

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

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

1.3 Million People in Need

* Needs and Population Monitoring Baseline Round 11



For World Mental Health Day 2018 to highlight the work IOM Bangladesh is doing to support those affected by the Rohingya refugee crisis, IOM held rallies along with community conversations related to mental health and children's art activity in Teknaf and Burmapara areas of Cox's Bazar. © IOM 2018

KEY FEATURES

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- ◆ As part of IOM Disaster Risk Reduction activities, structural renovation works have been started in 9 Multi-purpose Cyclone Shelters in Teknaf with the financial support of USAID OFDA. The capacity enhancement of 5 Cyclone Shelters in Ukhiya has also been initiated.
- ◆ IOM Site Development in cooperation with DRC, installed 67 solar street lights in Camp 10, Additionally, in cooperation with Solidarities International, IOM has identified additional 50 locations for solar street lights in host communities in Teknaf.
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CUMULATIVE CATEGORY 1 INCIDENTS

51,946
affected persons

11,554
affected households

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

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

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

UN Migration Agency Helps Rohingya Women Organize in Bangladesh Camps

Over 100 Rohingya women have formed a first-of-its-kind committee to ensure women and girls have a direct pathway and communication channel to UN project managers without having to go through male leaders in Bangladesh's Cox's Bazar refugee camps.

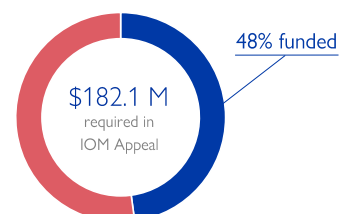
The committee, supported by IOM, the UN Migration Agency, follows months of on-the-ground research and informal discussions with Rohingya women in the camps about what kind of platform would enable them to raise concerns with senior UN staff, without breaching cultural gender norms.

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



Members of the Rohingya women's committee stand outside the new, women-run, IOM-funded community centre in Leda, Cox's Bazar. ©IOM 2018/Fiona MacGregor

IOM Funding Status



HEALTH

652,356 outpatient consultations held since August 2017

160,607 <5 years old outpatient consultations conducted

805 people assisted through emergency Mobile Medical Teams

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

10,55 people reached with Mental Health and Psychosocial support

2,991 deliveries conducted in IOM facilities by skilled birth attendants

Over the reporting week, 16,214 outpatient health care consultations were conducted in IOM health facilities, bringing the cumulative number of outpatient consultations to 652,356 since 25 August 2017. Of these consultation, 23% of beneficiaries were from the host community and 77% from the Rohingya community.

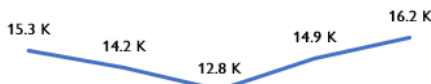
This week, a delegation from USAID visited Kutupalong Extension PHCC, Kutupalong Community Clinic, Ukhiya Health Complex, Leda PHCC and Baharchara Family Welfare Centre in Shamlapur. They observed the different health services offered in these centres and discussed existing disease trends, challenges and future plans with IOM personnel present at each facility.

Additionally, World Rabies Day was observed at Ukhiya Health Complex in collaboration with the Ministry of Health. Over 50 participants took part in a colourful rally followed by discussions to raise awareness in the community on the prevention of Rabies. IOM has been providing post exposure rabies vaccines to the victims of dog and cat bites in and around the camps since October 2017. To date 10,500 doses have been provided.

Over the reporting period, 11 Medical Officers successfully completed a post-graduate fellowship on “Migrant and refugee health” organized by Doctors World Wide and IOM.

A second inpatient ward was also opened at Leda Health Clinic for adult and adolescent males. Also, an IOM HIV/AIDS Response Plan has been drafted relating to discussions with the National AIDS and STD Control Program (ASP). It aims to improve the access of Rohingya and host population in Cox’s Bazar to comprehensive HIV prevention, treatment and care.

OUTPATIENT CONSULTATIONS FOR THE PAST 5 WEEKS



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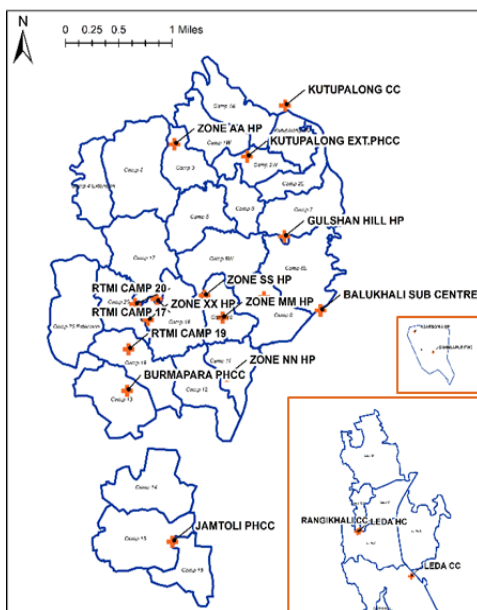
12 IOM facilities operated independently

