



884,000

Rohingya Population in Cox's Bazar

671,000

New Rohingya Arrivals since 25 August 2017
in Cox's Bazar

1.2 Million

People in Need in Cox's Bazar



Key Highlights

- ◆ IOM launched this week an **appeal for USD 182.1 million to assist 900,000 Rohingya refugees and local community members in Cox's Bazar** for the period of March-December 2018. More information on page 2.
- ◆ As part of a joint project with the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO), **200 Rohingya refugees and host community members received micro gardening kits and food storage drums in Ukhiya**. The kits include vegetable seeds, spade, watering can, ropes, vermicomposting and silos to help the beneficiaries increase food security for their households.
- ◆ Over 1,000 Cash-for-Work beneficiaries have been involved in earthworks in Camp 20, increasing the useable area and reducing the risk of landslide. **A total of 150 plots were demarcated, cleared and levelled to receive households that will be relocated away from areas that are at risk of natural hazards.**
- ◆ IOM started a series of **trainings on triage**, with the objective to **build the capacity of staff in early detection of communicable disease and severely ill patient** for timely response/treatment. This week, 44 IOM staff members participated.
- ◆ IOM organised this week a 3-day **Training of Trainers (ToT)** for 25 partner organization staff members and a 2-day ToT for 20 volunteers, both on **Shelter Upgrade and Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR)**.

Rohingya Humanitarian Crisis Appeal



Launch of the United Nations Joint Response Plan in Geneva. ©IOM 2018/Abdusattor Esoev

IOM is appealing for USD 182.1 million to assist 900,000 Rohingya refugees and local community members in Cox’s Bazar.

The Humanitarian Crisis Appeal outlines IOM’s response plan and associated funding requirements from March to December 2018. Aside from the activities conducted in the different sectors, IOM remains actively engaged in addressing cross cutting concerns such as Protection, Gender-Based Violence (GBV) and Accountability to Affected Populations (AAP).

IOM’s appeal is part of a broader USD 951 million United Nations (UN) Joint Response Plan (JRP) for the Rohingya Humanitarian Crisis covering the same March – December 2018 period.

The Kutupalong-Balukhali site, where some 600,000 refugees are now living, is the largest and most densely populated refugee settlement in the world. Precarious conditions for the refugees and the ongoing emergency response are about to be further challenged by the approaching monsoon season and rains. More than 150,000 Rohingya refugees are in places at risk of landslides and floods, in what could become a disaster on top of the current emergency. The 2018 JRP – launched last Friday in Geneva by UN High Commissioner for Refugees Filippo Grandi, IOM Director General William Swing and UN Resident Coordinator in Bangladesh Mia Seppo – aims to address these challenges, bringing together the critical efforts of more than 100 UN agencies and national and international NGOs.

At this moment, IOM and its partners continue to scale up operations to respond to the needs of new arrivals,

existing Rohingya, and affected host communities in preparation for the rainy season.

“As the monsoon season approaches, we are at a vital point where we have to increase our support for people affected by the crisis – both Rohingya refugees and local Bangladeshis”, said IOM Director General William Lacy Swing, reflecting on monsoon preparedness efforts underway in Cox’s Bazar.

Click [here](#) to read IOM full appeal.

IOM FUNDING REQUIREMENTS IN USD	
MARCH — DECEMBER 2018	
	Coordination 4.7 M
	Site Management 18.2 M
	Site Development and Site Maintenance 49.8 M
	Quick Impact Projects 5.0 M
	Disaster Risk Reduction 5.0 M
	Alternative Fuel 13.2 M
	Needs and Population Monitoring 1.5 M
	Livelihoods 6.0 M
	Shelter/Non-Food Items 29.9 M
	WASH 25.8 M
	Health 17.8 M
	Protection 4.0 M
	Accountability to Affected Populations 1.2 M
TOTAL	182.1 M

Situation Overview

Since 25 August 2017, an estimated **671,000** Rohingya have crossed into Bangladesh fleeing violence in Myanmar's Rakhine State, increasing the total Rohingya population in Cox's Bazar to over **884,000**. New arrivals are living in spontaneous settlements with an increasing need of humanitarian assistance—including shelter, food, clean water, and sanitation.

