

BANGLADESH



Refugee children take part in awareness raising on flood and landslide by trained members of the COMs refugee volunteer group. @UNHCR

Situation Overview¹

- There was **minimal rain** in Cox's Bazar between 3 and 9 August 2018, during which three incidents, including a landslide, flood, and a fire, **were reported by the Inter-Sector Coordination Group² across all the refugee settlements, affecting 24 households. There was no reported damage to shelters during this period.**
- UNHCR is gearing up **preparedness for monsoon and cyclone emergencies** through awareness raising and information campaigns by trained Community Outreach Members (COMs) refugee volunteers.
- **Relocations of refugees** living in areas at high-risk of landslides continue this week to mitigate risks from monsoon rains and decongest the overcrowded settlements.

UNHCR and Partners' Response



Taking advantage of the break between heavy monsoon storms, the Site Management Engineering Project (SMEP)³ team continued repairing and paving roads, clearing drainages, and implementing **slope stabilisation works** in several sites affected by the recent monsoon rains. The team also finished paving road access to two areas in refugee settlements located in the Teknaf sub-district, south of Cox's Bazar. The SMEP team started mapping roads in Teknaf with the local Government engineering department.



Around **106 Rohingya families (436 individuals)** from high-risk landslide areas were relocated to Camp 4 Extension (west of Kutupalong settlement) **between 3 and 8 August**. A total of **2,676** individuals from at-risk areas have been relocated to this site by UNHCR **as of 8 August**.



During the reporting period, **Protection Emergency Response Units (PERUs)**, an inter-agency emergency rapid response team under the framework of the Protection Sector Working Group led by UNHCR, remained on standby for quick deployment in close cooperation with key actors on the ground to assess protection needs/risks, provide psychological first aid, and make service referrals. Protection partners continued to support **inter-sector efforts** to relocate households at risk of landslides and flooding by identifying persons with specific needs and accompanying them to relocation sites.



Trained refugee volunteers in high-visibility vests are assisting a person with specific needs relocate to safer area on 4 August. @UNHCR/M. Faysal Saleh

¹ This flash update is produced weekly by UNHCR sub-office in Cox's Bazar, Bangladesh. Figures are subject to change following further assessments and monitoring, particularly in hard-to-reach areas due to multiple landslides and waterlogging.

² According to reports from the Inter-Sector Coordination Group, which receives information from Site Management Support agencies, and data is based on preliminary assessments. Figures are subject to change.

³ A joint engineering project by UNHCR, IOM (International Organisation for Migration), and WFP (World Food Programme).

Key population figures

-  **900,000** total refugees (approx.)
-  **200,000** est. total refugees at risk of flood and landslide hazards
-  **41,700** est. refugees at high risk of landslide hazards

Emergency evacuation

Relocation due to high risk of landslide

-  **23,895** refugees out of **41,700** est. at high risk of landslide relocated from all 28 identified settlements
-  More than **90%** of work completed in 60 acre land in Kutupalong (1,395 shelters) and the site in Nayapara (48 shelters)

UNHCR emergency evacuation plan in case of disaster

-  **42,000** refugees to be relocated with other families within the UNHCR managed camps
-  **14,450** refugees to be relocated/hosted within existing community infrastructures such as mosques, Temporary Learning Centers, etc.
-  **14,600** refugees to be relocated to community infrastructures within the host community*
-  **60,000** refugees to be relocated in tents

Progress

Protection

-  **262** UNHCR Community Outreach Members (COMs) trained/oriented on awareness raising for landslide and cyclone risk
-  **123,724** refugees reached by **5,635** awareness campaigns on landslides and cyclone
-  **260** Safety Unit Volunteers (SUV) trained on the Government of Bangladesh Cyclone Preparedness Program (CPP)
-  **700** Safety Unit Volunteers (SUV) trained on fire fighting and landslide awareness
-  **15** Information Points out of **16** established

