



Highlights 1-31 May 2016

■ **Bangladesh:** In May, IOM provided return assistance to **31** Bangladeshis returning from Thailand. There were no minors among these returnees. The Bangladesh Red Crescent Society (BDRCS) provided free phone call service for all returnees in coordination with the Government and IOM. To date, IOM has provided return assistance to **2,677** Bangladeshis.

■ **Indonesia:** As of 31 May, the number of migrants in all shelters is down to **280** (four Bangladeshis and 276 Myanmar Muslims from Rakhine State), as more have been returned under IOM's Assisted Voluntary Return (AVR) Programme.

■ **Thailand:** IOM provided humanitarian assistance to **344** Myanmar Muslims from Rakhine State and **18** Bangladeshi migrants in eight Immigration Detention Centres, five Shelters for Children and Families and four Welfare Protection Centres for Victims of Trafficking in Thailand. To date there are 69 female adults, 150 children and 143 male adults.

Situation Overview

At least **5,543** persons who departed from Myanmar and Bangladesh managed to disembark in Bangladesh, Indonesia, Malaysia, Myanmar and Thailand, between 10 May and 30 July 2015. Embarkation recommenced on 20 September and at least **1,500** persons departed from Myanmar and Bangladesh from September to December 2015.

1,057 stranded Myanmar Muslims from Rakhine State and Bangladeshis remain in shelters and Immigration Detention Centres in Indonesia, Thailand and Malaysia. IOM continues to provide shelter support, non-food items, health screenings, WASH support and psychosocial support.

2,677 Bangladeshis who disembarked after 10 May in Indonesia, Malaysia, Myanmar and Thailand returned to Bangladesh under IOM's AVR Programme and Government agreements.

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AVR: Assisted Voluntary Return
IDC: Immigration Detention Centre
NFI: Non-Food Items

WASH: Water, Sanitation & Hygiene
ICS: Integrated Community Shelter

IOM RESPONSE

Bangladesh



Rafi

“My family at home is in poverty and I hoped to overcome this by earning money from abroad, so I followed a smuggler across the sea. After I returned home from Malaysia on 20 October 2015, I received psychosocial counselling from IOM which helped me to move forward, prior to which I used to wake suddenly at night and suffer nightmares of the journey I undertook”.

Migrants assisted with AVR

31 Men 

Psychosocial Support

In May, IOM organized two counselling sessions for 73 returnees in Sylhet district. Through group therapy, a professional counselor helped the returnees reduce their trauma, reintegrate into their family, community, and possible future local employment.

Migration Management & Coordination

During IOM’s psychosocial counselling sessions, IOM referred the returnees to the NGO ‘Thengamara Mohila Sabuj Sangha (TMSS)’ for skills development training. A total of ten returnees showed interest in the training and contacted the TMSS. TMSS will organize training including computer skills, driving, painting buildings, fingerling production and electrical work for the ten returnees from July 2016. Training period will range from one week to three months depending on the activity.





Indonesia



Setara

“I left my country and everything to find an opportunity for my four children. They are the only hope in my life and we are so grateful to the Indonesian Government, IOM and UNHCR for taking care of us in Aceh. I hope to be resettled in another country where I can raise my children and ensure that they have access to proper education and other opportunities”.

Migrants assisted with shelter/NFIs, health/nutrition and psychosocial support

115 Men	
38 Women	
84 Boys	
43 Girls	

Temporary Shelter & Non-Food Items (NFIs)

In May, IOM provided 78 packages of cleaning tools in Langsa and Lhokseumawe and made minor repairs in the futsal court area and distributed 19 gallons of water as well as 19 water pumps in Birem Bayeun. In Lhokseumawe Integrated Community Shelter (ICS), IOM installed a wooden canopy frame at the security post and a bamboo shade at the multipurpose room. IOM also improved road access into the shelter.

During the reporting period, 283 packages of hygiene kits containing soap, toothpaste, toothbrush, detergent powder, shampoo, mosquito repellent, razors for men and sanitary napkins for women were distributed to all migrants in Aceh and Medan. Furthermore, IOM provided clothing packages for six Myanmar Muslims from Rakhine State for their resettlement and a mattress for a newborn baby in Langsa.



