



IOM and the Government of Bangladesh inaugurated the new oxygen generator plant at the Ramu Upazila Health Complex on September 30. © IOM 2020



712,152

Rohingya arrivals
since 25 August 2017



861,545

Rohingya in Cox's Bazar



1.2 million

People in need

HIGHLIGHTS

On September 30, a team from the Sexual and Reproductive Health Working Group (SRH-WG) attended the inauguration of the maternity ward at the Severe Acute Respiratory Infection Isolation and Treatment Centre (SARI ITC) in Camp 24. The ward has an 18-bed capacity and trained midwives who can now also assist pregnant women with suspected or confirmed COVID-19.

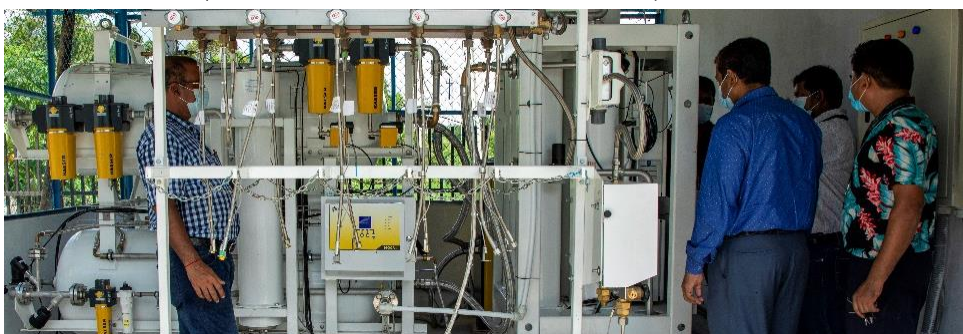
In case of high transmission rates, if SARI ITCs become overburdened or when patients – for various reasons – cannot go to the facilities, home-based care becomes an integral part of case management for COVID-19. To assist mild to moderate COVID-19 cases at community level, 60 clinical staff have been trained on home-based care.

This month, a high-level delegation, comprised of the U.S. Ambassador, the U.K. High Commissioner, a representative from the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and the U.N. Resident Coordinator, visited Camp 20 Extension, including the SARI ITC. The delegation met with Rohingya refugees for a group discussion, while General Protection and GBV teams facilitated group discussions and shared their expertise related to the camp's protection risks and the ongoing pandemic.

IOM, IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE GOVERNMENT OF BANGLADESH, INAUGURATE NEW OXYGEN GENERATOR PLANT FOR ROHINGYA AND HOST COMMUNITIES

On September 30, the oxygen generator plant at the Ramu Upazila Health Complex was officially inaugurated, with support from UK's Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office (FCDO). The brand-new generator will assist host populations affected by COVID-19, with the capacity to continuously provide oxygen for 50 patients at 6.6 liters per minute. In addition to the installation of equipment, experts and engineers were recruited to ensure the generator's functionality and maintenance.

The event was attended by several high-level guests, including the Honourable Member of the Parliament of the Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh from Cox's Bazar - 3 constituency, Shaimum Sarwar Komol, IOM Bangladesh's Chief of Mission, George Gigauri, Cox's Bazar's Civil Surgeon, Dr. Md. Mahbubur Rahman, Ramu Upazila Nirbahi Officer, Pronoy Chakma, Ramu Upazila Health and Family Planning Officer, Dr. Nobel Kumar Barua and Ramu Upazila Parishad Chairman, Sohel Sarower Kajol.



The new generator can provide oxygen for 50 patients at 6.6 liters per minute. © IOM 2020



Surveillance



3,426 samples

have been collected from IOM's three SARI ITCs and two Primary Health Care Centers (Camp 9 and Camp 3) and transported to the laboratory in Cox's Bazar.



71 cases

(27 suspected and 44 confirmed) have been successfully assisted by IOM's health teams.



This month, a high-level delegation visited IOM's 20 Extension SARI ITC and quarantine facility. © IOM 2020

Case Management

On September 24, a high-level delegation visited IOM's 20 Extension SARI ITC and quarantine facility. The delegation was comprised of representatives from Canada, the European Union, the United Kingdom, the United States, World Bank and the United Nations, including: Earl R. Miller, U.S. Ambassador to Bangladesh, Robert Chatterton Dickson, U.K. High Commissioner to Bangladesh, Rensje Teerink, EU Ambassador to Bangladesh, Mercy Tembon, World Bank Country Director to Bangladesh and Bhutan, Phedra Moon Morris, Head of Aid of the Canadian High Commission to Bangladesh, Mia Seppo, U.N. Resident Coordinator in Bangladesh, and Dr. Michael Friedman, Attaché for the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

A 3-day training on SOPs for COVID-19 response, case management, IPC, IOM's code of conduct, Protection from Sexual Exploitation and Abuse (PSEA) and psychological first aid was conducted for 17 SARI ITC staff. The clinical knowledge gained through the training will contribute to an improved patient care and the prevention of transmission.

To ensure the correct implementation of IPC measures and roll out capacity

building activities at facility level, a 4-day IOM ToT on Infection Prevention and Control (IPC) was organized this month for 26 health facility staff and IPC focal points. This will contribute to improving the IPC standards of IOM health facilities in Ukhiya and Teknaf, and the prevention of hospital-acquired infections. The training covered topics such as preparedness for responding to outbreaks of communicable diseases like COVID-19.