Additionally, with the rainy season fast approaching, there is an urgent need to continue **strengthening preparedness measures** and **raising awareness among the refugee population regarding potential landslide and flood risks**.

In order to respond to these risks collectively and comprehensively, **IOM continues to work closely with the Government of Bangladesh and the humanitarian**

community. IOM and its partners continue to scale up operations to respond to the needs of new arrivals, existing Rohingya, and affected host communities.



View of Kutupalong-Balukhali Expansion Site. ©IOM 2018/Mariel Kislig

Voices of Refugees

In the past six months more than 671,000 Rohingya refugees escaped violence in Myanmar by fleeing into Bangladesh. IOM, other agencies and the Bangladesh authorities support them on the ground.

But it is the refugees' own resilience that shines through when they share their stories of life in the world's biggest refugee camp...



Amina Begum

"God knows - I might have died!" When a diphtheria outbreak in the refugee camp threatened lives, Amina Begum's priorities became clear...

Discover Amina Begum's story [here](#).

IOM Response



Monsoon Preparation

As Bangladesh's annual wet season approaches, IOM is also working to secure infrastructure and strengthen preparedness measures.

To mitigate risks to shelters and individuals and be ready for the worst conditions :

17,546 families received Shelter Upgrade Kits (USKs)

14,709 households received community training on shelter upgrade and risk reduction

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

1,400 community mobilisers are conducting door to door awareness campaign on preparedness measures for the monsoon season

650 refugees and local community members are being trained in first aid as well as search and rescue in emergency situations

5 new emergency medical centres are being prepared

Key machinery is being purchased to be placed across district for emergency works

“Living on the Edge”

Click [here](#) to watch IOM short video on the monsoon preparation.



Health

This week, **11,014 consultations occurred**, bringing the total number of consultations from **25 August 2017 to 17 March 2018 to 273,712 (162,204 in Ukhia and 112,508 in Teknaf)**.

Regarding the top 5 diagnoses this week, they include: common cold, Musculo-Skeletal Pain (MSP)/Myalgia, Peptic Ulcer Disease (PUD), febrile illness and Acute Watery Diarrhea (AWD).

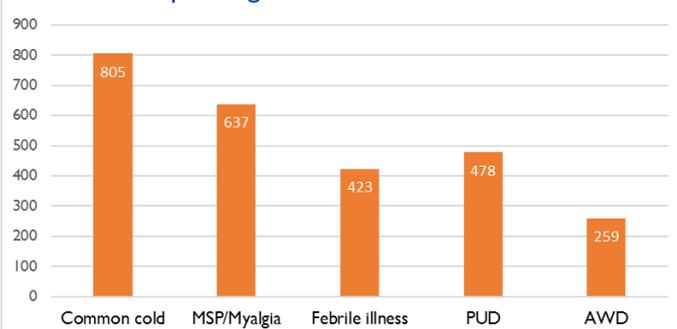
In regards to **Mental Health and Psychosocial Support (MHPSS) services**, **4,487 people have received support** since the current influx began.

IOM started a series of **trainings on triage**, with the objective to **build the capacity of staff in early detection of communicable disease and severely ill patient** for timely response/treatment. This week, 44 IOM staff participated. The trainings will continue for the coming four weeks.

In preparation for increase cases of malaria, IOM also just received **Malaria Rapid Diagnostic Tests (RDTs)** from the World Health Organization (WHO) which will be distributed in clinics in the coming days.

Finally, the health team is also conducting structural assessments of all IOM health facilities to identify **weak structures that will need to be strengthened to resist monsoon and cyclone seasons**.

Top 5 diagnoses | 11-17 March 2018





Resilience and Environment Management

The recently established Resilience and Environment Management (REM) Unit oversees longer-term programming to complement the humanitarian response.

