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HEALTH/ NUTRITION/ MHPSS OBJECTIVES

- 1 Enhancing access of refugees to essential health services
- 2 Integrate mental health interventions into general healthcare system
- 3 Health promotion and surveillance through community health workers
- 4 Develop community-based psychosocial awareness and support programmes
- 5 Treatment of acute malnutrition and enhance community engagement in identification and referrals of malnourished children.
- 6 Promoting and supporting maternal, infant and young child feeding (IYCF) and care practices

PROGRESS (JANUARY - SEPTEMBER 2019)

UNHCR works with the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Refugee Health Unit (RHU) of the Refugee Relief and Repatriation Commissioner (RRRC), and other partners to strengthen health infrastructure and provide healthcare services to refugees. Curative and preventive health services are provided through 33 health facilities supported by UNHCR. Integrated mental health services are provided by trained general health staff, individual counselling is offered by psychologists and trained Rohingya community counsellors. A medical referral system for transporting critically ill refugees to hospital services outside the refugee settlements is covering 50% of the camps.

Treatment of moderate and severe acute malnutrition is implemented through 25 facilities, facilities also promote appropriate infant and young child feeding practices to pregnant and lactating mothers through counselling on exclusive breastfeeding and timely introduction of complimentary food at six months, and maternal and child care practices to prevent future malnutrition. More than 900 trained Community Health Workers and Nutrition Volunteers, mostly Rohingya refugees, are reaching out to their communities to raise awareness on various health and nutrition issues – such as newborn care with new mothers and infectious diseases prevention, identifying malnourished children and health cases and providing referrals to appropriate services. In addition, 100 Community Psychosocial Volunteers conduct group activities including peer support groups and community workshops. UNHCR leads the Community Health Working Group in Cox's Bazar which is instrumental in coordinating outreach activities in refugee settlements with other health partners and is co-chairing the MHPSS working group.

CHALLENGE

- There are significant gaps in knowledge on maternal health and reproductive health combined with traditional practises result in poor health service utilization;
- Poor infant and young child feeding care practices among children under 2 years and poor diet diversity;
- Inadequate water, hygiene and sanitation facilities and low vaccination rates pose a risk for disease outbreaks and malnutrition;
- Community-based psychosocial interventions are not yet at the scale needed to reach the number of refugees in need of these activities.

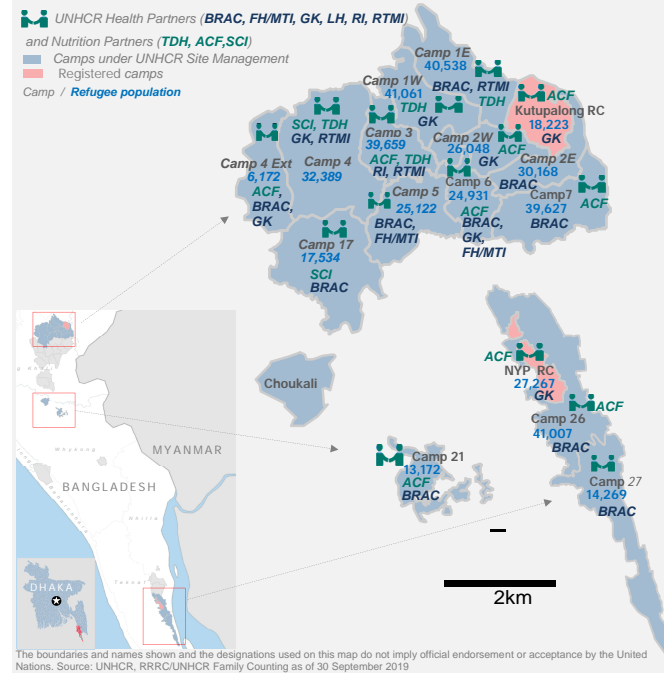
WAY FORWARD

- ✓ UNHCR will continue to improve sexual, and reproductive health programs and strengthen access to services for refugees with specific needs; improve the quality of health services and promote the use of health facilities; and scale up detection and treatment of non-communicable diseases.
- ✓ UNHCR and partners will continue the treatment of acute malnutrition and scaling up of the community based IYCF activities adjusted in line with the findings of the recent IYCF -e assessment.
- ✓ UNHCR is working to strengthen different levels of mental health and psychosocial support interventions, including training Community Psychosocial Volunteers (CPVs) and Community Para-Counsellors to promote community-based activities. Equally, UNHCR is training psychologists and counsellors on individual psychosocial support and integrating mental health services into the primary healthcare system.
- ✓ Strengthen the capacity of health and nutrition partners and volunteers through trainings and mentoring.
- ✓ Strengthen collaboration with WASH and health agencies on joint hygiene, nutrition and health programming and promotion.