Health & Nutrition

IOM continued to provide primary health care services three days per week at each shelter, in collaboration with the Government. In May, IOM conducted 238 consultation visits from which 39 beneficiaries referred to specialists and one beneficiary required hospitalization.

IOM also worked closely with the Government in monitoring health care post (POSYANDU) on sites to provide comprehensive health check-ups for particularly vulnerable migrants. In May, 46 children under 10 years old received health check-ups. Additional food nutrition and multivitamins were distributed for pregnant women and children; seven pregnant women received Tetanus vaccines and four babies received Polio vaccination.

In all shelters, IOM regularly undertakes health promotion and education activities focusing on different topics each month. In May, 1,469 additional nutritious food packages and multivitamins were distributed to all migrants. Regular fumigation was conducted every two weeks in all shelters.



Psychosocial Support

In May, there were six men with protection issues which concerned minorities among a large heterogeneous population who were subject to violence. IOM coordinated with the local authorities to separate those with protection issues into safe accommodation. There are also 15 pregnant women and 23 single parents in the sites. Unaccompanied migrant children (UMC) in this period totaled 59 with five children separated from their parents and one migrant of sexual and gender based violence (SGBV). In all, there were 159 vulnerable migrants throughout the shelters. In May, one female minor from ICS Lhokseumawe delivered a baby girl and one female from Dinsos Lhokbani left the shelter.

IOM continued to provide psychosocial support and activities to facilitate migrants' well being and to build their capacity. Regular structured activities including educational, recreational and vocational activities are carried out on a weekly basis. IOM also supports vocational activities such as gardening, sewing and hair cutting.



Migration Management & Coordination

On 14 and 15 May, the local government in Langsa with support from several NGOs such as Save the Children, Dompot Dhuafa, Geutanyo Foundation and a consortium of NGOs held a commemoration event marking a year of the presence of Myanmar Muslims from Rakhine State in

Langsa. The local government, local community and representatives of migrants from different shelters in Langsa participated in this event.

Thailand



Nurul

“After arriving in Thailand, IOM discovered I had a brain tumor and provided medical support. With the assistance of IOM, I underwent surgery in December 2015, after which IOM appointed a physiotherapist to see me on a weekly basis. In May 2016, I was resettled in the USA and I look forward to furthering my education and starting a new life there”.

Note: the featured individuals have provided informed consent for the use of their images.

Migrants assisted with shelter/NFIs, health/nutrition and psychosocial support

143 Men	
69 Women	
93 Boys	
57 Girls	



Health & Nutrition

In May, IOM provided medical check-ups for 18 migrants in Ranong and 42 migrants in Phang-Nga as well as health education and administered Hepatitis B vaccines for six migrants for resettlement. IOM also provided regular food and nutritional support including UHT milk, fruits, nuts and biscuits for detainees in Ranong, Phang-Nga and Songkhla.

In Suratthani, an IOM nurse coordinated with the local authority to refer a seven-year-old boy with otitis media to a hospital and to treat a seven-year-old girl with asthma.



Psychosocial Support

During the reporting period, IOM provided psychosocial support including group empowerment activities and career building for four migrants at Ranong shelter and English classes at Ranong Welfare Protection Centre for Victims of Trafficking and shelter. An evaluation method to measure progress in these classes is currently under development. Additionally, football and volleyball recreational activities were organized at Phang-Nga and Ranong IDCs, while stress management related counselling was carried out for a female beneficiary at Padang Besar IDC.



Temporary Shelter & Non-Food Items (NFIs)

In May, IOM provided 88 sets of hygiene kits containing a toothbrush, antiseptic soap and detergent in Ranong and Songkhla. In Phang-Nga, IOM provided 17 bunk beds, 33 pillows, 34 mattresses, slippers and a TV set for 32 women and children in the shelter and a TV set and DVD for 34 detainees in the IDC. IOM also conducted water tests in all IDCs and shelters in Ranong, Songkhla and Suratthani.

