

With the support of UNHCR, recognized children's editorial house Light of Hope rolled-out the **Book "Amar Bondhu Amena"** (My Friend Amena) reaching over 1,000 students across 10 schools in Dhaka. The story aims to sensitize children, families, and teachers about the plight of refugees to strengthen solidarity and enhance peaceful coexistence.

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE MONTH

- UNHCR continues to conduct protection monitoring and engage with authorities to discuss the **security situation in the camps**, sharing refugees' concerns over the recent serious protection incidents and providing immediate support in specific cases of refugees at risk.
- A total of 674 Rohingya refugee adolescent girls and their caregivers completed the **Girl Shine caregiver curriculum**. This program builds the skills, knowledge, social networks, and self-confidence of refugee girls to help protect themselves from Gender-Based Violence, and simultaneously engages caregivers and the broader community on discussions about adolescent girls, gender norms, and girl's safety.
- UNHCR and partners supported **sports events**, including six football tournaments, six chinlon tournaments, and one badminton tournament in 12 camps where 1,470 players attended, including 60 girls. In the Rohingya context, involving girls and women in sports can be challenging, but one badminton tournament was held for girls, as well as a girl's football match. Around 80,000 refugees enjoyed the matches.
- To strengthen access to sanitation and **WASH services for persons with disabilities**, UNHCR and its partners installed 56 sanitation facilities including latrines and bathing cubicles with tailored features such as high commodes and grab rails.
- This month, **imams and female religious teachers** conducted over 6,000 awareness sessions reaching more than 88,700 people. Sessions ranged from cyclone and monsoon preparedness, fire safety, and Dengue and disease awareness, to family planning, menstrual hygiene, domestic violence, childcare and girl's education.
- UNHCR and partners continued to roll-out the **pressure cooker pilot**, reaching 36 families in December and bringing the total to approximately 6,000 families across three camps. The families received training and awareness sessions on the importance of using the pressure cooker to rationalize LPG consumption.
- In line with the Government of Bangladesh and United Nations Framework on Skills Development for Rohingya Refugees and Host communities, **UNHCR trained 250 refugee women** from September to December. These trainings helped to build their skills in sewing and tailoring of reusable female hygiene items.
- UNHCR is carrying out research to validate instruments for identifying and scaling **mental health issues in Rohingya refugee children**. This month, a one-week training was held with data enumerators to build their data-collection and clinical interviewing capacity. The data-collection phase then commenced on 27 December.

BHASAN CHAR: UNHCR and partners distributed 7,100 **winterization kits** (2 shawls, 2 blankets, 1 jacket for children) to over 6,700 households

The **16 Days of Activism** campaign was jointly celebrated by authorities, four UN agencies, and 11 NGOs reaching 1,000 refugees. Events included an awareness campaign on SGBV, workshops and activities for community members, a painting contest and flying kites for gender equality.



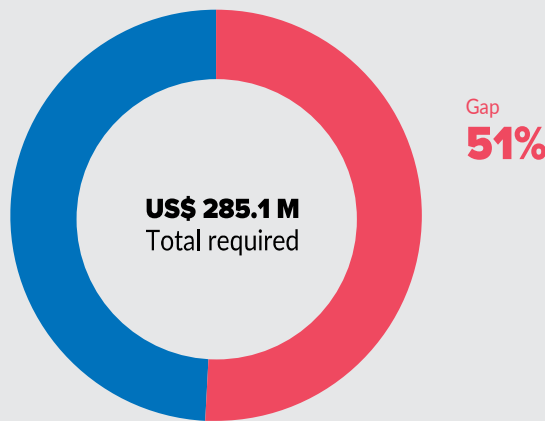
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FUNDING UPDATE

Financial requirements for Bangladesh: US\$ 285.1 million



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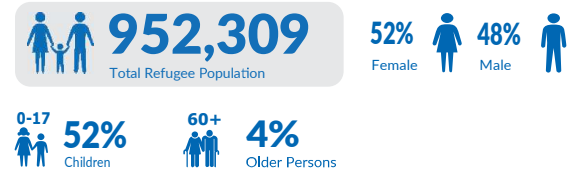
In case you missed:

[Influencers and content creators](#) visited the camps in Cox's Bazar to learn about Rohingya refugees and share their stories through their lens, and raise awareness with a young Bangladeshi audience.

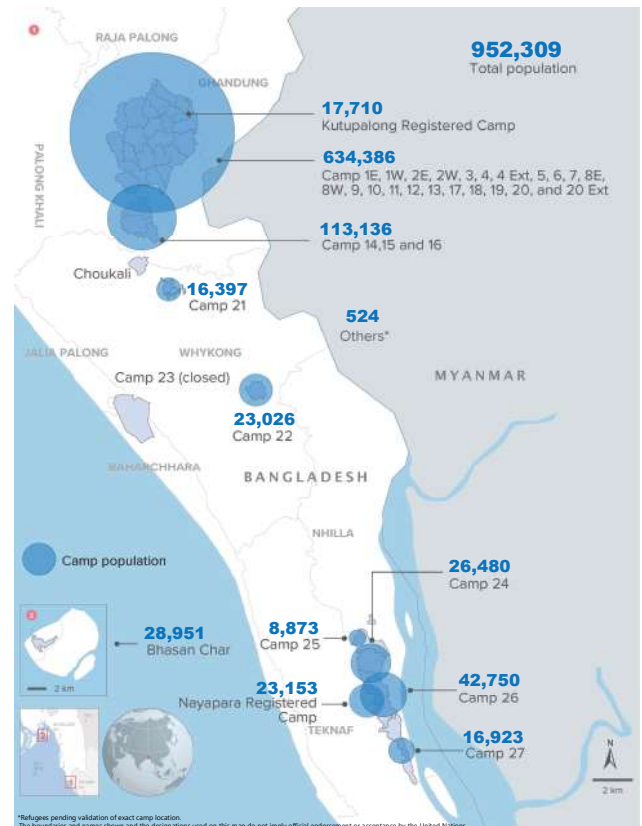
Following a mission by famous Bangladeshi cartoon artist [Tanmoy Cartoons](#) to Bhasan Char, he joined UNHCR Representative Johannes Van Der Klaauw in a press conference to share his impressions about refugee life on the island and how art is helping them heal.

More than [10,000 Rohingya refugees](#) visited Fun Zones on Bhasan Char funded by Qatari Foundation, where they were able to relax and enjoy football matches and a concert by famous UNHCR HPS Maher Zein.

POPULATION UPDATE



Rohingya population by location



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