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



World Rabies Day observed through a rally and discussion meeting at Ukhiya Health Complex ©IOM 2018

LOCATIONS OF HEALTH FACILITIES



Finally, 76 cases of Acute Watery Diarrhoea were treated at IOM facilities during the reporting week. Nine stool samples from Kutupalong PHCC and one from Leda PHCC have been collected by the International Centre for Diarrhoeal Disease Research, Bangladesh (ICDDR,B) for further testing.

MENTAL HEALTH AND PSYCHOSOCIAL SERVICES (MHPSS)

Over the past week, 123 people were assisted during in Ukhiya and Teknaf as part of direct MHPSS service provision. The prevailing MHPSS concerns of the community continue to be problems sleeping, sadness, fear and anxiety, irritation and feelings of worthlessness.

Additionally, community support groups were engaged in community mobilization activities such as the arrangement of football matches. Such activities aim to promote mental health and strengthening of psychosocial support at the community level. Through these activities, the MHPSS team were able to reach people with awareness and information on community conflict resolution and social cohesion.

NEEDS AND POPULATION MONITORING (NPM)

NPM has started receiving Site Assessment Round 12 data and checking missing points and drafting the new Majhee block boundaries upon new changes.

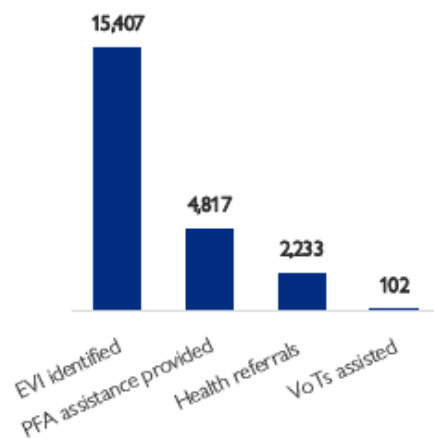
Over this last week, NPM also conducted in-depth female key informant (KI) interviews facilitated by UNICEF and UNFPA who provided focal points and revised the questionnaire. From this round, NPM will incorporate in depth KI interviews with Site Managers, female KIs and PDCs to integrate into the quantitative assessment. The findings of the KI interviews will be triangulated at the field level through direct observations, and spontaneous community group discussions.

NPM continues to provide support to the Site Management Sector in defining the new blocks and sub-block boundaries, as the first step into the establishment of a new governance system. Last week, NPM and the SM partners drew the borders of sub-blocks by digitizing the suggested boundaries and cross checking against the target population distribution. Additionally, NPM, under the lead of ISCG, is cooperating with REACH to plan and implement a Multi-Sector Need Assessment across host communities.

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

PROTECTION

INDIVIDUALS ASSISTED THROUGH PROTECTION ACTIVITIES



Over the past week, the General Protection Team visited the information hub in the north of Camp 8W to better understand what kind of complaints they are receiving from the community. Most complaints related to food cards – either with regards to adding or removing names from card or complaints about insufficient food. The Team will continue regular engagement with information hubs.

Additionally, the GP Team conducted an introductory protection training for safety volunteers in Camp 20 Extension. The discussion centered around how the roles of safety volunteers and the protection team overlap in many ways as both are concerned with safety within the community.

In Leda, the General Protection team facilitated a training for two newly formed women’s committees introducing the protection team and going over the main ideas behind protection including Do No Harm, confidentiality and informed consent. The women were very vocal and voiced concern that although they have been selected for these women’s committees that still have yet to receive recognition in their block for their new roles. The Team also facilitated two protection trainings for Leda and Alikhali for a total of 39 Site Management Sector staff. The content included defining protection, going over key principles of protection (DNH, impartial assistance, assisting people to claim their rights) as well as core humanitarian principles important to consider when dealing with protection cases.

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Finally, IOM with its implementing partner, Pulse Bangladesh, continues to provide services through their Women and Girls Friendly Spaces, including GBV specific case management and emergency referrals to medical, safe shelter, legal and other, awareness raising sessions, skills building activities such as sewing and IT, and various unstructured PSS or recreational activities. In the past week, 2,236 Women and 3,240 Girls took part in activities across our 8 Women and Girls Friendly Spaces.

