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120,713 

of women, men, girls, boys and youth (under 18 yrs) attending awareness-raising activities

8,363 

Participants attended structured-sustained positive parenting skills for caregivers

3,610 

Participants attended life-skills education pre-vocational training and Girl Shine programme

13,826 

Participants who attended structured-sustained psychosocial support programme

176 

active community-based child protection structures



■ Progress ■ Gap

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An adolescent girl learning painting and drawing through “Art for Peace”, a community-led initiative suggested by adolescents, Camp 25@CODEC

The protection of forcibly displaced and stateless children is central to UNHCR’s mandate. As such, UNHCR in Bangladesh works to safeguard Rohingya refugee and adjacent host children’s rights, in particular their right to protection from violence, abuse, and exploitation, as well as their right to family unity and identity. This is achieved through the application of UNHCR’s Best Interests Procedures (BIP), structured psychosocial support, life-skills interventions, and community-led initiatives implemented through community-based structures. The factsheet aims to provide an overview of UNHCR’s child protection priorities, approaches, and key interventions, highlighting achievements and impact (during the timeline). It also outlines key challenges and presents recommendations informed by community feedback and input from partners and other stakeholders.

 **Key achievements**

Specialized case management services:

UNHCR strengthened Best Interest Procedures (BIP), aligned case management for vulnerable children at risk. In 2025, **5,155** children (2,501 girls, 2,654 boys), including 481 children with disabilities and 841 unaccompanied and separated children, received specialized case management, reflecting sustained community and interagency identification capacity. A further 995 children underwent child protection assessments to support access to registration, food collection arrangements, and individualized protection assistance. The BID process was reinforced, with 737 decisions approved for durable solutions in 2025, which is nearly double the 436 in 2024 (**70%** increase), that was driven by increased Department of Social Services (Ministry of Social Welfare) engagement, supported by interagency capacity-building and coordination.



Structured psychosocial support and child development activities:

Preventative and resilience-building outcomes were also scaled up. **13,806** children and adolescents accessed structured psychosocial support, while **470,862** child participations in child development activities, contributing to emotional resilience and enabling early identification of protection concerns. In addition, **3,610** adolescents completed life skills-based education programs, supporting positive coping, future planning, and self-reliance.



SAFE graduation ceremony program in the MPC Morning Star, camp 25, @CODEC

Community-based child protection mechanisms strengthened:

Community-based protection mechanisms remained central to prevention and response, strengthening locally driven solutions. **176** community-based child protection structures were strengthened, contributing to increased community ownership. In 2025, **275** lost and missing children were successfully traced and reunified with their families, with community-based alternative care utilized to support children in need. Awareness-raising initiatives reached **120,713** individuals, while **8,363** parents and caregivers participated in sustained positive parenting programs. By December 2025, **12,634** individuals had benefited from **230** community-led child protection initiatives, reflecting strengthened local capacity to prevent and respond to child protection risks



A girl participating in child development activity in the MPC Sunflower, camp 7 @CODEC

Challenges

- The child protection response in 2025 was constrained by a deteriorating security situation in and around the camps, compromising favorable protection environment for children.
- Despite progress in strengthening case management, high caseloads and limited availability of trained personnel hindered timely identification and follow-up of the most at-risk children. The drastic reduction of funding leading to limited human resource capacity to deliver child protection services.
- Harmful practices, including child marriage, child labour, trafficking, recruitment, abductions, overcrowding, and child neglect, persisted, disproportionately affecting adolescent girls and vulnerable households.
- Climate-related shocks such as monsoon rains, flooding, and recurrent fires damaged facilities, disrupted community-based protection structures, and affected service continuity.
- The increasing complexity and volume of cases highlighted the need for more stable staffing across UNHCR and partner agencies.

