

KEY ACTIVITIES

Protection Monitoring in Camps

UNHCR conducts protection monitoring with the help of refugee volunteers across all 33 camps, to identify the protection needs of refugees, monitor security and protection incidents, and provide support by referring victims and survivors who require immediate response to relevant services. Additionally, the UNHCR toll-free protection hotline, available daily for refugees from 08:00 to 23:00, provides an alternative channel for refugees in the camps who need information, to raise their concerns, or seek support.

Access to Justice and Legal Support

UNHCR works with lawyers from partner organizations and trained paralegal refugee volunteers to identify and refer refugees in need of legal aid. Legal aid services provided through partners in all 33 camps include legal counselling, mediation, assistance to lodge complaints, and representation in court.

In the fourth quarter of 2022, 5,593 refugees (57% women and girls) received legal services. Additionally, 7,934 refugees attended group legal awareness sessions.

UNHCR and legal partners engage with police, camp administration officials, and justice sector actors to advocate for appropriate and timely interventions by law enforcement agencies in cases of serious crimes, and reinforce refugees' access to the national justice system. As part of its monitoring of arrests and detention cases, UNHCR works closely with its legal partners to ensure legal assistance is provided to refugees arrested or in detention.

Anti-Trafficking Working Group

With IOM, UNHCR co-chairs the Anti-Trafficking Working Group, leading a collective strategy for anti-trafficking interventions in the camps, in line with the national anti-trafficking strategy. The strategy is aimed at preventing human trafficking through awareness raising in the camps; protecting victims of human trafficking through protection services including legal assistance; and building the capacity of key stakeholders by mainstreaming anti-trafficking mechanisms, providing technical guidance, and training. Since January, the Working Group, comprised of 15 international and national organizations, has developed a work plan for 2022 and organized 24 trainings with government officials and humanitarian staff.

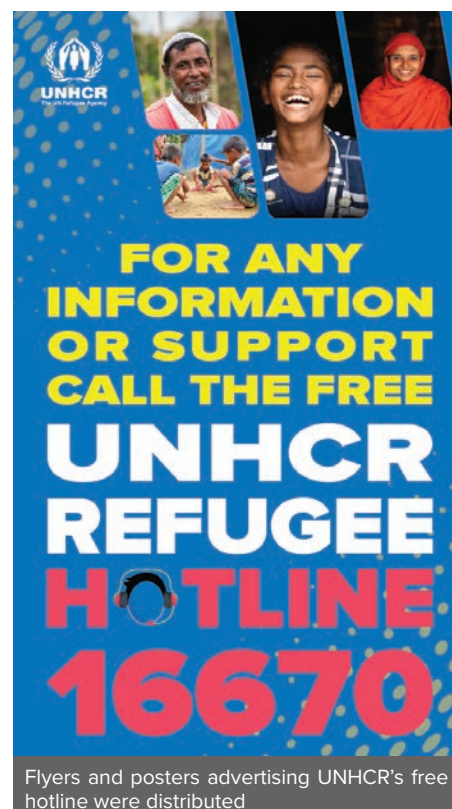
Training and Capacity Development

UNHCR provides government officials and humanitarian staff with capacity development training on a range of issues relating to the protection of refugees. In October-November 2022, UNHCR jointly with IOM organized a training on "Refugee protection and community outreach" for 236 APBn officers from the three APBn Battalions based in the camps. Additionally, 595 humanitarian staff received a protection training, and 69 lawyers were trained on the provision of legal aid to refugees.

Bhasan Char

As lead of the protection sector, UNHCR coordinates all protection activities on Bhasan Char. UNHCR provides legal aid services to refugees similar to those provided in the camps in Cox's Bazar. As part of its monitoring of arrests and detention cases, UNHCR and partners work to ensure legal assistance is provided to refugees arrested or in detention, including those trafficked and rescued at sea or arrested for administrative violations.

In October 2022, UNHCR organized a training on "Refugee protection and community outreach" for 42 APBn and police officers based in Bhasan Char.



UNHCR jointly with IOM organized training on "Refugee protection and community outreach" for APBn officers based in the camps in Cox's Bazar. © UNHCR/Amos Halder

KEY FIGURES COX'S BAZAR CAMPS*



33

Camps covered by legal assistance services



23,873

Refugees provided with legal assistance services



33,433

Refugees attended legal awareness sessions



7,920

Refugees supported with mediation as a dispute resolution



126

Refugees assisted to file cases at police stations and in court



176

Refugees assisted with legal representation in court



2,851

Cases successfully mediated



1,621

Government officials and legal partners staff provided with training on protection



5,946

Refugees supported with protection case management



377

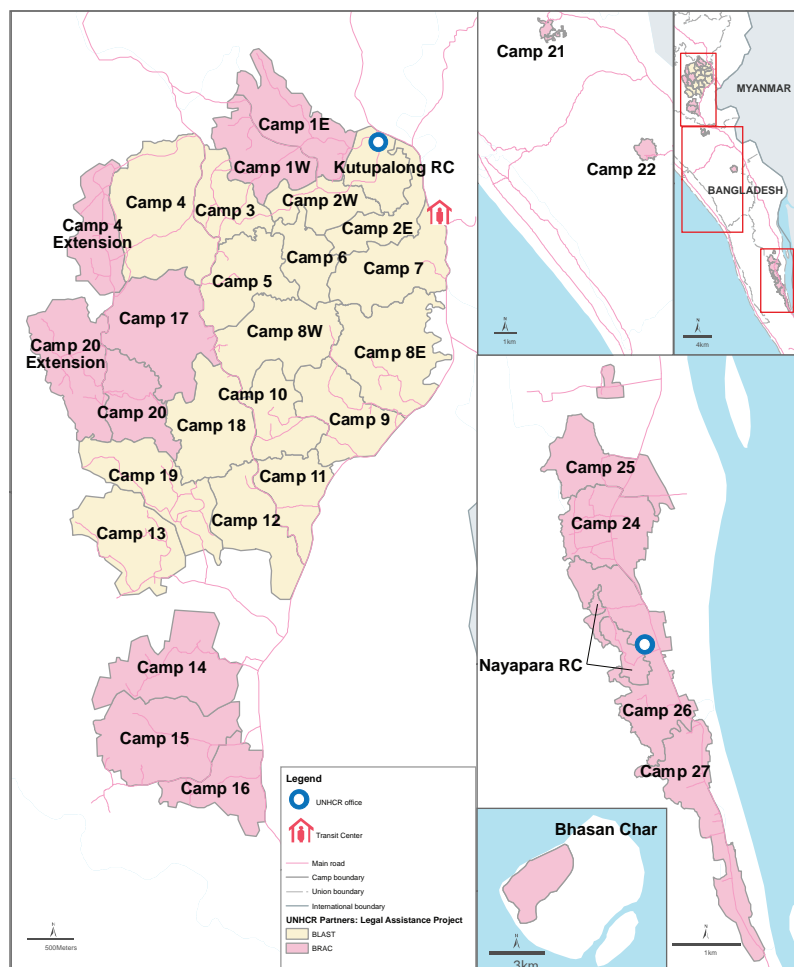
Refugees released from detention through interventions by legal partners



15,236

Refugees received legal counselling from a lawyer

LEGAL PARTNERS' PRESENCE MAP



KEY FIGURES BHASAN CHAR*



1,000

Refugees provided with legal assistance services



1,013

Refugees attended legal awareness sessions



14

Refugees assisted with legal representation in court



42

Cases successfully mediated



845

Refugees received legal counselling from a lawyer

*This information reflects data collected between January to December 2022