An IPC checklist and a daily KoBo reporting system have been introduced in the SARI ITCs, and 15 SARI ITC staff (clinic supervisors and IPC focal points), have been trained on the implementation of these tools and monthly scoring. This is in line with WHO recommendations to collect data on monthly IPC scores to monitor the performance of health facilities. This month, all three SARI ITCs achieved an IPC score higher than 80%, with the target being under 70%.

Palliative care guidelines for SARI ITC have been developed by IOM's Migration Health Division (MHD) and reviewed by the Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific (ROAP) and WHO/health sector focal points for case management. Once finalized, the guidelines will be shared with different SARI ITC partners in Cox's Bazar.

Dispatch and Referral Unit (DRU)

The DRU's work volume doubled in September as compared to August, responding to an average of 50 requests per week versus 25 requests per week in the previous month. The DRU fleet has been reduced by two vehicles due to lack of donor funding.

The DRU fleet totals at 22 vehicles (nine from other agencies and 13 IOM vehicles), including two vehicles to transport the deceased.

This past month, the DRU responded to 211 referral requests: 32 per cent for host community support and 68 per cent for Rohingya refugee support. A total of 335 individuals were successfully transported: 66 confirmed COVID-19 cases and 43 suspected cases to ITCs, 78 contacts and travelers/new arrivals to quarantine centers, 54 humanitarian workers for testing, 53 discharged COVID-19 cases/contacts back to their shelters, and 40 "other" individuals and one deceased body back to the community.

Twenty-four ambulance drivers received training on their roles and topics, such as the decontamination procedure for ambulances and the correct transportation of contact persons and the deceased; 42 workers received training on ambulance decontamination.

Risk Communication and Community Engagement (RCCE)

IOM's health outreach teams (40 SARI ITC staff and 50 community health workers) aim to enhance COVID-19 community-based surveillance, improving RCCE and ensuring the continuity of other essential health services, through health awareness-raising activities and active referrals.

These teams have conducted household visits and held group discussions and courtyard sessions about hand hygiene, SRH, adolescent health, COVID-19, communicable and non-communicable diseases for specific groups (e.g. majhees, women and adolescent girls), reaching 32,600 beneficiaries at community level.

A total of 537 antenatal care (ANC) and 562 acute respiratory infection/influenza like illness (ARI/ILI) patients, and 915 "other" (various communicable and non-communicable condition) referrals have been facilitated by these outreach teams.

In total, 403,773 people have been reached with COVID-19 preventive messages through door-to-door visits and courtyard meetings conducted by community health workers working with IOM's four implementing partners (Mukti Cox's Bazar, Bangla German Shampreeti, Research Training and Management International and World Concern/Medair).

With 93 shelters, the quarantine facility in Camp 20 Extension can accommodate contacts of confirmed cases; 72 contacts were quarantined in the facility this month. Contact follow-up and health checks were also provided by community health volunteers and the attached health post staff, in coordination with World Concern and Medair.

A total of 219 contacts have been successfully traced through the efforts of the IOM-supported contact tracing volunteers, contact tracing supervisors and medical support teams in 13 camps.

IOM continues to provide comprehensive emergency maternal and newborn care services in Ukhiya and Teknaf Upazila Health complexes, which contribute to saving the lives of both new mothers and newborns.

Cyclone Preparedness and Response

IOM is leading the coordination of the Mobile Medical Teams (MMT) categorized as core, surge and supplementary MMTs. These teams consist of health sector partners trained to deliver immediate life-saving health services and to facilitate emergency referrals, in the event of facility services being unable to meet urgent needs.

As part of cyclone preparedness and response, upcoming activities include: the activation of biweekly meetings of the MMT working group, a 3-day training on emergency response for IOM's MMTs and those of other health sector partners, and the mapping of MMT and ambulances at sector level. IOM also aims to strengthen its dispatch and referral unit and emergency referral services through a tailored training on cyclone preparedness and response.

During monsoon season and in the event of a cyclone, changes in morbidity and mortality patterns may occur. IOM plans to organize training sessions on Acute Watery Diarrhea and on emergency trauma care.

Operations and logistics



40 coveralls, 10,100 surgical masks, 22,200 pairs of examination gloves, 2,740 KN-95 masks, 1550 face shields, 600 N-95 masks, 20 hand sanitizers, 1,020 batches of liquid soap, 20 pairs of footwear, 50 cleaning gloves and 15 pairs of rubber boots, were provided to health facilities.



124 functional beds

in IOM's 3 SARI ITCs in Camp 2W, Camp 20 E. & Camp 24. The centers accommodate both male & female patients with severe COVID-19 symptoms (can be scaled up to 214 beds).



15 new staff

recruited for the COVID-19 response: 2 medical officers, 6 medical assistants, 1 lab technician, 5 nurses & 1 pharmacy assistant.

3 ambulance disinfection points

(Uttaran in Cox's Bazar, Camp 20 Extension and Camp 24) are providing cleaning and disinfection services; 58 services provided this month to IOM and other partners' ambulances.



