

IOM Bangladesh: Rohingya Refugee Crisis Response SIX MONTH PROGRESS REPORT

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In the six months since the start of the Rohingya crisis IOM Bangladesh has reached **over 900,000 people in the refugee and host communities** in Cox's Bazar. IOM provides a wide range of **practical and technical support** including distributing vital shelter materials, improving roads and other access ways, and monitoring and assessing needs.

To respond to the fastest growing refugee crisis in the world IOM Bangladesh **tripled its staff to over 600 people – around 85 per cent of them are Bangladeshi nationals**.

The organisation now works across **six key sectors**: Site Management and Site Development, Needs and Population Monitoring, Shelter and Non-Food Items, WASH, Health and Protection and plays a **key role in the Inter Sector Coordination Group (ISCG) – a neutral and independent body which coordinates interagency cooperation**.

IOM and its implementing partners are engaged in **site management** in 11 camp areas in the Kutupalong Balukhali Expansion Site (also known as the megacamp). Highlighted camps appear on the map on the right.



SITE MANAGEMENT AND SITE DEVELOPMENT

Around **7.4** kilometers of road, **220** bamboo bridges, **7** kilometers of pedestrian pathway, **5.5** kilometers of pedestrian steps with handrail and **5** kilometers of drainage have already been built.

15,000 families living in areas with risks of landslide and flood have been consulted to relocate in a safer place inside the camp.

650 refugees and members of the host community have been trained in first aid and search and rescue so they can respond to emergency situations.

SHELTER

120,000 shelter kits distributed reaching **600,000** people.

8,000 Upgrade Shelter Kits distributed reaching **40,000** people.

1,500 households were taught Shelter upgrade and Disaster Risk Reduction orientation, so that community members can apply safer techniques to improve the stability of shelters and surrounding site conditions.

PROTECTION

15,203 Extremely Vulnerable Individuals were identified, **4,307** individuals were provided with Psychological First Aid, **1,868** individuals were facilitated with Health Referrals and **37** Victims of Trafficking were identified and assisted.

HEALTH

231,472 medical consultations held.

5 local health clinics being prepared for emergency situations.

WASH

110 Deep Tube Wells (DTWs) were completed, with an estimated total of **110,000** users.

1,949 emergency latrines and mobile toilets as well as **112** wash rooms have been constructed to date, serving around **100,000** people.

To enhance good hygiene practices, **28,880** Hygiene Kits and **220,020** soaps were distributed.

ACCOUNTABILITY TO AFFECTED POPULATIONS

1,400 community mobilizers are conducting door to door awareness campaign about the rainy season and cyclones.

9,600 refugees have provided feedback that is being analyzed to prepare messages for the monsoon season.



A woman, among newly arrivals at Ajumanpara border point, stands under the rain.
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