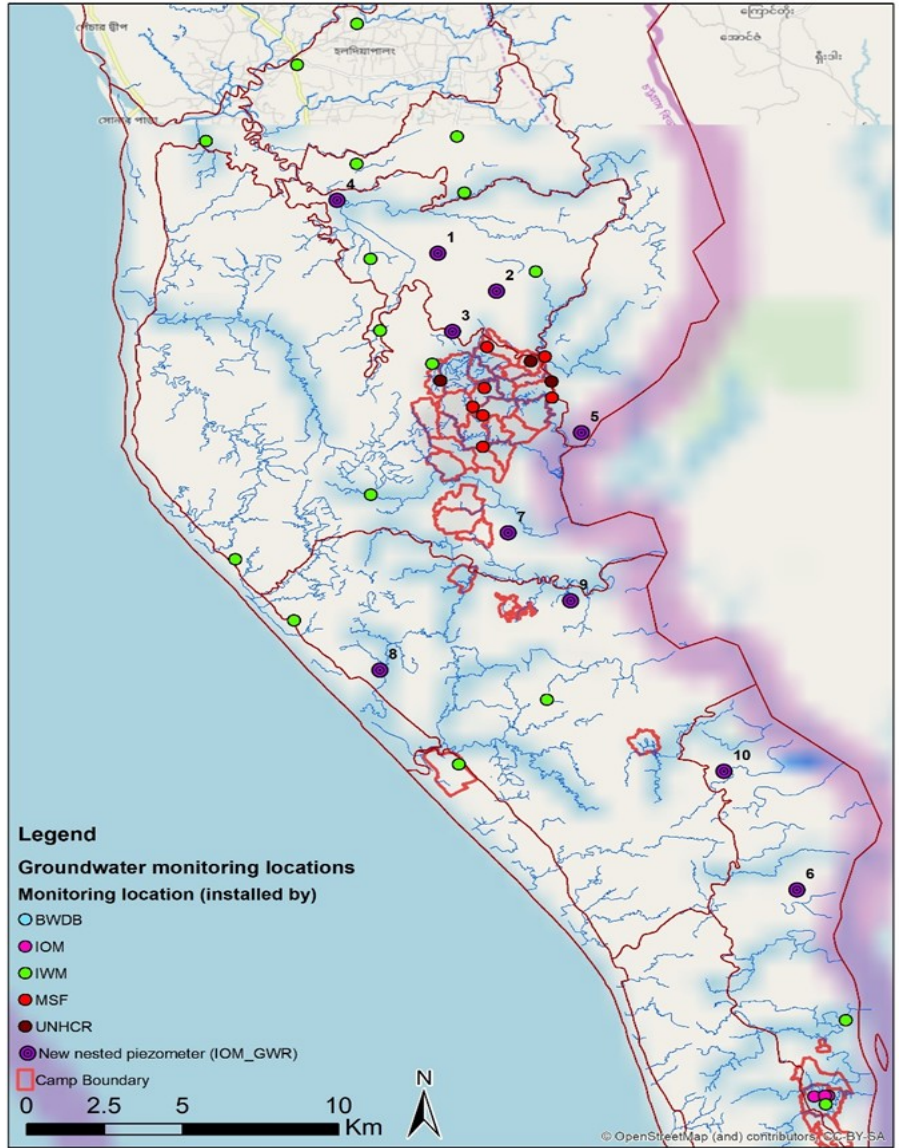
To improve hygiene practices, bathing and laundry soaps were distributed by implementing partners to 20,414 households in Camps 9, 11, 12 and 19. Additionally, WASH distributed top-up

hygiene kits to 1,450 beneficiary households in Camp 25. Since March 2018, a total of 360,000 top up hygiene kits have been distributed to 829,521 beneficiaries; with this distribution the core pipeline of top-up hygiene kits has come to an end.

Besides hygiene items distribution, regular hygiene promotion activities (i.e. hygiene sessions, cleaning campaigns, handwashing demonstration, orientation on menstrual health management) were organized by implementing partners in Camps 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 18, 19, 2W, 20, 20 extension, 23, and 24. Over the past month, implementing partners have conducted 8,175 hygiene promotion sessions and reached 153,691 individuals.

Installing groundwater monitoring network structure

IOM and Groundwater Relief are currently installing the groundwater monitoring network infrastructure in the host community surrounding the mega-camp, initiating drilling of ten deep monitoring wells and 10 shallow wells. The locations were decided in consultation with the groundwater model developers and hydrogeologists.



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