Ambulance drivers received training on the decontamination procedure for ambulances. © IOM 2020

Mental Health and Psychosocial Support (MHPSS)

IOM's MHPSS team has resumed part of its community-based activities, in line with COVID-19 protective measures. The targeted individuals have been supported through tailored MHPSS interventions, such as art classes, informal education lessons and awareness-raising sessions, aimed at improving the beneficiaries' psychosocial well-being. An awareness-raising campaign regarding mental health was also organized.

Due to COVID-19 restrictions and the increased need for telecounseling and hotline services, a refresher training has been organized for MHPSS staff providing the services.

A total of 15 Community Health Workers (CHW) from the Bangla German Sampretee (BGS) have been trained on basic psychosocial assistance, including Psychological First Aid (PFA) and self-care. This will build their capacity related to mental healthcare in the context of COVID-19 and enable them to appropriately refer the beneficiaries for further support.

Feelings of anxiety and depression related due to relational conflicts, gender-based violence exaggerated by COVID-19 related lockdowns, camp insecurity, community conflicts and lack of livelihoods, were some of the concerns identified.

Primary Health Care and Sexual and Reproductive Health (SRH) Services

IOM'S 35 health facilities continue to provide primary healthcare, including outpatient and inpatient care, sexual and reproductive healthcare services and health promotion activities that involve community participation. There were 115,977 consultations this month, with 69% being refugees and 31% host community members.



IOM's MHPSS team organized a training for its health workers this month. © IOM 2020

The Early Warning and Alert Response System (EWARS) is active in IOM's health program for alerts on the early identification of infectious diseases. Ten IOM healthcare workers participated in a WHO-organized EWARS training, aimed at improving disease outbreak preparedness and response.

A total of 990 HIV WHO testing kits have been distributed to three designated HTC points operated by IOM.

Standardized tools for quality assessments have been launched in order to improve the quality of health care. In partnership with Doctors Worldwide, the program is now looking at the technical assistance required for improving clinical care in emergencies through facility-based clinical mentorship in ten IOM-supported health facilities.

This month, a ToT was organized for 12 medical officers and midwives on the use of Non-Pneumatic Anti Shock Garments for Postpartum Hemorrhage.

To increase access to integrated HIV/AIDS services, IOM held a discussion with representatives from the National AIDS/STD program and the Directorate General of Health Service in Bangladesh, about the expansion of HIV testing and prevention of mother-to-child HIV transmission (PMTCT).

This month, an AIDS and STD technical team from the national control program visited IOM's antiretroviral (ART) corner at Ukhiya Health Complex and HIV testing and counselling (HTC) point at Camp 2W. IOM's MHD team is now in the process of developing a concept note on an HIV/AIDS control program in Cox's Bazar.

IOM Sexual Reproductive Health (SRH) activities have enabled the provision of a comprehensive package of antenatal (ANC) and postnatal care (PNC), normal delivery, cesarean delivery and family planning services at 23 health facilities across the camps.

There has been an increase in some key SRH services from August to September: 231 to 339 facility-based deliveries, 4,225 to 5,588 women who came for ANC, 622 to 988 for PNC, and 3,223 to 4,740 women who came for modern family planning methods.

Other SRH services, including menstrual regulation, post abortion care and prevention of unsafe abortion, have been provided to 198 women and girls.

122 beneficiaries (78 women, 35 men, nine adolescent girls and four adolescent boys from both host and Rohingya communities) attended one of the ten sessions on awareness of sexual and reproductive health organized this month in Camp 23, in Baharchora and Jamtoli.



IOM's NPM team conducted Round 4 of the Post Distribution Monitoring (PDM) survey. © IOM 2020

IOM NPM continued to support the Site Management Sector with the Daily Incident Reporting Mechanism. Information on incidents can be found in this [dashboard](#).

As an active member of the ISCG Joint Multi Sector Needs Assessment (JMSNA) Technical Working Group, NPM contributed to the presentation of the 2020 MSNA findings with sector partners and other stakeholders. The J-MSNA exercise was initiated in early 2020 with the objective of providing evidence-based information to the JRP 2021 process and post-2021 response plans, and to complement sector-driven interventions. In addition, in early September, NPM enumerators supported data collection through household and Key Informant Interviews.

In early September, in collaboration with IOM's WASH and SMSD units, the NPM unit published a survey on the prevalence of households with private bathing, laundry and dishwashing facilities inside or attached to their shelters. In March, 2,500 household level surveys were conducted by the NPM team. Follow-up Key Informant Interviews were also conducted in July 2020 by SMSD staff to explore preferences surrounding bathing facilities, laundry spaces and bathing spaces. The assessment was conducted across the 12 camps that fall within the IOM WASH Area of Responsibility (AoR) - (Camps 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 18, 19, 20, 20 Extension, 23, 24, 25).

The assessment found that nearly two thirds of households reported having a private bathing space in their shelter. Women and girls are the primary users of these facilities. Safety and security and cultural and religious values were the predominant reasons why women and girls preferred to use and bathe in private makeshift bathing facilities. The report can be accessed [here](#).