The REM Unit is currently working on a livelihoods project jointly with the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) that aims to **improve food and nutrition security for host community and refugee populations** in Cox's Bazar. To date, **500 farmers received agricultural training**. These 500 farmers are also part of the **newly formed Farmer Field School (FFS)**, a group-based learning system that brings together concepts and methods of agroecology, experimental cropping, and community development. Members of the FFS are divided into groups consisting of five to ten farmers who meet weekly under the guidance of one of the 32 trained facilitators. **Recently, the FFS groups received 72 mini-tillers, 72 high-efficiency irrigation pumps, and government-provided inputs (e.g. seeds, fertilizers).**

This week, 200 Rohingya refugees and host community members received micro gardening kits and food storage drums in Ukhiya. The kits include vegetable seeds, spade, watering can, ropes, vermicomposting and silos to help the beneficiaries increase food security for their households.

These 200 beneficiaries are part of a larger distribution. In total, **25,000 refugee households** were selected to receive **micro-gardening kit** and another **25,000 kit recipients** have been identified in the **host community** through Community Agriculture Rehabilitation and Implementation Committees, using vulnerability as a criteria for the final selection.



One of the beneficiaries with a gardening kit received. ©IOM 2018/Shirin Akhter

Finally, an agreement was formed with the Bangladesh Tropical Forest Conservation Foundation also known as the Arannayk Foundation to **establish Grass and Shrub Nursery** in Cox's Bazar district in an **attempt to start reforestation.**



Protection

In Cox's Bazar, IOM is responding to Gender Based Violence (GBV), Child Protection (CP), Counter Trafficking (CT), and general protection issues.

This week, IOM identified 5 individuals and 48 households extremely vulnerable, 11 people received Psychological First Aid (PFA) by trained case workers, 47 health referrals were made and 6 new Victims of trafficking (VOTs) were identified and assisted.

To date, a total of **15,298 EVIs** have been identified, **4,421 individuals have been provided with PFA**, and **46 Victims of Trafficking have been identified and assisted.**

GBV case workers continue their collaboration with Site Management team in the relocation of new arrivals and 83 families to Camp 20 and helped identify 48 EVI households. EVI include cases of unaccompanied and separated children, persons with serious medical conditions and disabilities as well as families in need of family tracing and reunification. All EVIs received shelter assistance. GBV and protection staff continue to follow up with identified EVI cases.

Finally, IOM organised this week CT awareness raising sessions for **22 Community leaders** in the makeshift settlements.



Site Management & Site Development

IOM has established Safety and Security Committees and has trained the members to build the **capacity of the community to respond to emergencies** and **support the Cyclone Preparedness Program (CCP) members of the Government of Bangladesh (GoB)** in cases of emergencies and natural hazards. In Camp 9, 50 members of the Safety and Security Committee (10 women and 40 men) participated in a 3-day Fire Safety, Search and Rescue and First Aid Training onsite. The participants took also part in practical exercises of fire control using fire extinguishers, applying first aid and proper rescue when moving victims. Personal Protective equipment such as caps, eye protectors, hand gloves, rubber boots and uniforms was provided to the participants. The activity was a collaborative effort of the IOM, the Refugee Relief and Repatriation Commission (RRRC), CPP and the Fire Service and Civil Defense in preparing vulnerable communities.

In Camp 10, a central **Imam Group** was formed this week through a meeting and consultation with all the imam of the Camp. In the same meeting, **six Graveyard Management Groups** were created.

A **joint Drainage, Access, Stabilization and Haven (DASH) assessment** started in Camp 10 to identify high

risk areas and prioritize required actions for the upcoming monsoon season.

Regarding **Site Development activities**, over 1,000 Cash-for-Work beneficiaries have been involved in **earthworks in Camp 20**, increasing the useable area and reducing the risk of landslide. A total of **150 plots were demarcated, cleared and levelled to receive households that will be relocated away from areas that are at risk of natural hazards**. In addition, the construction of waiting shade of 12m x 8m to protect households in transit was completed.



Before



After



Drainage works in Camp 9

are ongoing as per DASH assessment completed last week.



Shelter/Non Food Items (NFIs)

IOM is coordinating the Shelter/NFI Sector

As part of its shelter upgrade activities to reduce disaster risks and to improve overall living conditions in the camps and makeshift settlements, IOM distributed this week **1,610 bamboo bundles** in Camp 9, 10 and 18.