Way forward

- UNHCR will continue advocacy with authorities, law enforcement, and community leaders to strengthen security in and around camps, enabling safer access to child protection services for children and adolescents.
- Case management capacity will be strengthened through enhanced training of child protection caseworkers, improved identification and referral mechanisms, and deployment of additional trained personnel to address high caseloads.
- In anticipation of reduced funding, UNHCR will reinforce strategic partnerships to sustain child protection outcomes, including through the Best Interests Procedure, improving coordination, equitable access, ownership, and sustainability in collaboration with DSS, UNICEF, and the Child Protection Sub-Sector.
- Community-based prevention and behaviour-change initiatives will be intensified, engaging religious leaders, teachers, parents, and adolescents to address harmful practices and promote positive parenting and child protection norms.
- Preparedness for climate-related emergencies will be strengthened through pre-positioning of supplies, contingency planning, and establishment of temporary safe spaces to ensure service continuity during monsoons, floods, and fires.

Number of children and caregivers received child protection services

501,796 *

As of 31 December 2025, 501,796 children and caregivers in the Rohingya refugee and host communities received child protection prevention and response services which include case management and psychosocial support, life skills education, safe space for children, and recreational activities.

230

Number of Community-led initiatives supported

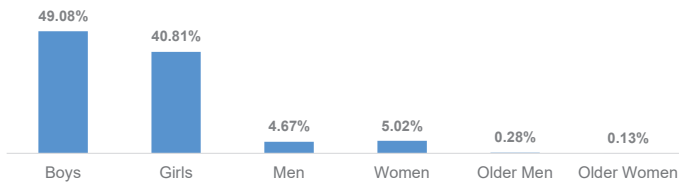
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Number of existing or established community-based child protection mechanisms or structures

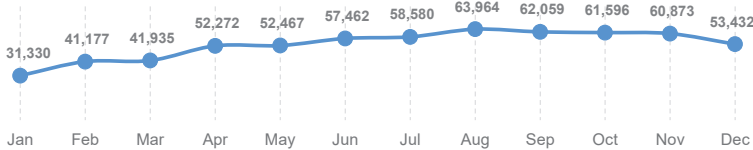
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Number of children, adolescent and youth who attend Life-skills Education

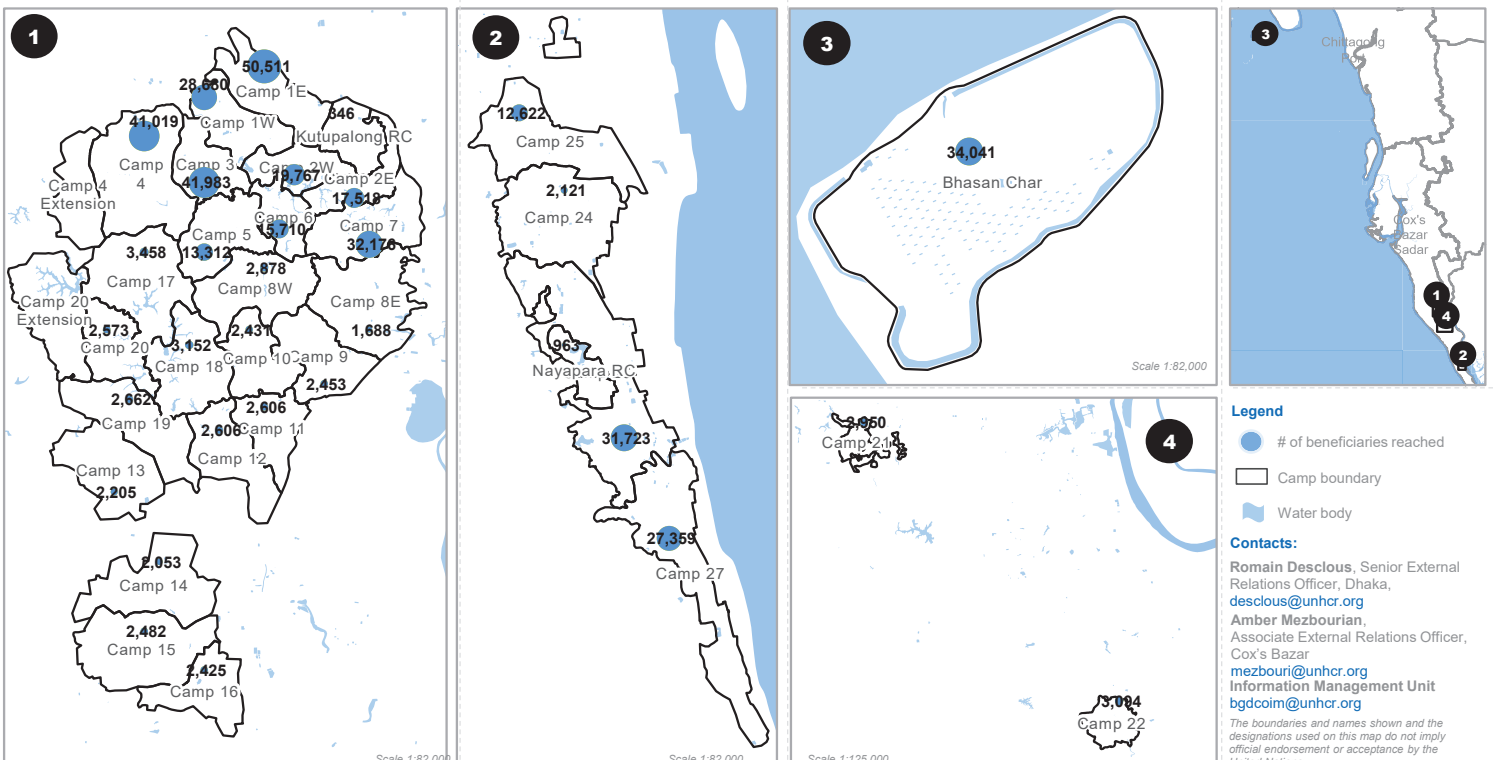
Age and gender (number of children and caregivers who received child protection services)