NPM completed the second round of its COVID-19 IVR Needs Assessment survey that collects information from Rohingya refugees in Cox's Bazar via short follow-up phone interviews dedicated to five sectors: Health, WASH, Food Security, Shelter/NFI and SMSD. The survey respondents were identified through IOM's Communication with Communities (CwC) Interactive Voice Response program. This assessment will continue in the coming months and a report will be produced after each round. The report for Round 2 is available [here](#). NPM also presented the findings from the assessment to other relevant sectors such as Shelter/NFI, WASH and Health, and will continue to do so in the future.

NPM has provided data collection support to the IOM DTM unit in Lebanon to understand the impact of the Beirut blast on Bangladeshi migrants. Support was also provided to IOM units in Cox's Bazar through the 4th round of Post Distribution Monitoring for Cash-for-Work activities.

ACAPS

The ACAPS-NPM team collaborated with IOM's CwC team on "Arar Bafana: Our Thoughts", in partnership with the Child Protection Sub-Sector and the Age and Disability Working Group, to develop qualitative research tools for these specific population groups.

Six secondary data reviews for six sectors (FSL, CWC, Shelter, Nutrition, Protection, and WASH) have been written and their final draft forms will be shared with the sector coordinators in early October.

One secondary data review on the household characteristics of vulnerability was also developed during this process and will be published as a Hub product. The Hub also supported REACH with the presentation of the MSNA key findings, including supporting information from the SDRs.

Upazila profiles have been finalized for all eight upazilas and will be published in the first week of October, as the launch of ACAPS' exploration into the host community. NPM's GIS unit provided mapping support for this report, available [here](#).

Seven Key Informant Interviews were held with key actors in the INGO and academic community to understand how data collection has changed during COVID-19 for a paper on Humanitarian Alternatives to data collection in the present and post COVID-19 space. The final draft will be submitted to Humanitarian Alternatives in October.

The Hub continued to provide support to the Gender Hub, editing the final Rapid Gender Analysis (RGA) and engaging in the initial presentation of the report. The Hub will support the donor presentation of the RGA in October.

Fearing a second wave of COVID-19, IOM's General Protection (GP) team has stepped up its protection monitoring activities by ensuring more community-led risk mapping exercises were undertaken. The vulnerability scale seems to have increased during the reporting period, especially seeing the increased number of EVIs referred for specialized services (307 individuals as compared to 195 in August).

IOM's GP team, in collaboration with the Site Management team, participated this month in the relocation of eight households from Camp 9 to Camp 19, due to their proximity to landslide-prone locations triggered by the monsoon season. The team ensured that the targeted Rohingya group faced with risks of secondary displacement was left feeling safer and more dignified.

The team has provided training sessions to IDEA BOX staff on child protection, identification of abuse, safe referrals, communication with children, and ways of disseminating child-friendly key messages and engaging caregivers.

This month, the team published the booklet "[Heart-to-Heart with My Child](#)" for Rohingya adults and adolescents (10+ years old) which conveys key child protection messages in Rohingya and English and is illustrated with embroideries made by Rohingya female artists. For smaller children, the team developed the "Be Safe, Be Happy" coloring book, which includes child protection key messages and is handed out with crayons, to be used as a tool by PSS workers and volunteers for CFC and CFS and other PSS activities.

IOM's GBV and Site Management teams have completed two batches of a comprehensive ToT on PSS module "Hope in the Time of Adversity" developed at the interagency level. The teams rolled out the ToT to 24 Rohingya women in Camp 23, who later took the lead and facilitated the same IOM training at the community level for 60 women.

The IOM CT team continues to disseminate COVID-19 awareness-raising messages to sensitize Rohingya refugees to promote personal hygiene and physical distancing while also discouraging mass gatherings and disseminating messages on the potential risks of human trafficking during the pandemic. These efforts reached 10,791 individuals from Rohingya and host communities through 1,293 sessions. Upazila Nirbahi Officer (UNO) of Teknaf attended one of the sessions in Bahacara Union and the Camp in Charge (CiC) Officer attended a session in Camp 23.

IOM's GBV teams disseminated life-saving information at the community level, but also via its 10 Women and Girls Safe Spaces. Community mobilizers and volunteers sensitized communities on COVID-19 prevention and response measures, embedded with protection and GBV-related messages. To ensure a harmonized approach in GBV prevention and male engagement efforts, and as part of its Menstrual Hygiene Management (MHM) activities, IOM organized the session "More Equal Gender Roles During COVID-19". With its partner IP PULSE, IOM reached 10,004 individuals.

Seeing as the pandemic has impacted the management of menstrual hygiene and the access to relevant services, IOM and PULSE ensure the regular distribution of sanitary pads and dignity kits to women and girls. Last month, IOM's teams distributed 2,099 soap bars, 3,159 masks, 949 dignity kits with adapted COVID-19 hygiene items, and 1,957 *thamis*.

IOM continues to conduct PSEA training sessions for all IOM staff and volunteers working in Site Management, WASH, Protection and Shelter/NFI. This month, the team trained 19 staff and 171 volunteers.

During the reporting period, three monitoring visits were conducted to monitor the reintegration support, attended by the Upazila Social Welfare Officer, Member Secretary of the Upazila Counter Trafficking Committee (CTC).



479 Extremely vulnerable individuals

have been identified and 307 referred for registration, food aid, health, and other humanitarian services.



