Bangladesh

REFUGEE CRISIS RESPONSE FACT SHEET | AS OF DECEMBER 2018

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KEY MESSAGES

Refugee status required: Without official refugee status, the almost 1 million displaced people from Myanmar do not have basic rights, access to services or international protection. The Government of Bangladesh (GoB) should grant refugee status to ensure their protection and rights until they can return home in a safe, voluntary and dignified manner.

Child protection urgent: A reported 55 percent of refugees are children. They face critical issues, including physical violence, sexual violence and exploitation, child marriage, psychosocial distress and mental health concerns, child trafficking and abduction, child labour, and dangers and injuries. Donors and the GoB should invest in strengthening prevention and mitigation mechanisms, as well as services for refugee children.

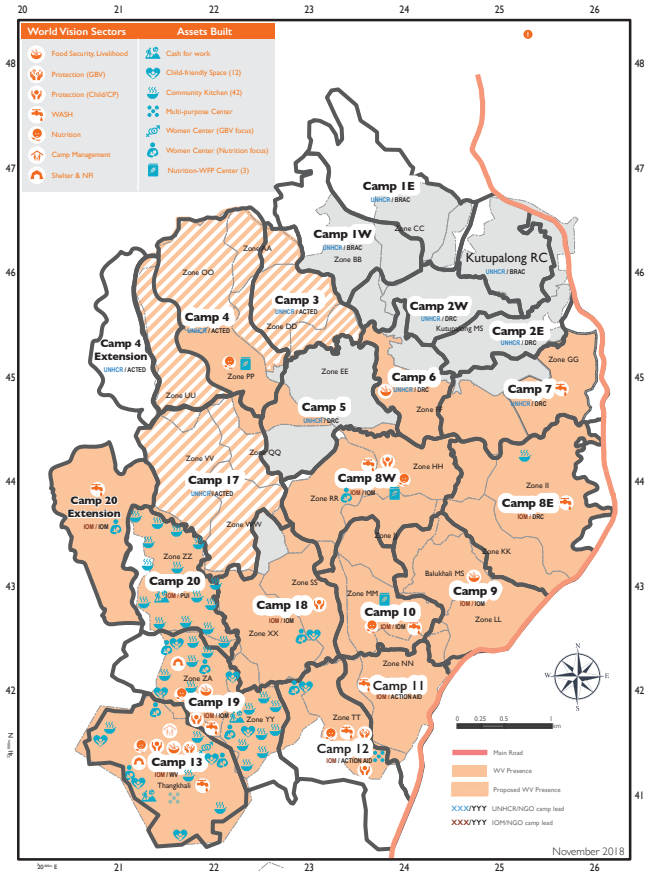
Education disrupted: According to the JRP review, approximately 98 percent of refugee children and adolescents aged15-24 years are not accessing education. The international community should support the GoB and provide increased funding to enable all children to acccess to high-quality, relevant education.

Livelihood support critical: Humanitarian actors are not permitted to invest in sustainable, empowering livelihood initiatives. This limits opportunities for refugees to gain skills and earn incomes to support their families. Donors and the UN should encourage the GoB to allow for investment in sustainable livelihood initiatives.

Gender-based violence widespread: According to a UN Women's report, almost every woman and girl in the Balukhali settlements (which comprise about 65 percent of the refugee population) is either a survivor of or a witness to multiple incidences of sexual violence. Donors, the GoB and the UN should support interventions to protect women, men, girls and boys from all forms of gender-based violence.

Disaster risk reduction a must: After fleeing genocidal violence in Myanmar, many refugee families face life-threatening risks from monsoons, cyclones, landslides, collapsing shelters and other hazards. More investment must be made in effective emergency mitigation and preparedness.

Camp Intervention Sites



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- Rohingya father

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2019 Priority Sectors

PROTECTION

Our goal is to provide principled, timely protection and assistance that saves lives, alleviates suffering and respects the dignity of people, especially children, in both the refugee and host communities.

CHILD PROTECTION

At our 12 child-friendly spaces, we provide training for families on positive parenting skills. Funded by GAC, our recent awareness campaign focused on ending violence against children, including child marriage. Children, parents, community leaders and imams are now taking action together.

EDUCATION

In 2019, World Vision will establish 21 new learning centres for adolescents, collaborating with UNICEF and the inter-agency education sector to develop instruction materials.

GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE PREVENTION

At our new safe space for women and adolescent girls, we will provide psychosocial support and skills training while sensitizing families, including men and boys, to identify and prevent gender-based violence. More than 60,000 refugees and 5,000 host community members will be reached.

WATER, SANITATION AND HYGIENE

World Vision has constructed 77 deep-tube wells benefitting 77,000 people and 1,722 handwashing stations. We have also installed 1,500 latrines and 521 bathing cubicles to reduce the risks of gender-based violence. In Year 2 of the response, we will develop community-managed sustainable water networks and sanitation systems to improve the living conditions and ensure the dignity of Rohingya refugees and host communities.

NUTRITION

World Vision is preventing and treating moderate acute malnutrition in children age 6-59 months, as well as malnourished pregnant and lactating mothers. Over 25,000 children and mothers benefit from this project, conducted in partnership with the World Food Programme. Canadian private donors contributed needed matching funds.

To date, more than 600 children have been cured of moderate acute malnutrition. At our proposed multi-purpose centres, women and girls will receive nutrition and GVB-related services. We plan to support more environmentally sustainable solutions, such as fuel-saving community kitchens where up to 1,000 families can cook daily and learn about nutrition. More than 33,311 refugees and 8,000 host community members will benefit from these initiatives.

FOOD SECURITY, LIVELIHOODS AND CASH-BASED PROGRAMMING

Income opportunities help ensure people's dignity and well-being, while building confidence and resilience. Over 22,500 people benefitted from income they earned through our project activities, including bridge construction, slope stabilisation and road paving. Our goal is for women to comprise 50 percent of our cash-for-work teams. We plan to implement skills building and income-generating activities for 15,000 Rohingya refugee families and 3,000 host community households.

SHELTER AND NON-FOOD ITEMS

Over 44,280 people received upgraded shelter kits (60 bamboo poles, tarpaulins, rope, tools) to strengthen their homes against monsoon rains. We provided technical and construction support for vulnerable families, including women-headed households. In Year 2, we will continue to distribute life-sustaining provisions to refugee families.

Response Achievements

264,881
people reached with life-saving humanitarian assistance to date

1,720
children each week benefit from protection activities

158,000
people reached with clean water and sanitation facilities

30,535
children and mothers receiving nutrition support

44,280
people reached with upgraded shelter kits

150,000
people received essential items (hygiene kits, cooking equipment, baby supplies, feminine hygiene products.)

22,500
people benefitted from cash-for-work activities

920,000 people
We are advocating for the protection and rights of all refugees, including their voluntary, safe and dignified repatiation to Myanmar.

Budget

Year 1: USD15.8 million
Year 2: USD18 million