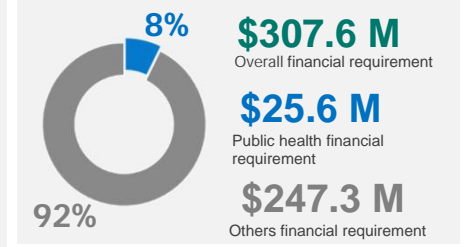
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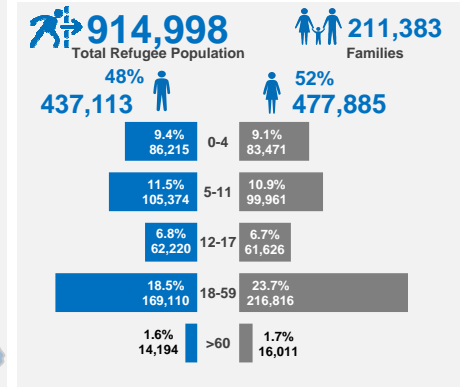
GEOGRAPHIC SITUATION & PARTNERS



FINANCIAL REQUIREMENT



POPULATION BREAKDOWN



HEALTH AND NUTRITION PROGRAMMES AND FACILITIES



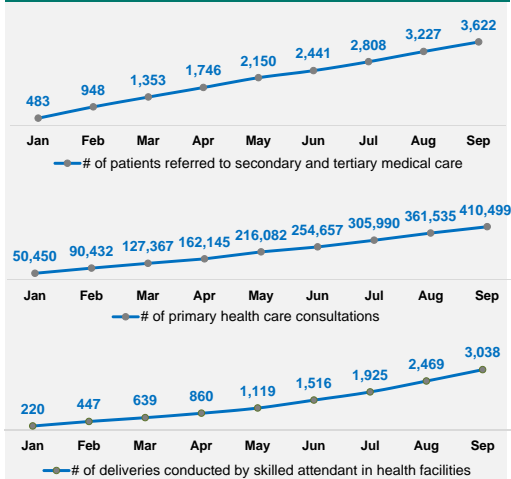
ACHIEVEMENTS OF SEPTEMBER

- 48,964 primary health care consultations conducted
- 569 deliveries are conducted by skilled attendant in health facilities
- 437 mental health consultations provided by specialist
- 19,868 refugees participated in group psycho-social activities
- 744 admitted for admissions to community management of acute malnutrition programmes
- 2,562 pregnant, lactating women and caregivers of children 6-23 months counselled on IYCF 1st visit (individual)
- 70,372 children (6-59) months screened

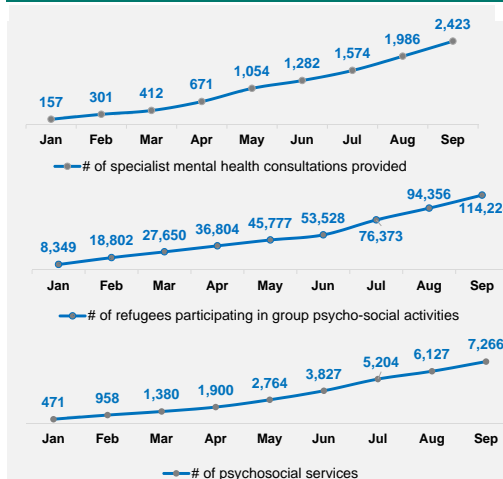
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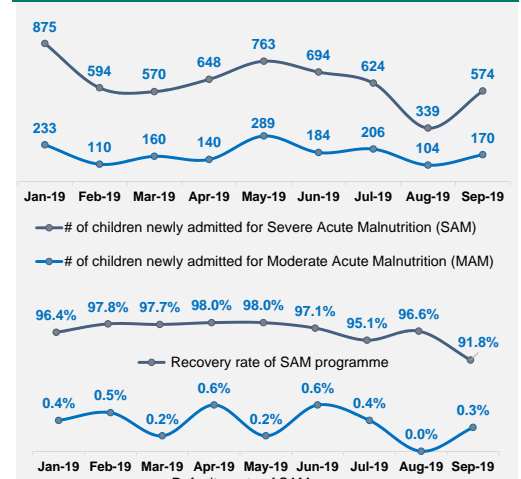
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