Shelter & site improvement

-  **32** kilometers of road (brick road/footpath, Army Road) constructed
-  **2,324** meters of bridges constructed
-  **45** kilometers of steps constructed
-  **63** running kilometers of retaining structures built
-  **94** kilometers of drainages repaired/completed
-  **90,303** shelter upgrade kits out of **90,303** distributed
-  **79,543** pre-monsoon shelter tie-down kits out of **80,000** distributed
-  **9,560** family tents pre-positioned and **467** distributed
-  **247,310** plastic tarpaulins pre-positioned and **79,477** distributed
-  **116** storage containers out of **146** pre-positioned
-  **20** host community structures being upgraded

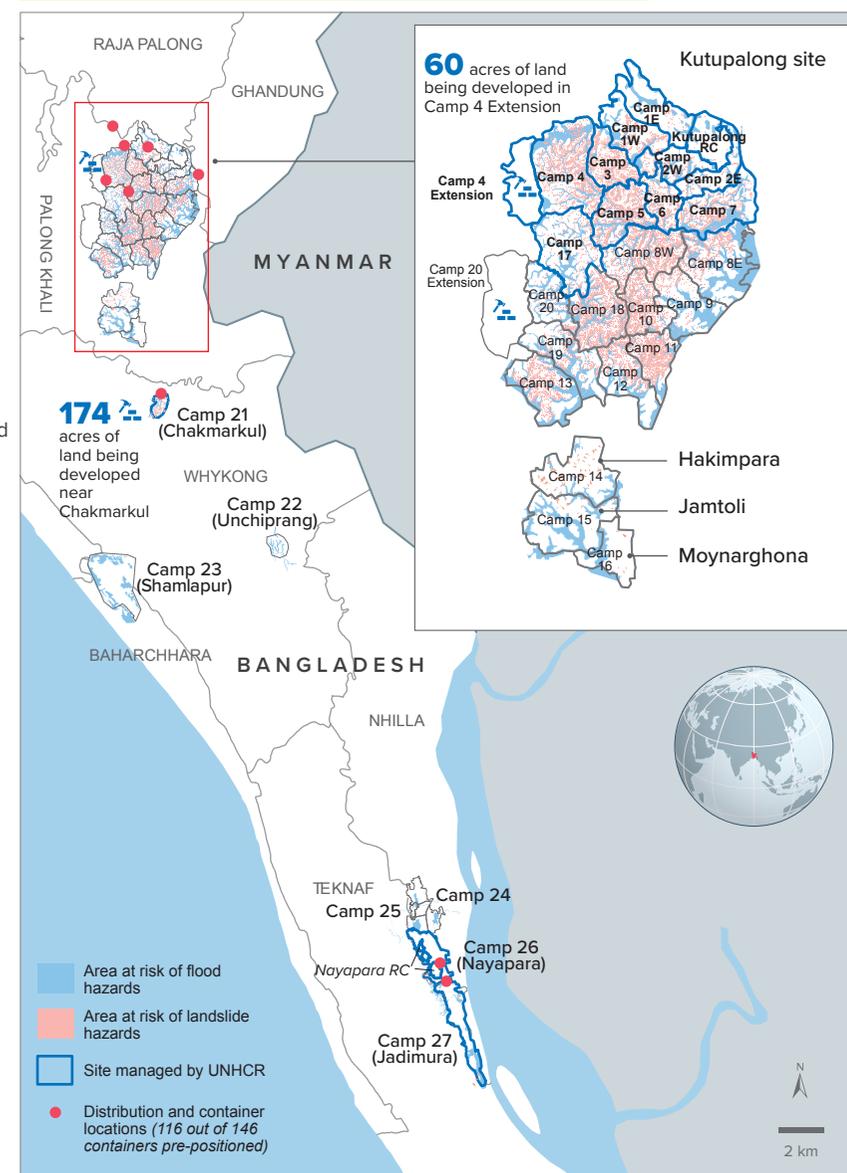
WASH

-  **958** latrines out of **958** constructed in relocation areas for refugees at high risk of landslide
-  **112** water points out of **113** installed in relocation areas for refugees at high risk of landslide
-  **12** camps out of **12** with Emergency WASH Simulation exercises completed

Health

-  **2,044** Community Health Workers out of **2,044** trained on first aid in emergencies
-  **400** Community Health Workers out of **400** trained on the Government of Bangladesh Cyclone Preparedness Program (CPP)
-  **800** Community Volunteers and Counsellors trained on psychological first aid, identification and referral of mental health cases, and basic counselling skills
-  **6** nutrition mobile teams established to reach displaced families

Landslide and flood hazard analysis



The boundaries and names shown and the designations used on this map do not imply official endorsement or acceptance by the United Nations.