Monthly trend (number of children and caregivers who received child protection services by month)

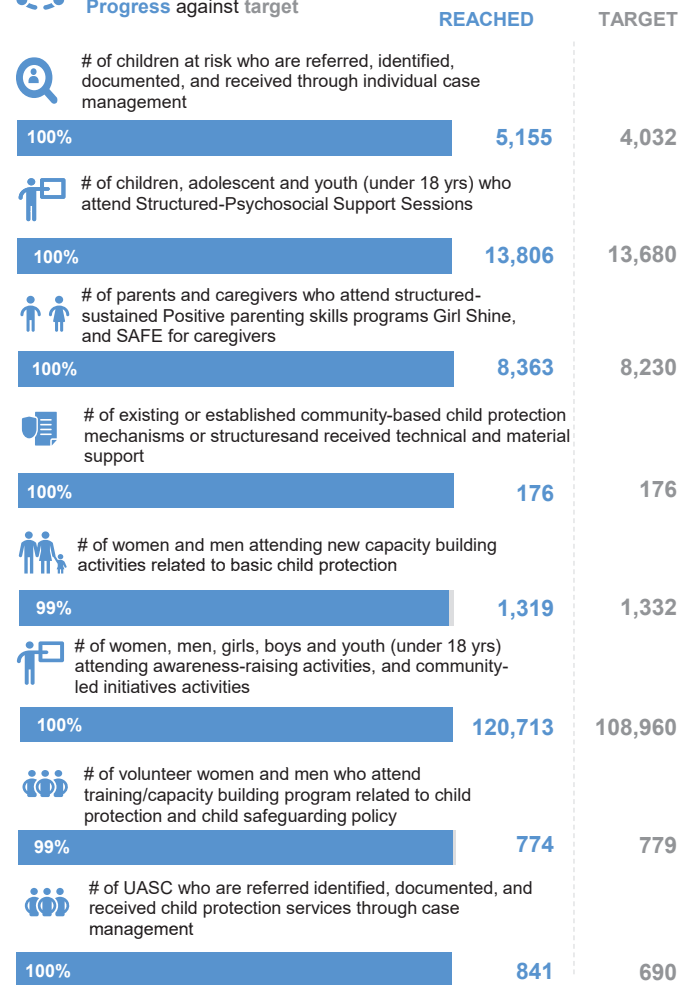


Geographic overview (number of individuals reached through awareness and protection messaging with mitigation by camp)



Key achievements

Progress against target



*The number of beneficiaries shown across the factsheets includes beneficiaries who received multiple forms of assistance and does not represent the unique number of individuals assisted.