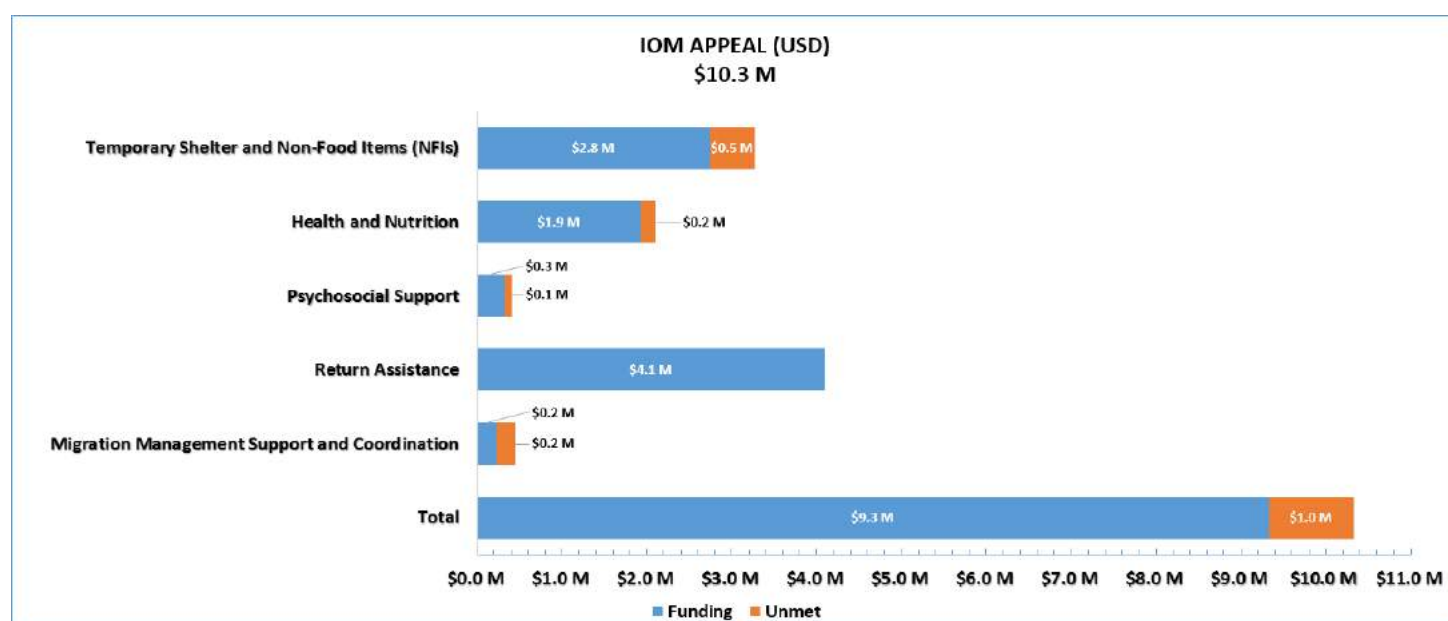
On 23 May, 21 detainees escaped from the Phang-Nga IDC. All of the detainees were transferred from Phang-Nga Prison back to the IDC on 2 June 2016.

Overview

	Beneficiaries in shelters and IDCs since 10 May 2015	Beneficiaries currently in shelters and IDCs - as of 31 May 2016 -	Bangladeshi returnees - as of 31 May 2016 -
Bangladesh	134	-	-
Indonesia	1,820	280	764
Malaysia	1,107	415	657
Myanmar	1,048	-	777
Thailand	153	362	479
TOTAL	4,262	1,057	2,677

Summary of IOM Activities within the Regional Appeal

Activities	Country				
	Bangladesh	Indonesia	Malaysia	Myanmar	Thailand
Temporary Shelter & Non-Food Items	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Health & Nutrition Support	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Psychosocial Support	✓	✓	✓		✓
Return Assistance	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Migration Management Support & Coordination	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓



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