

RESPONSE TO FIRE IN ROHINGYA REFUGEE CAMP 5 | 18 January 2022

Cox's Bazar, Bangladesh

In the early hours of 18 January 2022, a fire broke out in Camp 5 impacting Blocks B and D. Refugee volunteers trained in firefighting were the first responders. The fire was small in scale with no significant damage caused. All affected households are staying with relatives and neighbours until their shelters are repaired or rebuilt. This is a summary of the impact of the fire and the response by UNHCR and other actors within the first 24 hours of the incident.



IMPACT

- 138 individuals affected
- 43 individuals with minor injuries, no fatalities or serious injuries
- 27 shelters damaged or destroyed
- 1 facility damaged

RESPONSE

- 43 individuals with minor injuries have been treated by an RTMI medical team, and 159 individuals supported with psychological first aid by refugee Community Health Workers and Community Psychosocial Volunteers.
- 3 temporarily separated children were reunited with their families.
- All affected households received hot meals and fortified biscuits from WFP.
- Emergency core relief item kits, including floor mats, blankets, kitchen sets, solar lamps and jerry cans distributed to all affected households.
- 19 individuals with specific needs were referred for services and support by the Protection Emergency Response Unit (PERU) made up of multi-agency, multi-sectoral protection staff and volunteers including GBV, and child protection experts.
- 15 refugee WASH volunteers, with support from UNHCR's partner NGO Forum, cleared debris from the site.

NEXT STEPS

- Shelter repair and rebuilding will commence on 19 January by Turkish Alliance Dyanat and UNHCR's partner Caritas.
- Lost or destroyed documentation is being replaced by UNHCR's registration team.
- Female hygiene kits will be distributed by UNHCR.
- WFP will provide food support until LPG cylinders and stoves are replaced.
- The protection of women and children as well as persons with specific needs will remain a priority for UNHCR and other humanitarian actors with individual care provided to those in need. Providing psychosocial support to those affected will need to continue in the coming days and weeks.

