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IOM Bangladesh
Rohingya Crisis Response

External Update

12 October 2017

Refugee Population

836,000

New arrivals since 25 August 2017

536,000

People in Need

1.2 Million

IOM's Cholera vaccination campaign underway in Jamtoli Makeshift Settlement, Cox's Bazar. Muse Mohammed @IOM 2017

HIGHLIGHTS 12 October 2017

Health

40,000 Refugees reached with primary healthcare

Shelter & NFIs

71,000 Households served

WASH

555,000 liters of safe water trucked

Protection

2,100 dignity kits and 600 solar lanterns distributed

Funding Status: 19%

SITUATION OVERVIEW

Since 25 August 2017, an estimated **536,000** Rohingya have crossed into Bangladesh fleeing violence in Myanmar's Rakhine State. The total Rohingya population in Bangladesh now surpasses **800,000**. An estimated 300,000 Rohingya were previously displaced by conflict and are living in Bangladesh in makeshift settlements or with host communities.

New arrivals are living in spontaneous settlements with increasing need of humanitarian assistance, including shelter, food, clean water, and sanitation. Poor road networks and insufficient drainage in the displacement sites makes it difficult to reach new arrivals with urgent support and services.

The Government of Bangladesh (GOB) is working closely with IOM and other agencies to establish a new 3,000 acre site. Site planners and engineers are working on access roads and layout of this large site to allow scale up of services which will improve humanitarian assistance. IOM is providing assistance and services to a very vulnerable population with significant protection needs.

IOM RESPONSE

Shelter and Non-Food Items

IOM leads the Shelter and NFI Sector in Cox's Bazar. Activities include; procurement, distributions, establishing a shelter pipeline, and coordination.

IOM distributed over 71,000 tarpaulins among the new arrivals. Heavy rains have subsided however intense heat and humidity is still a challenge. Over 24,000 umbrellas, 36,000 blankets, 18,000 sleeping mats, 36,000 bamboo poles and over 2,100 dignity kits have been distributed.

IOM also distributed in kind donations from the British Government, over 11,500 shelter kits and over 7,000 bamboo poles have been distributed.

To facilitate the procurement, storage and distribution of shelter materials for the Rohingya Crisis Response, IOM has set up a new logistics base with over 400m^2 of space available.

IOM distributes shelter items from the British Government to displaced refugees in Cox's Bazar.
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Health

IOM works with the Health Sector and the Ministry of Health to establish primary health care services, and to provide medicines, supplies, and psychosocial support.

An Oral Cholera Vaccine (OCV) campaign for the new arrivals has begun. The OCV campaign is targeting 650,000 individuals for vaccination. 200 volunteers working through local NGOs are supporting the campaign. The second phase of the programme will see 250,000 children between the ages of 1 and 5 receiving booster doses 14 days to 3 months after they received the initial dose. IOM's Communicating with Communities (CwC) team is working in close coordination with the District Health Information Officer to support the campaign with awareness raising, messaging, and advocacy.

IOM teams have provided emergency and primary healthcare services to over 40,000 patients, with over 22,000 in Teknaf and over 17,000 in Ukhia.

IOM's Cholera vaccination campaign underway in Jamtoli Makeshift Settlement, Cox's Bazar. Muse Mohammed @IOM 2017

WASH

555,000 litres of safe water has been trucked into spontaneous settlements with limited or no access to water and 479 emergency pit latrines have been constructed supporting over 23,000 new arrivals. 84 mobile toilets have been installed to date. Eight deep tube wells have been completed against a target of 35, with more in progress.

Site - Management

IOM is leading site management and development

IOM are working with key partners and the Government of Bangladesh to ensure appropriate access to displacement sites and to make sure that the refugee populations are able to receive services as quickly and effectively as possible. IOM are conducting feasibility studies to improve road access and infrastructure mapping that will improve targeted service delivery. IOM have set up a new complaint and feedback mechanism that is now operational in Kutupalong Site.

Communicating with Communities

IOM's CwC team is ensuring that Accountability to Affected Populations (AAP) is at the forefront of the response. The team encourages new arrivals to get biometrically registered and ensures they have access to information services. Over 100,000 individuals are registered and approximately 500 new arrivals visit information hubs each day. Information Service Centres are currently located in eight locations.

Protection

IOM is responding to Gender Based Violence (GBV) and Counter Trafficking (CT). The team works to ensure that vulnerable Rohingya refugees have safe spaces. The team are working with over 8,200 extremely vulnerable individuals (EVIs), 227 GBV cases, and 1,883 psychological first aid (PFA) cases. 2,100 dignity kits and 600 solar lanterns have been distributed.

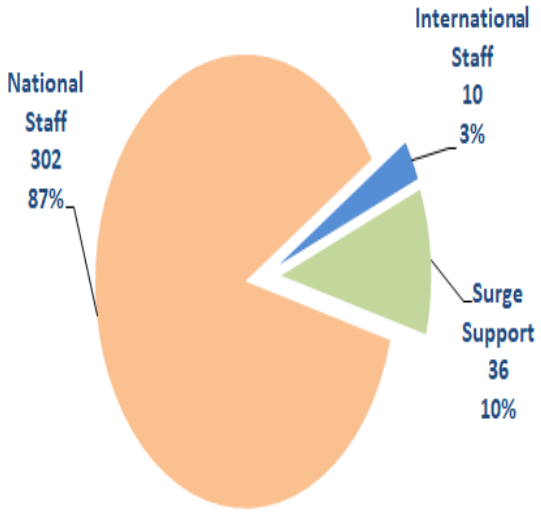
Inter Sector Coordination Group (ISCG) and Assessments

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

The Inter Sector Coordination Group (ISCG), led by IOM, is coordinating the Rohingya Refugee Crisis. Since 25 August the ISCG has disseminated regular situation updates and key messages, organised coordination meetings, and developed and updated maps of the expansion areas and spontaneous settlements. The ISCG ensures timely, coordinated, needs-based, and evidence driven humanitarian assistance for efficient use of resources and to avoid duplication. ISCG is developing a Situation Report with the 4W data of sectors' operations. IOM's Needs and Population Monitoring assessment has tracked the movement of new arrivals. Data collection for the round 6 report is complete, with the report to be released shortly.

Staff Capacity

The Cox's Bazar crisis response is supported by a team of 348 people, including 100 community volunteers.



Rohingya refugees at the border of Myanmar and Bangladesh.
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