31 victims of trafficking

have been identified and assisted. IOM also assisted 44 ongoing cases with their reintegration.



58 new cases

(35 girls, 23 boys) have been identified and received case management support by IOM's Child Protection team.



214 children

participated in Child Friendly Corners in WGSS (136 girls, 78 boys).



175 individuals

have been assisted with moving to safer zones in the camp, in conjunction with the Site Management team.



This month, the GP team published the booklet "Heart-to-Heart with My Child". © IOM 2020

SHELTER AND NON FOOD ITEMS (NFI)



This month, IOM's SNFI team conducted a Safe Shelter Upgrade training. © IOM 2020

COVID-19 Response

The Ambulance Disinfection Center in Uttaran, with support from the S/NFI team, conducted 57 disinfections for IOM, FH, RTM and BDRC ambulances.

Maintenance and renovation works have been completed in Camp 24's Isolation and Treatment Center (Leda).

In Camp 24, the land development for Leda Isolation and Treatment Center II has progressed and is 70 per cent completed.

Regular Shelter/NFI Programming

In Camp 18, a health post established by Save the Children has been repurposed into eight shelters for families who have been relocated within the camp.

A total of 681 households have received TSA-1 packages in Camp 8W through IOM's Common Pipeline Partner MEDAIR.

This month, approximately 24,000 households received solar lights in seven IOM camps, aiming to increase the safety and security of beneficiaries, especially those of female beneficiaries at night.

Emergency Preparedness and Response

IOM and common pipeline partners distributed a total of 1,081 emergency shelter packages to households affected by harsh weather conditions, relocations due to protection issues and other shock factors across eleven camps.

Household-level shelter construction support was provided to a total of 120 households in both KBE and Teknaf.

Training and M&E

A total of 30 participants, comprised of IOM staff and volunteers from the host community shelter programme, received a Safe Shelter Upgrade Training of Trainers (ToT) to help disseminate Shelter best practices throughout the community.

Approximately 17,500 beneficiaries received training on the use of the solar lights which were distributed.

Training sessions were conducted for 50 IOM field staff on how to implement the Non-Food Item Voucher programme, which will roll out at the end of October/early November 2020.



125 COVID-19

Non-Food Items (NFI) were distributed during the reporting period at the Camp 20 Extension Isolation and Treatment Center – a slight increase from those distributed during August (122).



12,000 Borak bamboo

21,000 Muli bamboo

poles were treated at IOM's Bamboo Treatment Facility in Nhila for the program's activities in the camp and host community.



6,361 Cash-for-Work

man-days worked by beneficiaries paid under the Shelter/NFI Cash-Based Intervention, for members of both Rohingya and host communities. The most vulnerable households from camps and host communities were prioritized.

WATER, SANITATION AND HYGIENE (WASH)

IOM's WASH unit continued the installation of four small scale water networks in Camp 20 Extension. One water network installation has been completed, and 90 per cent of the construction on the remaining three water networks has been finalized. The team has also constructed 92 cubicles of twin-pit latrines in Camps 9, 13, 18, and 20.

During September, IOM constructed four Decentralized Wastewater Treatment Systems (DEWATS) in Camp 12 and 13 and handed over the systems to the implementing partner NGOs for further operation and maintenance.

During the reporting period, IOM's WASH unit distributed 38,436 soap kits through its partners in 12 camps and two host community villages in Ukhiya. Each soap kit contains eight bars of bathing soap and seven bars of laundry soap to last for a month for an average refugee family in the camp. As a measure to reduce the risk of COVID-19 transmission, partners distributed soap kits door-to-door to beneficiary households, maintaining the physical distance and avoiding gatherings.

In September, IOM's WASH unit organized training and orientation sessions on water sample collection procedure, turbidity tests and shock chlorination for implementing partners in 11 camps.

Partners also continued disseminating messages on COVID-19 prevention, food safety, waste management and hygienic practices following the guidance received from IOM's WASH unit. These organizations conducted a total of 164,460 household sessions reaching 243,153 beneficiaries during the reporting period. Partners also conducted 3,439 messaging sessions using megaphones, reaching an estimated 156,439 beneficiaries.

IOM and its partners distributed 1,648 household level handwashing devices to beneficiary families in Camp 25 and two host community villages in Ukhiya during the reporting period. Each device includes a bucket with a tap, a plastic stand to hold the bucket with water and a plastic bowl for wastewater collection and disposal.

IOM has provided 52,346 out of the planned 62,500 devices to refugee and host community families within the camps. IOM also distributed 26,462 soap cases to complement the household handwashing devices already distributed during the month of September.

In September, IOM facilitated a high-level delegation visit from the NGO Bureau and RRRC to Camp 12's solar-powered water supply network, which provides water to approximately 30,000 people in Camps 12 and 19.

IOM has facilitated the disinfection of WASH facilities and key camp locations with 0.5% chlorine solutions. In September, the WASH teams distributed a total of five backpack sprayers to the Health Unit to support SARI ITCs and 25 kg of 65% HTH chlorine to DSK to continue the disinfection of WASH facilities and key communal places in Camp 18 and 19. IOM has distributed a total of 194 backpack sprayers and 3,878 kg of 65% HTH chlorine.