Upgrade Shelter Kits (USKs) continue to be distributed. Since the beginning of February 2018, USKs — which include materials and tools to **carry out simple shelter upgrades and household level site improvements** such as soil stabilization, slope protection, and drainage improvements — have reached **17,546 families**.

Along with the distribution of USKs, **Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR) and shelter upgrade orientation sessions have been provided to 14,709 families**.

In addition, **83 newly arrived families** have been supported with shelter and essential household items this week.

On 18 March, IOM organised a **3-day Training of Trainers (ToT) for 25 partner organization staff and a 2-day ToT for 20 volunteers, both on Shelter Upgrade and DRR**.



Practical session of the ToT. ©IOM 2018/Siraman Varadarajan



Participants of the ToT on shelter upgrade and DRR. ©IOM 2018/Siraman Varadarajan



Water, Hygiene, and Sanitation

IOM has established a **WASH common pipeline supplies** that include **180,000 hygiene top-up kit and 73,000,000 aquatabs**. Each hygiene top up kit includes bathing soaps, laundry soaps, pairs of sandals for adults and children, tooth paste as well as tooth brushes for adults and children.

To date, six partners signed the agreement and will start shortly to distribute products. Three more partners will join the common pipeline in the coming days.

A total of **128 Deep Tube Wells (DTWs)** have been completed since the influx began, serving an estimated **128,000 users**. The construction and installation of 142 DTWs is ongoing in Balukhali Kutupalong Extension Site and in host villages Chapotkhali, Dhakkin Pannasia, and Tolatoli.

To date, **2,060 emergency latrines and mobile toilets** have been constructed, serving approximately **103,000 individuals**. The construction of 412 household and 27 community latrines is ongoing.

Additionally, **126 wash rooms have been constructed to date and are ready to use**, with 70 more currently under construction.

To enhance good hygiene practices, **30,482 Hygiene kits were distributed to date**. In addition, **13,665 jerry cans and 206,491 bars of soap** have been distributed since August through IOM health facilities or directly to beneficiaries.



Inter-Sector Coordination Group

IOM is hosting the sector based coordination structure for the Rohingya Crisis Response

The Inter Sector Coordination Group (ISCG), hosted by IOM, is coordinating the overall Rohingya Refugee Crisis. ISCG facilitates timely, coordinated, needs-based, and evidence-driven humanitarian assistance for efficient use of resources and to avoid duplication, and produces regular Situation [Reports](#) and [4W maps and data](#). This week ISCG completed the UN Joint Response Plan 2018, which was released on Friday.

Needs and Population Monitoring (NPM) Round 8

NPM Site Assessment Round 8 report is now available [here](#).

Additional NPM products are available [NPM website](#). They include:

- ◆ NPM Site Assessment (SA) Master List
- ◆ NPM SA Needs Assessment Dataset
- ◆ NPM SA Site Profiles
- ◆ NPM SA Population Density Map

IOM in the news

UN Migration Agency Appeals for USD 182 Million to Help 900,000 Rohingya Refugees, Local Community in Bangladesh

IOM (16 March 2018)

Cox's Bazar – IOM, the UN Migration Agency, is appealing for USD 182.1 million to assist 900,000 Rohingya refugees and local community members in Cox's Bazar, Bangladesh. IOM's appeal is part of a broader USD 951 million UN Joint Response Plan for the Rohingya Humanitarian Crisis covering the same March – December 2018 period.

Click [here](#) for the full article.

UN Launches 2018 Appeal for Rohingya Refugees and Bangladeshi Host Communities: Joint UNHCR/ IOM Press Release

IOM (16 March 2018)

Geneva - United Nations agencies and NGO partners today released the 2018 Joint Response Plan (JRP) for the Rohingya Humanitarian Crisis, a USD 951 million appeal to meet the urgent needs of nearly 900,000 Rohingya refugees and more than 330,000 vulnerable Bangladeshis in the communities hosting them.

Click [here](#) for the full article.

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