 8 Women and Girls Safe Spaces (WGSS)

2 additional WGSS under construction

1 Safe Shelter



RESILIENCE & ENVIRONMENT, DISASTER RISK REDUCTION (DRR)

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

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

As part of Energy & Environment Programming, the second round of LPG distribution has been initiated for targeted host community households with family sizes over eight persons per household. Additionally, a baseline survey for 2,500 Rohingya community households has begun for LPG distributions.

Additionally, the joint Ambassadorial Mission from Dhaka visited the LPG site depot on the 9 October where they received a briefing on the various activities being undertaken by IOM's Transition and Recovery Division.

As part of the Energy & Environment unit's MECCRI project, primary data collection has been initiated for the case study on solid waste management in the camp areas. The field programme for water sampling during the month of October has been developed in consultation with BUET lab team as well.

The Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR) unit facilitated the formation of 6 DRR Awareness Groups and 1 Livelihoods Group in Teknaf and Ukhiya. Among the 6 DRR groups, one group consists of all women. Additionally, in the coming week, emergency equipment will be distributed in Ukhiya and Teknaf.

Finally, the structural renovation works have been started in 9 Multi-purpose Cyclone Shelters in Teknaf with the financial support of USAID OFDA. The capacity enhancement of 5 Cyclone Shelters in Ukhiya has also been initiated.

During the reporting period, around 42 community people of different age groups visited community club to receive different IT services such as internet browsing, form submission, self-learning from YouTube channel, printing, scanning, making documents, etc. at IOM's Digital Island Project.

Additionally, 28 patients were diagnosed using the mobile ultrasound device at Moheshkhali Health Complex and supported under the Digital Island Project.

Additionally, to date 130 distance learning classes have been conducted at 10 different government primary schools on English subject of class 1, 2 and 3 and around 2,700 students attended the classes in partnership with JAAGO Foundation. Finally, as part of the Digital Island Project, a total 9 teachers, including the head teacher, attended a meeting to discuss and motivate them regarding the multimedia classroom, digital content and distance learning at a Primary School.



Students attending a distance learning English class at a government Primary School, supportive by the Digital Island Project. ©IOM 2018



IOM staff speaking on LPG distribution under the SAFE project from Transition and Recovery Division (TRD) during the Joint Ambassadorial visit to the distribution point. ©IOM 2018

SITE MANAGEMENT AND SITE DEVELOPMENT

IOM is coordinating the Site Management Sector

WEEKLY UPDATES

IOM Site Development in cooperation with DRC, installed 67 solar street lights in Camp 10. Additionally, in cooperation with Solidarities International, IOM has identified additional 50 locations for solar street lights in host communities in Teknaf.

Tree plantation continues in all camps, including identification of new sites for tree plantation. Planned tree plantation (total areas covered equal 3,253 square meters) has been completed in Camps 11, 12 and 22 to date.

A total of 4,639 Cash for Work (CfW) laborers were engaged across all camps throughout the week for maintenance, repair and site improvement works. Out of these laborers, 166 were Rohingya women and 120 labors were engaged from host communities.

Complaints, Feedback and Response Mechanisms (CFRM) have been running as planned. During the reporting period, a total of 815 complaints were received, out of which the majority were lodged in Camp 24. 694 complaints have been referred, and the rest were addressed.

Site Development (SD) Activities completed in all sites include, the construction of 8 bamboo bridges and 487m of repair, 307m of repair and 126m of newly constructed steps and rail, and 89m of drainage completed. Additionally, the construction of three Watch Towers has been completed.

During the reporting period 5,074 Households were identified as at risk of flood and landslide, of which, 17 have been relocated by IOM.

CHALLENGES

Shelter and WASH are competing for space in the most congested camps and in some case the lack of coordination of those actors with Site Management has led to the construction of shelters, preventing WASH from conducting waste management and desludging.

Safety and security issues continue to arise in all camps.

Insufficient community spaces to conduct meetings and other operational gathering.

Continued coordination is needed between Protection and Site Management in the field to avoid overlap of activities.



Ongoing tree plantation in Camp 20 Extension.



Football Field Road Extension in Camp 10



Pan Bazar Road Extension work in Camp 8W.



Ongoing stabilization work beside new plots in Camp 20 Extension.



Focus Group Discussion with IOM Counter-Trafficking team in Shamlapur/ Camp 23.



Final construction work on Camp 15/Jamtoli IOM Health Post.



Monthly Feedback Sharing Meeting with BBC Media Action in Camp 23.