IOM provided 200 WASH kits (each kit containing laundry soap, bathing soap, a toothbrush, toothpaste, a ten-liter bucket and a reusable sanitary cloth) to the COVID-19 ITCs in Camp 2W and Camp 24. In addition to this, IOM's WASH unit is transporting 15,000 liters of water to SARI-ITC in Camp 20 Extension on a daily basis.

IOM has provided a total of 3,300 leverage type taps to partner NGOs and WASH agencies in the IOM area of responsibility to replace rotating taps in the communal handwashing devices as needed to reduce the risk of COVID-19 transmission.

IOM is providing face masks to partners and WASH agencies to protect staff members, volunteers, and daily laborers. During the reporting period, IOM WASH unit distributed a total of 4,667 face masks to partner NGOs, WASH agencies and IOM staff members.

IOM plans to distribute red and green colored household-level waste bins and train community members on waste segregation, starting at household level. During the reporting period, partner NGOs distributed a total of 17,481 household level waste bins in Camps 2W, 9, 10, 11 and 24.

This month, the team distributed 9,000 safety gloves to frontline workers who face a higher risk of exposure to COVID-19.



Transporting the water tank to construct the small-scale water network at Camp 20 Extension. © IOM 2020

Social Cohesion

IOM, UNHCR and UNDP are jointly implementing the Community Safety Pilot Programme at Camp 4 Extension and Camp 20 Extension. The project started in July 2020, after consultations with respective CiCs, RRRRC, District police and APBn 14 & 16 battalions. In August 2020, FGDs with a total of 90 refugees were implemented. Beside FGDs, Key Informant Interviews (KII) were conducted with respective CiCs and Commanding officers of APBn 14 and 16, to identify a conducive strategy for crime prevention and security in refugee camps. The reports are now being finalized by the three agencies.

This month, the agencies conducted four one-day training sessions on Crime Prevention in School for the district police. The aim of the training was to encourage police officials from Ukhiya and Teknaf to spread awareness-raising messages about social vices.

This month, police officials from Ukhiya and Teknaf were trained on Crime Prevention in School; 12 FGDs in Camp 20 Extension and 4 Extension were conducted; four KIIs were conducted; 45 APBn police officers were trained in humanitarian principles, refugee protection and community policing.

Energy and Environment (EE)

This September, a total of 234 Rohingya households and 6,766 host community households received LPG kits (cylinder, stove, regulator and hose) from different camps and Union Parishad. Additionally, 13,961 host community households as well as 72,268 Rohingya households received LPG refill. A total of 3,014 elderly beneficiaries received special support.

In line with COVID-19 preparedness, social distancing and handwashing have been promoted in the camps and at host community distribution points. These points have been stocked with handwashing facilities and soap.

Beneficiaries are encouraged to come from one block at a time, thereby minimizing crowding at the depots. To ensure social distancing, in association with the Shelter team, ink marking as well as bamboo blocking have been introduced in the queuing system. The LPG teams from Ukhiya and Teknaf have been moved to different temporary DP locations to avoid excessive crowds at the regular LPG DPs. Moreover, all LPG staff and volunteers have received personal hygiene items to avoid contamination while working at LPG depots. The EE team is sensitizing beneficiaries through messaging about COVID-19 at sub-block level and at LPG DP during distributions.

The main objective for distributing LPG to refugee households is to protect women and girls from violence associated with fetching firewood in the forest. With the LPG, beneficiary households no longer need to go into the forest to look for firewood and have stopped cutting down trees, thereby directly contributing to the environmental conservation and ecosystem management.

Disaster Risk Reduction

IOM's DRR unit conducted a DRR preparedness meeting with UDMC members in Hnila and discussed about the cyclone early warning system and Community Risk Assessment (CRA) and Risk Reduction Action Plan (RRAP), as well as COVID-19 awareness.

A ToT on "Community Risk Assessment and Risk Reduction Action Planning" has been planned at Ukhiya field office for the IOM DRR field team.

The DRR unit has planted 1,000 trees in Joarianal Union of Ramu. FAO contributed with 1,000 saplings while IOM arranged the logistics and labor for the plantation. Between August – September, a total of 16,000 sapling have been planted through this joint initiative in 77 locations of 16 Unions in Ukhiya, Teknaf, Ramu and Moheshkhali.

The IOM and Fire Safety & Civil Defence (FSCD) collaboratively developed Information Education Communication (IEC) and Behavior Change Communication (BCC) materials to raise awareness on earthquake, lightning and thunderstorm. Other materials on Basic First Aid for Medical Emergency were also drafted during this period. These IEC and BCC materials will be disseminated to the students, teachers and management committee members of cyclone shelter and disaster management committees in targeted Upazilas and Unions.

This IOM-FAO joint initiative has seen the plantation of around 250 hectares of degraded forestland at Ukhiya and Teknaf, now restored through the program. A landslide susceptibility map has been prepared and community location has been identified from the selected sub-districts. A bio-mechanical land stabilization process was successfully piloted jointly working with the IOM – SMEP and FAO.