* Subject to approval from the government

Working in partnership

UNHCR co-chairs a Strategic Executive Group (SEG) in Bangladesh with the UN Resident Coordinator and IOM. The Refugee Agency leads on the protection response for all refugees, and heads a Protection Working Group in Cox's Bazar. UNHCR welcomes its valuable partnership with other agencies (WFP, UN-HABITAT, UNDP) and coordinates the delivery of its assistance with UN agencies and other partners through a number of working groups under the Inter-Sector Coordination Group (ISCG). UNHCR's main government counterpart is the Ministry of Disaster Management and Relief and its Cox's Bazar-based Refugee Relief and Repatriation Commissioner (RRRC). In close cooperation with IOM and UNDP, UNHCR is also providing tangible support to coordination efforts of local government entities in Cox's Bazar, Ukhiya and Teknaf. UNHCR staff work closely with the Camp-in-Charge officials in different refugee settlements, as well as a range of international and national actors. It has a strong network of 23 partners, including:

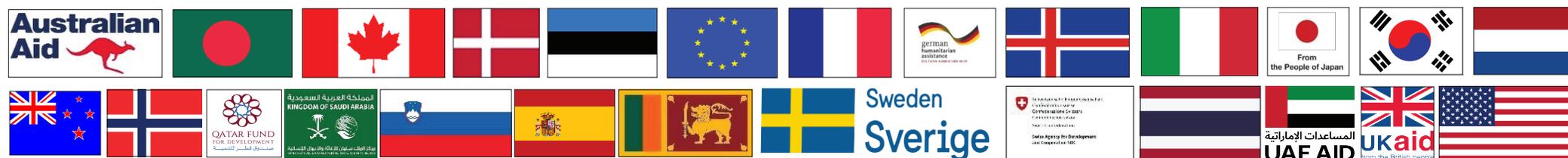
ACF (Action Contre la Faim) | **ADRA** (Adventist Development and Relief Agency) | **BDRCS** (Bangladesh Red Crescent Society) | **BNWLA** (Bangladesh National Women Lawyers Association) | **BRAC** (Bangladesh Rehabilitation Assistance Committee) | **CARITAS BANGLADESH** | **CODEC** (Community Development Centre) | **DRC** (Danish Refugee Council) | **FH** (Food For the Hungry) | **GK** (Gonoshasthaya Kendra) | **HELVETAS** Swiss Intercooperation | **HI** (Handicap International) | **IUCN** (International Union for Conservation of Nature and Natural Resources) | **NGOF** (NGO Forum) | **OXFAM** | **PUI** (Première Urgence Internationale) | **REACH** | **RI** (Relief International) | **RTMI** (Research Training and Management International) | **SCI** (Save the Children) | **SI** (Solidarités International) | **TAI** (Technical Assistance Incorporated) | **TDH** (Terre Des Hommes Foundation)

UNHCR would also like to acknowledge the crucial role played by the refugees in the response; with over 1,000 **volunteers from the refugee community who are often the first responders on the ground**. UNHCR and partners have trained and work with **safety unit volunteers (SUVs)** who support the emergency response, **community outreach members** who support raising awareness on important issues and in addressing protection risks, **community health workers** who assist with outreach for health and nutrition, and others who provide further critical support to the emergency response.

Donor support

The response of the Government and people of Bangladesh is extraordinarily generous. More support is required from the international community to assist the ongoing humanitarian response in Bangladesh for refugees and host communities. Continued political efforts to work for a solution to the situation remain vital. UNHCR is appealing for USD 238.8m (part of its Supplementary Appeal for 2018) in order to respond to the needs of hundreds of thousands of refugees.

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