WATER, SANITATION AND HYGIENE (WaSH)

384 Deep Tube Wells (DTWs) completed since August 2017

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

726 wash rooms constructed since August 2017

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

The Global WaSH cluster team visited Teknaf and Ukhaia to see the interventions done by the IOM-WaSH team as part of Rohingya response. The purpose of the visit was to gather a view of the on-the-ground situation, from the point of view of the targeted beneficiaries. Additionally, the purpose of the visit was to observe the progress in implementation along with planning, delivering and monitoring the interventions. The IOM WaSH team and IOM's implementing partner accompanied the team during the visit.



Global WaSH cluster team visiting IOM WaSH activities. ©IOM 2018

Field Activity Highlights



Hygiene kits stock updated at camp-18 and camp-20 extension going on.



New Desludging tank work ongoing in Camp 18.

The new concept Decentralized Wastewater Treatment System (DEWASTS) is now finalized and materials are being procured to begin construction. The DEWASTS will be a reliable solution to three major challenges: the lack of space, the difficulty of safely infiltrating treated wastewater and safe sludge disposal.

Additionally, the WaSH Common Pipeline; set up by the sector and managed by IOM has been successfully engaging agencies for distributing the Top-Up Hygiene kits and Aquatabs. As of now, 159,005 Top-Up Hygiene Kits and 24,552,472 Aquatabs has been distributed to the Rohingya through the signed agencies. So far, 14 agencies have signed the pipeline agreement and requests from two agencies for amendment are in progress.

Presently, the construction of 138 Deep Tube Well (DTW), 240 Latrines, 270 washrooms, and 23 desludging tanks are ongoing in the camps.



SHELTER/NON-FOOD ITEMS (NFI)

IOM is coordinating the Shelter/NFI Sector

43,848 households have received Upgrade Shelter Kits (USKs) since February 2018

44,430 households have received Tie Down Kits (TDKs) since May 2018

1,346 Robust Emergency Shelters constructed for monsoon relocation in Camp 20 Extension

4,755 extremely vulnerable households supported with material transportation and shelter construction since February 2018, engaging **50,526** cash-for-work laborers

58 community shelters upgraded

IOM emergency response teams have been deployed to camps throughout the monsoon season and verified damages to provide immediate shelter assistance. Since the beginning of May 2018, IOM delivered emergency shelter and non-food items to over 2,201 affected households.

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

A bamboo treatment facility is being constructed at IOM logistics base, to treat bamboos by defusing in a mix of Borax and Borasic acid. Construction is expected to be completed by 20 October and IOM will commence bamboo treatment for shelter improvement and site maintenance works.

While, IOM is continuing building Robust Emergency Shelters to support relocation of families in hazardous areas. This week, 50 shelters have been constructed in Camp 20 extension. As of today, 1,346 shelters have been built through cash-for-work programming, and facilitate relocations.

Upgrading of community shelters is ongoing in Camps 9 and 20. A total of 58 mosques have been upgraded to date, to serve as temporary communal shelters while repairing or rebuilding family shelters when affected by weather events or other incidents.

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

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



To date, IOM upgraded 58 community shelters, creating temporary shelter space for over 4,419 Rohingya refugees in nine Camps. ©IOM 2018



INTER-SECTOR COORDINATION GROUP (ISCG)

IOM is hosting the sector based coordination structure for the Rohingya

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

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

IOM IN THE NEWS

ROHINGYA WOMEN CHANGE REFUGEE CAMP LIFE FOR THE BETTER

UN News— ‘News in Brief’ (9 October 2018)

“And finally to Bangladesh’s refugee camps, where women who fled ethnic violence in neighbouring Myanmar last year have been speaking up for their rights – a role usually reserved for men.

With the help of UN Migration Agency IOM, more than 100 Rohingya women have formed a new committee to address current problems; everything from the lack of street lighting and toilets that offer too little privacy.

Most Rohingya women do not read or write and many rely on their male relatives to raise their concerns, according to IOM.

This trial initiative ensures that women’s opinions, needs and participation is meaningful, said spokesperson Consuelo Tangara.

Daniel Johnson, UN News.”

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

INITIATIVES TO CONTROL DAMAGE TO FOREST CAUSED BY ROHINGYA INFLUX

Prothom Alo (6 October 2018)

The World Bank and a few humanitarian agencies have taken separate initiatives to plant thousands of trees damaged as a result of giving shelter to Myanmar’s Rohingya people in Cox’s Bazar.

A WB project will plant trees in about 79,000 hectares of forest, including a coastal green belt that will also help increase climate change resilience, a news release said on Saturday.

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

According to IOM, the project aims to plant a further 36,500 trees and million grass cuttings over the coming days.

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

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