IOM's transition and recovery division organized a training for fishermen on Water and Safety. © IOM 2020

TRANSITION AND RECOVERY DIVISION (TRD)

Livelihoods

During the reporting period, implementing partner NONGOR trained 299 fishermen on Water and Safety. The training focused on methods of rescuing drowning people, making use of emergency techniques for injuries. All the trained fishermen were provided with a personal throw-bag and waist-belt.

During the reporting period, under the SAFEPlus project, implementing partner United Purpose conducted a 3-day training on Entrepreneurship and Business Plan Development for 150 livelihoods beneficiaries. Another 180 beneficiaries attended a 15-day tailoring training while 77 beneficiaries received a 15-day carpentry training.

A hundred beneficiaries received a 7-day training on food processing. Among them, 70 beneficiaries received training on dry fish processing. An additional 40 beneficiaries received training on dry foods (snacks, sweets and cake). Moreover, 60 beneficiaries received 15-day training sessions on handcraft techniques. Eight youth received a 15-day training on mobile servicing. Thirty youth received a 15-day training on computer repair. Another 30 youth received a 15-day long training on auto rickshaw repair. Nine youth received a 15-day training on CNG automobile repair. After completing their respective skill development training beneficiaries will be able to start their own income-generating activity.

Under SAFEPlus, implementing partner SHED provided vegetable harvesting, processing, and marketing training sessions to 185 beneficiaries, facilitated by the Assistant Agriculture Officer of Ukhiya Upazilla. The trained beneficiaries plan to cultivate winter vegetables on a large scale. Beneficiaries are also linked with service providers to access advanced technology, quality seeds, fertilizers and pesticides. They are also connected with vendors to sell their vegetables.

In addition, 350 beneficiaries have received training on poultry and livestock rearing and marketing facilitated by the Livestock Officer of Ukhiya Upazilla. Through the unconditional cash grants support, the beneficiaries were able to invest in chicken farming and goat rearing. Beneficiaries are connected with service providers to access quality feed and vaccination.

This month, a Value Chain Development workshop was conducted attended by 30 participants. The aim of the workshop was to establish a network among producers and stakeholders. Another 969 beneficiaries received training on Business Entrepreneurship Development.

In Ukhiya, under the SAFEPlus project, implementing partner Protyashi organized a 15-day training for 25 beneficiaries on fancy prayer caps. Additionally, 20 beneficiaries participated in a 30-day training on Karchupi. Twenty beneficiaries completed a 20-day training on hand stitching and wall mats. Furthermore, 25 beneficiaries completed a 15-day training on Jute craft, 20 a two-month training on sewing, and another 15 beneficiaries a 15-day training on wood crafts. Twenty female participants also completed a training on enterprise development at Sonar Para, Jaliapalong Union.

Under the SAFEPlus program, Relief International (RI) organized a 3-day training session on Homestead Vegetable Production for 40 female vegetable producers.

Additionally, they provided a 2-day training in Baharchora on Organic & Hygienic Dry Fish Production and Preservation for 60 dry fish producers.

Also under the SAFEPlus project, BRAC organized home gardening training sessions in Camps 10, 19, 14, and 15, for 300 Rohingya beneficiaries. In Camps 14 and 15, beneficiaries planted 10,000 tree saplings and 500,000 vetiver saplings.

Implementing partner ICCO Cooperation provided business management training sessions to 201 women from the host community, on cow rearing (108), vegetable cultivation (10), and goat rearing (2). All the beneficiaries received inputs to start an income-generating activity.

Two quarterly coordination meetings with local government institutions and media took place this month, to present IOM's livelihoods initiative and its progress.

This month, 21 neighborhood-based youth forums were formed. Their objective is to promote volunteerism and to create platforms fostering youth empowerment and social cohesion opportunities.

Youth will be mobilized and engaged in various social activities, policy framework conventions, strategic planning, and skills development training sessions.



This month, 20 women completed a 20-day training on hand stitching and wall mats. © IOM 2020



This month, the team repaired the bamboo bridge connecting the hospital from Camp 20 to Camp 18. © IOM 2020

Point of Entry (POE) Screening

Entry Screening Points are fully functional with temperature screening active in nine camps and Panbazar road. IOM manages the POEs in Camps 9, 19, 22, 25 and Panbazar road while partners manage entry screening points in camps 8E and 11 (DRC) and Camps 13, 14 and 16 (CARE).

During the reporting period, a total of 77,694 individuals were screened, including humanitarian workers, Rohingya and host community members. Among those screened, 42 individuals from five camps had high temperatures and they were referred to health centers.

Rapid Investigation and Response Team (RIRT) and Contact Tracing

RIRTs were activated in ten camps during the reporting period. The Site Management team supported contact tracing volunteers to locate the shelter of COVID-19 positive patients, and the Community Health Workers (CHW) in counselling the family about available ITC options and quarantine facilities. SMSD teams regularly follow up with the families of those who test positive and in quarantine at home, ensuring delivery of food and LPG with porter support.

A total of 27 COVID-19 cases have been reported in Camp 24, including 16 children aged 2-14. SMSD teams supported the affected families in maintaining Infection Prevention and Control (IPC) measures.

During this period, IOM's SMSD team supported five families (18 individuals) to stay at the Quarantine Facility in Camp 20 Extension.

"Go and See" Visits

Three groups involving IOM volunteers, contact tracing teams and community leaders from Camps 9, 10, 19 and 20 participated in "Go and See" visits to the Quarantine Facility at Camp 20 Extension. IOM supported the Leda ITC Team in carrying out the visits and RCCE for all camp committees in Camps 24 and 25.

SMSD Support to Health

In Camp 18, IOM completed three sessions on an Orientation to Safe and Dignified Burial for the Majhis and Disaster Management Unit, with a total of 33 participants. In Camp 14, a meeting was held with the Dead Body Management (DBM) committee on the use of masks, gloves and other PPE. A meeting was also held with Imams on the importance of maintaining physical distance during prayer time.

A Central Patient Triage Point was established in Camp 22 by health sector partners to speed up services and avoid overcrowding near health facilities.

This month, the team repaired the bamboo bridge connecting the hospital from Camp 20 to Camp 18. This bridge also helps individuals in both camps to access the WASH facility in Camp 18.

An art competition was held among 15 adolescent girls in Camp 9. The artwork will be framed and shared to encourage the girls to continue painting and expressing their creativity through art.

In Camp 25, "Sabar Larai" (drawing and crafting competitions) and music and singing competitions were organized. The two projects helped youth as well as the community to create a conducive environment for creativity and culture. The singing competition "Hola Mela" was held in Camp 24. The songs helped raise awareness about different social issues, such as the negative impact of child marriage, and COVID-19.

In Camp 22 and 28, women from the community committee took part in the "Cake Festival", where IOM provided logistic support and ensured COVID-19 prevention best practices. Various stakeholders, including community leaders and delegates from the Government of Bangladesh, were present.

To enhance access for community members living at the top of hilly areas, the team completed the construction of new stairways in Camp 13. The team is also taking measures to prevent landslide and increase the safety of households at the bottom of the hills. The team also finished the construction of the Tertiary Brick Drainage to prevent water logging and soil erosion in Camp 13. To ensure proper water crossing and prevent water logging, an RCC slab construction was completed over both sides of the 15" wall, also acting as drainage.

SITE MAINTENANCE AND ENGINEERING PROJECT (SMEP)

Infrastructure

Road installation: In September, SMEP Light Engineering teams constructed a ramped road in Camp 14 (Hakimpara) with an area of 85m² for the IOM Hub.

Road repairs: A total of 9,162m² was repaired during the month of September. Of this, 2,603m² was repaired on Army Road, 673m² was repaired in Camp 4 and 4 Extension, 618m² repaired in Camp 20 Extension and 1,404m² repaired in Camps 14, 15, 21, 22, 24, Nayapara RC and the Teknaf area. Because of this work, access for vehicles providing support throughout the camp is now improved.

Drainage installation includes excavation, the use of pre-cast slabs (canal cover), brick work, plastering, reinforced concrete and plain concrete work. This month, a total 172m² of drainage installation was completed in Camp 22, 24 and Nayapara in Teknaf. As a result of this, more than 30 shops have benefitted from improved draining in Unchirang (Camp 22).

Drainage Cleaning (less than 2m wide): Due to monsoon rains, drains are often clogged resulting in flooding. This reporting period, a total of 6,367m² of drainage cleaning services were undertaken across several camps (5,004m² was conducted in Teknaf, 1,200m² in Ukhiya and 1,155m² in Nayapara RC).

Canal Cleaning (more than 2m wide): During September, a total of 350m² of canals have been cleaned – the majority completed in Teknaf.



A total 172m² of drainage installation has been completed in Camps 22, 24 & Nayapara in Teknaf. © IOM 2020

Earthworks

Slope stabilization: During the reporting period and the month prior, heavy rain led to erosion and higher risk of landslides in various places. A total 1,109m² of slope stabilization works were completed. Of this, in Camps 8E and 8W, 473m² of slope stabilization was completed using a bamboo crib wall. An additional 257m² was completed in Teknaf.

Casting Yards

Casting yards continue to play a role in road repair, culvert/drainage installation and slope stabilization. The yard produces precast items such as concrete inverts, speed bumps, curb and gutters, concrete crib wall elements, concrete slabs, cantilever retaining walls, concrete posts and piles.

The casting yards also produced 128ft³ of brick chips from the broken bricks taken during repair work on Army Road.

During the reporting period, the casting yard fabricated 650 pieces of curb and gutter, 534 pieces of concrete invert, 120 pieces of 24" x 18" x 3" concrete slab, 80 pieces of 24" x 16" x 3" slab, 120 pieces of 22" x 20" x 4" drainage cover, 40 pieces of Bera, and 176 pieces of U-drain.

SMEP Local Government Engineering Department Update

As part of the Ukhiya LGED, RRC road reinforcement and casting work is ongoing from Telkhola to Mocharkhola, and casting preparations are ongoing to address culverts five and six. D5-8W Nowka Bazar road's U drain work will begin this October. Camp 20's football field to Camp 20 Extension road's work began this month. Under package W10 – Hill slope protection work started at Camp 20. Ni Chowdhury road bridge's top slab casting work was completed this month and is now undergoing a 28-day curing period. The Teknaf LGED, Nhila Alikhali Road and Camp 26 CiC Office to Nayapara road under package W2B will start soon.

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